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**2015-2016 Annual Report: ALA/SAA/AAM Joint Committee
on Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM)
(Prepared by Lynette Stoudt, SAA Co-chair)**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015-2016

- SAA Committee Members:
 - Jean Green (Co-Chair), term 2014-2016
 - Maija Anderson, term 2014-2016
 - Mary Huelsbeck, term 2014-2016
 - Lorraine Stuart, term 2015-2018
- Worked with ALA committee to develop session theme.
- Submitted a successful session proposal for the SAA/CoSA Joint Annual Meeting in August 2016 entitled “Hide and Seek: Curating the Controversial.”
- Held annual CALM meeting at the SAA/CoSA Joint Annual Meeting (see minutes below).

SAA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, August 3, 2016:

ALA/SAA/AAM Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM)
Society of American Archivists/Co SA Joint Annual Meeting
Hilton Atlanta, Georgia
August 3, 2016

Attendees: 36 participants including Stephanie Allen (Sam Noble Museum), Sofia Becerra-Licha (Berklee College of Music), Hillary Bober (Dallas Museum of Art), Joey Cabrera (Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum), Jacqueline Chapman (Smithsonian Libraries), Tom Clareson (Lyris), Robert Clark (Rockefeller Archive Center), Genna Duplisea (Salve Regina University), M. Allison Eisendrath (Chicago History Museum), Ryan Evans (Bard CCS), Jessica Gambling (LACMA), Jean Green (Binghamton University), Tali Han (Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum), Frances Harrell (NEDCC), Linda Hocking (Litchfield Historical Society), Marcella Huggard (University of Kansas), Richard Hulser (Natural Hist Mus of LA County), Jeffrey Inscho (Carnegie Museums), Susan Irwin (Arizona Historical Society), Athena Jackson (Penn State University), Elizabeth Joffrow (Western Washington University), Rose Marie Kimbell (Jekyll Island Museum), Dominique Luster (Carnegie Museum of Art), Donna McCrea (University of Montana), Christian Newton (VA Association of Museums), Sarah Schmidt (Duke

University), Sara Seltzer (J. Paul Getty Trust), Lynette Stoudt (Georgia Historical Society), Darla Wegener (Tulare County Library), and Eric Willey (Illinois State University).

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Jean Green, CALM SAA Co-chair (outgoing).

- Rachel Vagts, SAA Council Liaison, announced that she would not be able to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but encouraged attendees to think about why SAA should continue to participate in CALM.
- Welcome and Introductions
 - Introductions were made around the room.
 - Green congratulated incoming SAA co-chair and new committee members.
- Reports
 - ALA:
 - There was no ALA representative present; Green reported that the session on controversial materials at ALA was successful.
 - AAM
 - There was no AAM representative and no report was submitted.
 - Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries, and Museums
 - SAA representative Donna McCrea reported on several initiatives that are of interest to CALM, including:
 - Educopia Institute (<https://educopia.org/>)
 - Mapping the Landscapes (<https://educopia.org/research/mapping-the-landscapes>)
 - Nexus (<https://educopia.org/research/nexus>)
 - McCrea distributed the following handouts:
 - *National Agenda for Continuing Education and Professional Development across Libraries, Archives, and Museums* (<http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/research/publications/2016/oclcresearch-national-agenda-lams-education-development-2016.pdf>)
 - LAM Education Needs Assessments: Bridging the Gaps (https://educopia.org/sites/educopia.org/files/publications/MtL_LAM_EducationNeedsAssessments_20151104_0.pdf)
 - Spanning Our Field Boundaries: Mindfully Managing LAM Collaborations (https://educopia.org/sites/educopia.org/files/publications/Spanning_Our_Field_Boundaries.pdf)
- Discussion
 - Participants in Collective Wisdom: LAM Conference Exchange noted:
 - CALM provides a venue for sharing ideas across fields, but is this a sustainable forum?

- The three professions have more in common than not, including policies, procedures, etc.
 - Similar themes are emerging from all three professions: diversity and inclusion.
 - Barrier is that AAM is not participating; unlike ALA and SAA, AAM is focused more on institutions rather than individual members.
 - It was noted that ALA and AAM members have never heard of CALM; indicates need for more awareness about CALM.
 - Perhaps CALM should investigate new opportunities for cross-sector learning, for example the Internet Librarian.
 - Many participants are involved in all three professions at our jobs so there is overlap.
 - RBMS liaison Athena Jackson emphasized the importance of diversity and inclusion and collective inquiry/collective self-awareness.
 - Green mentioned that ALA's 2017 CALM meeting session will focus on diversity of collections and staff.
 - Dominique Luster noted that retention and succession of professionals of color is a bigger issue than recruitment and mentioned Black Librarians Matter on Twitter (<http://www.dominiqueluster.com/blacklibrariansmatter>).
 - Tom Claeson also noted the lack of succession planning and the negative effect on cultural heritage organizations; he also mentioned that Sanchita Balachandran was an excellent speaker on race, diversity, and politics in conservation at a recent AIC annual meeting.
 - It was noted that attendees have already identified many reasons for SAA's continuing involvement with CALM during our discussion.
 - With the barriers between the three organizations (ALA, SAA, AAM), it is difficult to navigate, so we need to stop talking about the three organizations and focus on the whole.
 - Financial barriers to attending these conferences was noted.
 - Possible next steps:
 - Need for more communication, possibly an informal listserv for all interested parties, Facebook, Twitter (Green noted that broadening communications is a goal).
 - CALM is not listed as an affinity group of AAM, need to determine status with AAM.
 - Possibly involve more groups, for example the Association of Tribal Libraries and Museums or SLA.
 - Engage in strategic planning (set goals up to 2020).
 - Brainstorm session ideas after meeting.
- Announcements
 - McCrea announced two SAA sessions (508 and 710) related to Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries, and Museums programs.
 - Green announced the CALM SAA session 302 on curating the controversial.

- Reminder about comments being sought on “Standardized Statistical Measures for Public Services in Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries.”
- Luster announced SAA session 211 on deconstructing whiteness in archives.
- The podcast “Museum People” was noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

CURRENT ACTIVITY, 2016-2017:

- SAA Committee Members:
 - Lynette Stoudt (Co-Chair), term 2016-2018
 - Robert Clarke, term 2016-2018
 - Linda Hocking, term 2016-2018
 - Chloe Raub, term 2016-2018
 - Lorraine Stuart, term 2015-2018
- Held first CALM 2016-2017 committee meeting via conference call (see minutes below).
- Working with ALA committee to develop cross-sector panel discussions at our annual meetings on inclusion and diversity that will later inform a collaborative report on the state of inclusion and diversity in LAMs.
- Updated SAA microsite.
- Made contact with AAM to coordinate a meeting when participation in CALM will be discussed.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, October 12, 2016:

ALA/SAA/AAM Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM)
 SAA Committee Meeting
 November 1, 2016
 10:00 am EST

Present: Lynette Stoudt, Robert Clark, Linda Hocking, Chloe Raub, Lorraine Stuart, Rachel Vagts.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting kicked off with a welcome and introductions. Lynette followed with a few updates:

- ALA is seeking participants for their annual meeting session on diversity and inclusion and has already received a number of responses.

- Lynette spoke with Tom Claerson at Lyris about the idea of offering cross-sector diversity and inclusion workshops. This topic is not currently being offered; he mentioned that he will discuss the idea at the next board meeting.
- Tom also serves on the board of the Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives Libraries, and Museums. Since the group will be disbanding at the end of the year, he and Lynette discussed the possibility of CALM helping to implement the recently developed National Agenda for Continuing Education and Professional Development across Libraries, Archives, and Museums. Lynette followed up with Elizabeth Call at ALA regarding starting up this conversation with the coalition.
- Lynette will try to attend the CALM meeting at ALA midwinter in Atlanta to meet the ALA counterparts on CALM.

Lorraine added that she recently learned that Nik Honeysett, the AAM CALM representative, is now the VP of AAM. She will call him to see how to reengage AAM in the committee's work.

Rachel noted that the committee should review its charge and examine whether it should be adjusted in light of the lack of involvement of the museum community.

2. CALM Activities 2016-2017 – Discussion

The committee discussed ideas for activities related to inclusion and diversity. Lorraine pointed out that there is a lot of interest in cross-sector descriptive practices, and proposed that the committee work on a report to analyze what various graduate programs are teaching and what other professional organizations have set as descriptive standards.

Bob noted that diversity and inclusion is a problem across sectors, and that by addressing this we may be able to draw AAM back in to a more active role.

Chloe is also a member of SAA's Women's Collection Roundtable and is on the Diversity Committee. She discussed the website they developed to include resources on inclusion and diversity. Lynette suggested we do something similar, and create a sort of tool kit of resources.

Chloe also brought up the issue of diversity within identity-based collections that address marginalized populations, and how to address diversity issues within that specific type of agency.

Bob suggested we have some form of recognition for repositories with successful initiatives.

Lynette suggested we consider turning our meeting time into a program. Rachel pointed out that the scheduling hasn't yet been completed and that it's possible our time slot may not be the same as it has been in the past. After some discussion, Bob

suggested having a portion of the meeting devoted to institutions reporting on the state of inclusion and diversity and ideas they have implemented. He also recommended inviting area libraries and museums to increase cross-sector participation. Bob offered to draft a description of this for Rachel to present at the Council meeting.

The committee decided to focus on the program first, and when that is set to begin working on the additional project ideas.

3. SAA Microsite

Lynette solicited ideas for improvement. She noted that she will post minutes there, remove broken links, and update our roster.

Lynette will follow up with ALA on our ideas and schedule the next committee meeting for December.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.