

Archivists & Archives of Color Roundtable (Liaison: Lenoil)

2006-2007 Annual Report

Officers:

- Lisa Nguyen and Petrina Jackson, Co-Chairs
- Lisa Nguyen, List Moderator and Directory Updater
- Andrea Jackson, Newsletter Editor

Report from Annual Meeting:

- Number of attendees: 37
- Election results: Vice Co-Chair, Josué Hurtado, Assistant Archivist at the University of California, San Francisco Archives and Special Collections; Newsletter Editor, Tomaro Taylor, Assistant University Librarian for Special Collections and Latin American/Caribbean Studies at the University of South Florida Tampa Library; ListServ Moderator & Directory Updater, Janel Quirante, Assistant Archivist for Visual Collections at the Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University.
- Summary of meeting activities: See accompanying minutes.

Completed Projects/Activities:

- Outreach Panel at Annual Meeting. The panelists were: Sal Guarena, Director, California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives, University of California, Santa Barbara; Tamar Dougherty, Consortium Archivist, Black Metropolis Research Consortium, University of Chicago; Dylan Yeats, Graduate Assistant in Archives, Asian/Pacific/American Institute, New York University.
- Roundtable Members collected \$280 for the Harold T. Pinkett Award Fund

Ongoing Projects/Activities: The AACR plans to continue its push to provide outreach and outreach ideas to recruit people of color to the archives profession and to educate and meet the needs of under-documented communities of color.

New Projects/Activities: The AACR and its leadership plan to be involved in the shaping of the new SAA minority scholarship as unveiled by outgoing President Adkins.

Diversity Initiatives: See above activities and projects.

Questions/Concerns for Council Attention: What strategies are being employed to fund the new minority scholarship?

Annual Business Meeting Minutes, August 29, 2007

I. Welcome

Petrina Jackson, co-chair of the AACR introduced three panelists. First time attendees and veteran members of SAA and the Roundtable were welcomed. An attendance sheet was circulated. 37 individuals attended.

II. Panel Discussion

The panel featured three archivists who explored outreach broadly as it applied to their respective repositories. They selected five of the eleven questions below as talking points.

Panelists

- Sal Guereña, Director, California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Tamar Dougherty, Consortium Archivist, Black Metropolis Research Consortium, University of Chicago
- Dylan Yeats, Graduate Assistant in Archives, Asian/Pacific/American Institute, New York University

Questions

1. What unique issues does your institution face in doing outreach to your particular donor and client base?
2. In what capacity do you work cooperatively or collaboratively with other archival institutions?
3. What types of activities/programs has your repository done to draw young people of color into the profession or towards archives?
4. What types of archival outreach activities do you participate in?
5. What challenges or obstacles have you encountered in getting people/the community to donate or use the materials in your institution?
6. What lessons have you learned/are learning regarding archival outreach to communities of color?
7. Discuss one of your institution's archival outreach or advocacy success stories.
8. If resources were unlimited, what would your dream outreach or advocacy project be?
9. Does your institution tap into the "History" months (i.e., Black History Month, Asian American Pacific Heritage Month, etc.) to promote the Archives?
10. Describe any oral history or digitization projects that your institution used to promote the Archives?
11. How do we become better stewards of collections of people of color that are vulnerable (i.e., records vulnerable to being lost or destroyed because in private hands and improperly housed; records threatened to be split up and sold to private hands via auction, etc.)?

III. General Announcements

- Elizabeth Adkins, SAA President, introduced herself to the membership. She announced highlights from her upcoming plenary session speech. The Minority Student Scholarship. AAC members responded favorably to the announcement and applauded Adkins for this initiative.
- Nancy Zimmelman-Lenoil, AAC Council liaison reported on Council meeting.
- Mary Jo Pugh, editor of *American Archivist*, encouraged submissions on topics related to diversity, recruitment, etc.
- Ms. Tammy Stovall, Recruitment and Internship Coordinator of the National Archives (NARA), spoke on the Internships and the Internship program at NARA.

IV. Harold T. Pinkett Award

Jackson announced the 2007 Pinkett award winners: Bergis Jules (Indiana University) and Janel Quirante (University of Hawai'i at Manoa). Though Bergis Jules was not present, Lisa Nguyen introduced Janel Quirante to the Roundtable. Annual collection for Pinkett envelope circulated. Funds totaling \$280 were collected for the award.

V. Elections

Jackson announced the nominations received prior to the meeting. She then opened the floor to nominations, no additional nominations were made. She asked for nominations from the floor. Ballots were circulated. The following nominees ran unopposed:

- Vice Co-Chair, Josué Hurtado, Assistant Archivist at the University of California, San Francisco Archives and Special Collections.

- Newsletter Editor, Tomaro Taylor is an Assistant University Librarian for Special Collections and Latin American/ Caribbean Studies at the University of South Florida Tampa Library.
- Membership Directory/Listserv Moderator, Listserv Moderator & Directory Updater, Janel Quirante is the Assistant Archivist for Visual Collections at the Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University.

VI. Newsletter Announcements

Newsletter assistant editor, Andrea Jackson thanked the AAC for submitting articles to the newsletter.

VII. Open Discussion

Bernard Forrester, Archivist at Texas Southern University, announced his appointment by Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, to serve as one of six appointees to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. He also mentioned the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) scanning project.

VIII. Diversity Committee

Dr. Thomas Battle spoke about the Committee's work.

IX. 20th Anniversary of the Roundtable

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the AACR, Jackson asked members to contribute memories of the Roundtable. Dr. Thomas Battle offered a brief retrospective of the Roundtable's work. Cake was served.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.