

Archivists & Archives of Color Roundtable (Liaison: Lenoil)

2007-2008 Annual Report

Officers:

- Lisa Nguyen, Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University (Senior Co-Chair), 2006-2008
- Josué Hurtado, Archives & Special Collections UCSF Library and Center for Knowledge Management (Vice Co-Chair), 2007-2009
- Tomaro Taylor, University of South Florida Tampa Library (Newsletter Editor), 2007-2009
- Janel Quirante, Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University (Listserv manager), 2007-2009
- Rose Roberto, Brotherton Library, University of Leeds (Webmaster), ongoing appointment

Report from Annual Meeting:

- Number of attendees: 42
- Election results: Rebekah Kim (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Historical Society Archivist) was elected to two-year term as Vice Co-Chair.
- Transfer of AACR records from Moorland Spingarn Research Center at Howard University to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was approved. The AACR chairs will clarify with SAA Council about who will pay for the transfer of records.
- Summary of meeting activities: Please see minutes below.

Completed Projects/Activities:

The Roundtable's regular programs and activities continued during the 2007-2008 reporting year.

These activities included:

- Preparation of materials promoting the Pinkett Award
- Endorsement of 2 sessions for 2008 Annual Meeting of SAA
- Selection of two recipients of the 2008 Pinkett Award recipient
- Bi-Annual Newsletter (please see
 - <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/aac/Newsletters/AACv22n2.pdf>
 - <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/aac/Newsletters/AACv22n1.pdf>
- Website updates
- Listserv management

Ongoing Projects/Activities:

- Advise Council and Diversity Committee on concerns of membership as requested
- Maintenance of the Archivists of Color Directory and AAC website
- Foster professional development of students of color to pursue Archival profession Pinkett Award scholarship

New Projects/Activities: [None submitted.]

Diversity Initiatives: The AAC continues to work to promote diversity within the profession by:

- Identifying and addressing the concerns of archivists of color
- Promoting wider participation of said archivists in the archival profession
- Promoting the preservation of archival materials that pertain to people of color

- In addition, AAC continues to promote the Pinkett Award in an effort to recognize exceptional students of color entering the profession.

Questions/Concerns for Council Attention: [None submitted.]

Archivists & Archives of Color Roundtable Business Meeting, August 27, 2007

Welcome & Introductions

Josue Hurtado (co-chair) called meeting to order. He introduced himself, Tomaro Taylor (newsletter editor, not present), Janel Quirante (Listserv manager). Lisa Nguyen (co-chair) was not present.

General Announcements

Minority Student Scholarships: Two new SAA scholarships for minority students are now available. Minority students pursuing graduate education in archival science are eligible. Scholarships are \$5000 and include SAA membership and travel to SAA annual conference. Application deadline is Feb 28, 2009. Awardees will be notified in June 2009.

Anne Gilliland (UCLA) announced a doctoral scholarship. Archival educators pursuing a doctoral degree at 8 participating universities are eligible. Funded by IMLS, the scholarship includes a \$20,000 stipend plus fees for 4 years of study.

2009 SAA Conference Call for Proposals: Teresa Mora (2009 program committee) announced the theme for the 2009 annual conference to be held in Austin, TX “Sustainable Archives.” The deadline for session proposals is Oct. 8, 2008. AACR can endorse two session proposals. The program committee is looking for proposals from a wide variety of institutions and people and is especially interested in proposals with an international perspective. Proposals may now be submitted electronically. The SAA Education Committee is also seeking proposals for pre-conference workshops, contact Solveig de Sutter.

Report from NARA: Wilda Logan read Dr. Walter Hill’s obituary. Dr. Hill had a 3-decades long career in archives, was active in African-American history organizations and was the first African-American subject specialist at NARA.

There are two new NARA diversity initiatives. The first is co-sponsored by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). With \$100,000 of federal funds, NARA was able to sponsor 10 Hispanic student interns at NARA during each of the summers of 2007 and 2008. Two of these interns were hired. The second initiative is aimed toward recruiting Native American students to work at NARA.

Misc. announcements from AACR members in attendance:

1. There is a new archival educational program at the University of Oklahoma that has a postmodern focus on social memory and identity issues.
2. The SAA publication board has approved the proposal for a “Diversity Reader.” The call for proposals for this book will be announced soon.
3. The Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia is seeking a new director.
4. The Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston is seeking a reference archivist.
5. The National Anthropological Archives at the Smithsonian is seeking a photo archivist.
6. The Robert W. Woodruff Library at Emory University is seeking a records manager and a digital services librarian.

Pinkett Award Announcement & Donation Requests: The 2008 Pinkett award winners are Monique Lloyd and Tiffany-Kay Sangwand. Monique Lloyd was introduced and congratulated on her achievements. Tiffany-Kay Sangwand was not in attendance. A total of \$558 was collected for next year's winners.

SAA Council Report: Nancy Zimmelman Lenoil (Council liaison) reported on Council Meeting highlights:

1. Council approved an Investments Committee
2. Council approved Minority Students Scholarships. Funds for these scholarships will first come from SAA operating funds but will be referred to the Foundation board to establish an endowment for these scholarships.
3. Council approved a Government Affairs working group that will monitor House Resolution #6056 "Preserving the American Historical Record Act" and will bring issues to SAA Council for rapid response.
4. The Education Committee is working on SAA accreditation of archival graduate programs.
5. There is a request to conduct the 2009 SAA elections online.

Reminders from SAA Council:

1. The deadline for nominations for SAA Awards is Feb. 28, 2009.
2. SAA members should update their member profile on SAA's website to make sure your membership in roundtables and sections is affirmed.

Discussion on 50-member minimum rule for SAA roundtables: Comment was made that this rule is difficult to meet by new roundtables that may have fewer than 50 initial members. This issue was discussed at the Leadership Forum where it was decided that there should be a grace period for new roundtables. It was reiterated that Council decisions are not permanent and they can be revisited. Members should contact their Council Liaison for revisions to rules.

Diversity Committee Report: Terry Baxter reported on Diversity Committee meeting highlights:

1. The Diversity Committee wants to increase collaboration with other SAA groups for more broad-based decision-making.
2. A Taskforce on Improvement of Recruitment Materials was formed to determine better recruitment methods (web, social networking, etc.).
3. The Committee is reviewing the 1999 Taskforce on Diversity Report to see if recommendations have been acted upon.
4. It is working with the Membership Committee to develop a mentoring program for minority members.
5. The SAA membership database is expanding the demographic information it collects to assist the Appointments Committee.
6. The Committee is working on the Native American Protocols with the Native American roundtable.
7. It is updating and expanding its website.

Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Archives Roundtable: Marisol Ramos (chair) spoke about this new roundtable. It focuses on collections created in Latin America and the Caribbean that are housed in the U.S. These are distinct from immigrant archives. The roundtable is interested in issues of human rights and repatriation. It is a roundtable that can work jointly with AACR.

Elections & Voting: Rebekah Kim (GLBT Archives) was elected Vice Co-Chair. Transfer of

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Discussion on recent outreach programs and advocacy initiatives. Focus on the Martin Luther King Jr. Institute at Stanford University. Sue Englander, Associate Director. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Nguyen, outgoing co-chair.