



Native American Archives Section Monthly Meeting

Welcome to the celebration of 20 years of NAAS!

Introductions

- Kelley - Chair
- Vina - Past Chair
- Candy - Vice Chair
- Jack - Secretary
- Jerrid - Steering Committee
- Eric - Steering Committee
- Janine - Steering Committee
- Mattie - Steering Committee
- Ugoma - Steering Committee
- Sage - Steering Committee
- Jillian - SAA Council Liaison

[NAAS Soundtrack](#) - Janine

20 Years of NAAS October 2025 Interview: Gina Rappaport

Discussion with Brenda Gunn: SAA issues and land acknowledgement at Annual Meeting

- Draft for 2026 Annual Meeting
- Diana and Ricky agree to look at the draft.
- Intention: Council will work land acknowledgement, no labor on NAAS.
- Brenda reviewed ALA land acknowledgement, Tulane, New Orleans Museum of Art, LSU, the ACA, and the Australian.
 - Janine to share Loyola acknowledgement
 - Diana shared guide for institutions - <https://landacknowledgements.org> and UMD:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LAJtkKxx2Cn0G-u0iN2BUkdhu1kcEwx7vwwdUyHIDpE/edit?usp=sharing>

- Jonathan provides an example from Canada, where land acknowledgements lead each session, whether the session touches on Indigenous issues or not – raising questions on how meaningful the statement was.
- Goal: very specific to SAA, not generic
- Council meets in January, where this will be discussed.
 - Considering both detailed and brief statements which highlight positionality, used in different settings. Specific to SAA and New Orleans, but leaving opportunity for more tailored acknowledgments.
 - Vina: Land acknowledgements are meaningless if they are not backed up with action steps – there was a lack of Indigenous sessions, a lack of inclusivity. NAAS had to step into that gap to ensure Indigenous members feel welcome. What steps is SAA taking? What are they committing to this work, to relationship building, to training Indigenous archivists?
 - Sage: There need to be clear commitments made to substantiate the land acknowledgements which embed Indigenous peoples and knowledges across SAA rather than us remaining isolated or feeling separate from the broader community.
 - Selena: IAT will be hosting a pre-conference workshop. We are also in conversation with Coughatta to host another field trip but pre-conference this time.
 - Brenda: Unsure on precise next steps, but looking to invite local tribal members to the meeting. It will take time to build trust in this council, but our intentions are to fix what happened last year and do more for you to see yourself more at SAA.
 - Brenda's contact info: brendasaa81@gmail.com or bg9ba@virginia.edu

Subcommittee Updates - current activities, calls for collaboration

- Case Studies: Vina, Diana, and Sage
 - Will have both PINAR-related testimonials and archival sovereignty case studies. There is some new draft text to distinguish these. One of the larger barriers is the actual writing of these experiences – so we're opting to interview these individuals, have NAAS members draft from those interviews and co-author with the interviewees from there.
 - New call draft:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F9TpNXhYAdIDBbU6DetSqhkJzeYTGg4OjamdB7Dc958/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Interest form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdU1Zcxq0HXNQfsKwV1ASRgew_mr0i8b3IL9WHbk7rn_eG--A/viewform?usp=header
- Communications: Jack and Ugoma

- Updates added to the [microsite!](#)
- Ugoma is working on SOPs for updating the microsite, which will be in the NAAS Drive.
- IAT: Candy, Jerrid, and Kelley
 - Holding pattern; partnering with Newberry Library and NBoL (Myaamia); Mellon wanted more thoughtful time; start date April 2026
 - IAT Planning Group updating training modules
 - Recommendations for instructors being accepted
- Elections: Janine and Vina
 - Will meet in January
 - Nominating Committee: We have a full slate! Be ready to vote
- Scholarship: Candy and Jerrid
 - Social media post copy and graphic WIP
 - Discussion: NAAS Scholarships?
 - Concern that applications were not going through this general announcement, looking for more information. Update soon.
- Monthly Interviews: Jack, Ugoma, Kelley
 - Recordings [here](#).
 - Gina Rappaport, December 18
 - Ricky Punzalan, January 15, 2026
- If you want to join a committee, reach out to the co-chairs.

Council Updates - Jillian

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Other SAA News:

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Next Meeting: January 15, 11:00 AM EST with guest Ricky Punzalan

Shareable links:

- [NAAS Discord](#)
- [NAAS YouTube Playlist](#)
- [20 Years of NAAS Playlist](#)
- [PINAR](#)