



Congressional Papers Roundtable

NEWSLETTER

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From the Chair: SAA San Diego

By Ben Rogers

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I hope you are making plans to attend the meeting of the Congressional Papers Roundtable on August 8, 2012 in San Diego. Due to some scheduling

challenges, we are now scheduled to meet at the [Thomas Jefferson School of Law](#) just a short walk from the SAA convention hotel. See the map in this newsletter. [[Show on Google Maps](#)] Bob Henderson, Hollinger/Metal Edge, is our sponsor for this space, so when you see him in the exhibit area, please express your thanks. The program promises to be interesting and varied.

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PROGRAM

Case Files in San Diego will focus on how five congressional districts in the San Diego area handle case files and other constituent requests from under-represented minorities

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On the Stump! CPR Candidates 2012

The Nominating and Elections Committee is pleased to announce 2012 slate of candidates for Vice Chair-Chair Elect and Steering Committee for the Congressional Papers Roundtable (CPR). All the candidates have diverse backgrounds and professional contexts, but they all have significant experience with congressional papers and professional engagement. If you require additional information about any of the candidates, please contact them directly. Voting for the election will be electronic and will occur via the Society of American Archivists Web site. SAA staff will make online ballots accessible to CPR members during the first week of July. Voting will be open for at least two weeks. The Nominating and Elections Committee will announce more specific dates via the listserv as they become available from SAA. The candidate profiles and statements as well as the general election timetable will be available on the CPR Web site. The Nominating and Elections Committee will announce the election results as soon as SAA makes them available to us. Finally, the Nominating and Elections Committee wishes to thank all the candidates for agreeing to run for office.

2012 CPR Nominating and Elections Committee

Jill Severn, Chair

Walter Ray

Burt Altman

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and diverse ethnic and language groups. How do they serve as advocates for these requests and how do they use technology to document, record and archive the correspondence whether hard copy or email? [Chrystal Carpenter](#) at the University of Arizona Special Collections is working on this session. If you would like to work with this session, just contact her: carpenterc@u.library.arizona.edu

Domenici will focus on the DVD made last year about the career of New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici. How was this done and how did the Domenici archive at New Mexico State University relate to this project? Is this something any of us could do? The DVD is available online: <http://domenici.nmsu.edu/domenici-documentary.html>. [Cary Osborne](#), Political Papers Archivist, New Mexico State University, is working on this session.

Practical Approaches to Electronic Records will discuss the nuts and bolts of handling born digital records that arrive in your repository. Inquiring archivists want to know how to accession, arrange, describe, and provide access to these records. How are processing procedures and finding aids different than for print materials? What provisions are being made for format migration schedules? How do we manage data that is locked in a proprietary format? How can we better prepare ourselves for the rapid technological changes that will affect these digital records? How can we better communicate with political offices in order to prevent the purging of data when elected officials leave office?

Presenters will include:

Matt Fulgham, Center for Legislative Archives

Karen Paul, Office of the Senate Historian

Jeff Thomas, Ohio Congressional Archives

Moderator, Leigh McWhite

Share-It will give you a chance to tell us about your archive, anything you have done interesting besides arrange papers and boxes. What worked well, what didn't. Please plan to bring brochures or other promotional materials you may have used to either show or hand out. There will be a table to put materials out in the morning and folks can browse throughout the day. This can be a live blog.



Lunch: The official caterer for Thomas Jefferson School of Law is Indigo Cafe [http://www.indigocafeandcatering.com/indigo_events.php] They can prepare lunch boxes for us that will run \$10.00 with taxes and tip. Please **PREORDER** like you did with Jill last year. There will be a preorder form on

the CPR web site as well as sent to you via email.



BYLAWS CHANGES: Please see the Voting form in this newsletter about suggested changes from the Steering Committee, the E-Records Taskforce and the CPR History Taskforce. Changes in the bylaws would

- create the position of Historian for CPR;
- establish the Electronic Records Committee and change the way we can vote to include online voting on bylaws in the future.

These changes will be voted on at the 2012 meeting. Absentee balloting will be available prior to the meeting from [Jill Severn](#).

STRATEGIC PLANS

The Taskforce on Advocacy, the Taskforce on Diversity and the Taskforce on E-Records will have time to meet during lunch if they wish. So if you are on any of these or would like to sit in with them, contact the co-chairs of these groups:

Taskforce on Advocacy: Co-Chairs: [Katherine L Fleming](#), flemingk99@bellsouth.net, and [Deborah S. Skaggs](#), deborah.skaggs@louisville.edu.

Taskforce on Diversity: Co-Chairs: [Jeffrey S. Suchanek](#), jsuch1@email.uky.edu, and [Janet M. Bunde](#), bunde@nyu.edu.

Taskforce on E-Records: Co-Chairs: [Leigh McWhite](#), slmcwhit@olemiss.edu, and [Jan Zastrow](#), zastrow@hawaii.edu.

CPR Interns: We have had two volunteers to work with Leigh McWhite on tracking congressional papers from Washington to repositories since 2009: Jessica Geiser <jlgeiser16@gmail.com> and Jeanene Letcher <jhletcher@gmail.com>.

Jessica just graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a MLIS Specialization in Archival Studies. She has interned at the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda and the Natural History Museum in LA. She was also a graduate assistant at the Pepperdine University Archives in Malibu.

Jeanene has a Master of Arts, History with Museum Studies emphasis degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She has worked as Region 6 Archivist for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American in Columbus, OH, and as an Archivist at the Carl Albert Center in Norman, OK.

Thank you both for volunteering.

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If anyone else would like to serve CPR as an intern, please contact any members of the CPR Steering Committee.

CPR NEWLETTER NEEDS NEW CO-EDITOR:



This might be just the opportunity you've been looking for. Gary Spurr put this newsletter together as co-editor but he surely would like some help. If you have skills, please contact me directly [ben.rogers@baylor.edu]. I'll share your desire to volunteer with the CPR Steering Committee. The co-editor is a 2-3 year commitment, possibly renewable for life.

CPR Resources:

Listserv – Remember anyone can join the CPR Listserv. To subscribe [visit the CPR home page](#) and click on the "Join/Leave" link at the top of the page. You will automatically be subscribed to the CPR list. You can then modify your subscription preferences. **You do not need** to be a member of SAA to join the CPR list.

Newsletter – Gary Spurr produced this issue of the CPR newsletter. Please let him know how much you appreciate his work. If you would like to co-edit with Gary, please contact anyone on the [Steering Committee](#).

Web site – www2.archivists.org/groups/congressional-papers-roundtable. Here you will find links to the past newsletters, conferences, Bylaws, resources, reports, surveys, and more. You can also find contact info for the [Steering Committee](#) and [all the members of CPR](#).

SAA SESSIONS BY CPR MEMBERS

Please support these sessions by your fellow CPRers



The following information is from the SAA online preliminary program. Double check final program for last minute

changes.

Session 205, Thursday, August 9, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Share a Byte! A Practical Collaborative Approach to Electronic Records in Modern Political Collections

Archiving modern political collections presents archivists and records managers with all types of manage-

ment issues, but nowhere is this more evident than with electronic records. Files created by individuals in federal, state, or county political office present storage, security, privacy, preservation, and access problems. Thus working collaboratively with the donating political office, technical support, vendors, and other archivists is vital to success. The complexity of these collections offers lessons in management, processing, preservation, and collaboration that can be utilized in other arenas. Presenters discuss the myriad practical approaches they have taken to overcome these obstacles.

Chair: Kathleen M. Williams, National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Presenters

James Williams, Middle Tennessee State University, Albert Gore Research Center, *Swimming Upstream: Migrating Congressional Records in a Proprietary Database to an Open Source System*

Abby R. Adams, University of Delaware, *The Trouble With E-Records: Providing Online Access to Gubernatorial Records*

Jennifer Huebscher, Minnesota Historical Society, *No Time to Waste: Moving the Pawlenty Digital Records from Appraisal to MPLP Online Access*

Session 707, Saturday, August 11, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Crossing Borders: Barriers to Documenting the Under-Documented

Archivists and record keepers who live and work in the Southwest borderlands function in a politically charged environment. It is a place in which core archival values can be challenged at any time, any place. The barriers to collecting and accessing borderlands materials are many. The panelists, ranging from a student intern to a field-tested tribal preservation officer, discuss the issues and describe the strategies used to successfully cross borders.

Chair: Burton Altman, Florida State University, Special Collections

Presenters

Salvador Güereña, University of California, Santa Barbara, Davidson Library, *Sin Fronteras: Archivists Without Borders*

Chrystal Carpenter, University of Arizona, Special Collections, *Giving Voice to Missing Persons: The John and Jane Does of the Borderlands*

Valerie J. Enriquez, Simmons College, *Giving Voice to Missing Persons: The John and Jane Does of the Borderlands*

Peter Steere, Tohono O'odham Nation, Cultural Affairs Office, *Documenting Border Issues and the Tohono O'odham Nation; or We Didn't Cross the Border, the Border Crossed Us*

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If you have input about CPR, please contact ben_rogers@baylor.edu, 254-710-3540 or any other member of the [steering committee](#). Thank you for your continuing interest and support of the [Congressional Papers Roundtable](#).

Ben

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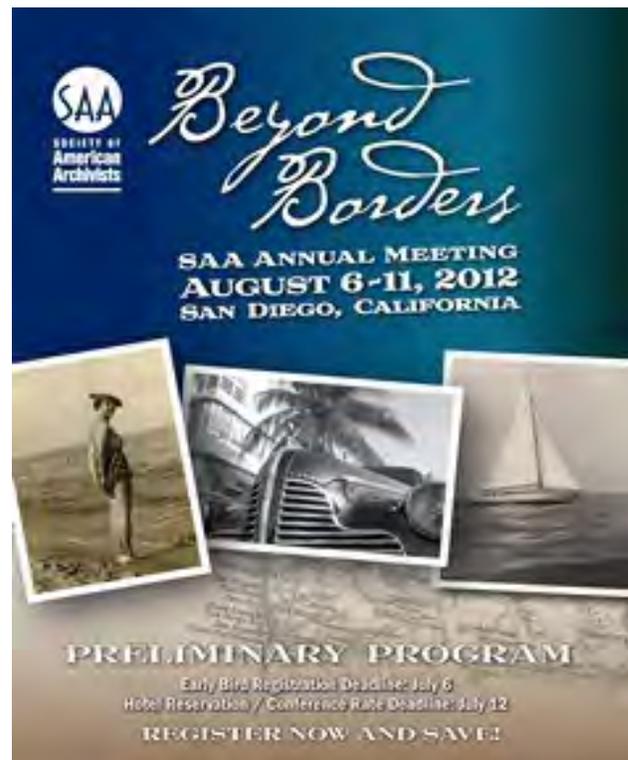
Hello all, I am Gary Spurr your new editor. If anyone would like to be co-editor you can contact me at spurr@tarleton.edu. I have quite a legacy to live up to from Morgan. Thanks to all of you who sent in articles. This issue mainly features items about the annual meeting. Including agendas, maps and directions, candidate statements, the suggested by-law changes, as well as instructions on obtaining an absentee ballot.

Robin Reeder has placed all documents related to the meeting in San Diego on the CPR website at: <http://tinyurl.com/7jkn03e> in case there is something that got left out of the newsletter.

Remember that the newsletter is what we make it so send in your articles.

Thanks also to my colleagues at the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University for helping me understand the finer points of Microsoft Publisher.

Cheers,
Gary



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Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Congressional Papers Roundtable

The chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and the immediate past chair serve as officers of the roundtable. Only individual members of SAA and the Congressional Papers Roundtable may hold these positions. The officers make a commitment for three years to serve one year each as vice-chair/chair-elect, chair, and immediate past chair. Each is expected to attend the annual meeting.

Candidates (one vacancy, two candidates):

Lori Schwartz

Title: Special Projects Archivist

Institution: SC Political Collections, University of South Carolina

Education: MLIS and MA in Public History

Experience with Congressional Papers: political papers archivist since 2004; final project archivist for the papers of Senator Fritz Hollings, our repository's biggest collection; currently processing the papers of recently-retired Congressman John Spratt; experience with outreach, exhibits, and other activities standard for a political papers archivist

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

After attending the pre-conference days for several years now and serving on Steering Committee from 2009 to 2011, I would welcome the experience of serving as Vice Chair/Chair Elect. I almost always express my honest opinion and am open to facilitating change if things aren't working as they should. CPR needs this type of leadership to continue its reputation as a dynamic group that gets things done!

What would you like CPR to do in the next 3-5 years?

I would like CPR to find new ways to reach out to archivists who are new to political collections and need resources and a group to help shepherd them. Perhaps my current work on the CPR Advocacy Task Force will help inform this effort. Related to this, I would like to see the CPR leadership begin to follow through with the recommendations of the task forces that started their work this spring.

Betsy Pittman

Title: University Archivist

Institution: University of Connecticut

Education:

B.A. (1982, William Smith College)

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M.A. (1988, University of Maryland)

M.L.S. (1988, University of Maryland)

Experience with Congressional Papers: Served as Curator for Political Collections at the University of Connecticut since 1997. In that capacity I have coordinated the transfer of five Congressional Collections. As Curator, I am responsible for processing, reference, donor relations and all other related aspects of access, promotion and preservation.

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

I have over 25 years of archival experience at several institutions. Extensive experience with the spectrum of responsibilities that are expected of today's information professionals. Having taught archival administration as well as a practitioner within the field, I have a solid grounding in the theoretical aspects of the profession and a healthy respect and knowledge of the practical applications within the constraints of most repositories.

What would you like CPR to do in the next 3-5 years?

I would like CPR to provide practical mentorship of those interested in working with Congressional collections. In the past several years, CPR has worked to create published resources and hands on internships. I would like to move that forward with a program that matches new archivists with established practitioners in the field to provide hands on experience in working with Congressional office staff, planning or actual transfer of records to a repository, how to work with collections that run to the thousands of linear feet, and similar tasks that Congressional archivists handle on a regular basis.

Steering Committee 2012-2013, Congressional Papers Roundtable

The Steering Committee directs and coordinates activities of the roundtable and approves appointments made by the chair if vacancies occur.

Candidates (two vacancies, four candidates):

Kathy Young

Title: University Archivist

Institution: Loyola University Chicago

Education: M.L.I.S., M.S.

Experience with Congressional Papers: 10 years

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

I bring the experience and viewpoint of an archives and special collections department handling Congressional papers at a medium size university along with enthusiasm, dedication, and a willingness to help out however needed.

What would you like CPR to do in the next 1-3 years?

I would like CPR to continue reaching out to new members and provide them with more opportunities to become active in the roundtable and, ultimately, in SAA. I would also like CPR to continue to pursue new ways to reach out to members of Congress and others to reinforce the importance of preserving Congressional papers.

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Mary Anne Hamblen

Title: Ted Stevens Project Archivist

Institution: University of Alaska Fairbanks

Education:

BA Journalism, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

BA History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

BA Spanish, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

MA History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

MLIS, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Experience with Congressional Papers: Since 2010, I have served as archivist for the Senator Ted Stevens Papers, measuring nearly 5000 cubic feet, in the Alaska & Polar Regions Collections of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. As administrator of the \$1,145,000 grant, I developed a three-year, comprehensive project plan that includes processing, digitization, advocacy and outreach, and hiring, training and supervision of a full-time assistant and three graduate students. Additionally, I work with former Senator Frank Murkowski and our university archivist to finalize a deed of gift, and create a plan for the processing of his congressional papers. Member, CPR Diversity Task Force; Member, Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC)

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

My first CPR meeting happened to be the organization's 25 year anniversary, which gave me the unique opportunity to gain a full perspective on our organization's objectives and progression from its inception, along with challenges and successes experienced through the years. To the CPR Steering Committee, I would bring a passion for congressional papers outreach, advocacy and education. Outreach directed toward congresspeople and their staffs, researchers and repositories, and to current and prospective CPR members will strengthen and expand the organization. Advocacy for continued action and sharing of best practices in the management and preservation of congressional collections, with particular emphasis on electronic records, furthers the CPR mission. Educating and informing researchers and the public of the contents of congressional collections promotes these rich and diverse resources.

What would you like the CPR to do in the next 1-3 years?

The CPR serves in a variety of valuable capacities, but in the next three years I would especially like to see continued support of the various task forces in order to specifically and efficiently accomplish CPR objectives. Other essential areas of focus should be to continue relationship-building among colleagues, as well as congresspeople and their staffs; fostering diversity and new member participation; and growing the intern program.

Bernard Forrester

Title: Coordinator- Special Collections

Institution: Texas Southern University – Robert J. Terry Library

Education:

B.A./B.S. 1973 University of Wisconsin- Madison, Wisconsin

M.L.S. 1974 Columbia University

Experience with Congressional Papers: I am over the Congresswoman Barbara Jordan Archives & Collection. The Archives consists of Cong. Jordan's activities, awards, bills, speeches, audio-visual materials and personal memorabilia.

We have processed a little over a 1/3 of the collection and begin to create finding aids for the collection. I served three years on the Committee on the Records of Congress – appointed by the Clerk of the House. I am a member of the CPR and ASCS.

I have created numerous exhibits on Cong. Jordan including the Voting Rights Act of 1975, the USPS Forever Stamp (2012), a major exhibit in the Texas State Capitol.

I was recently awarded a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Award /VOICE for the awards.

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What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

I hope to bring my experience in the broad spectrum of Congressional Papers, especial the work with the Congressional Committee on the Records of Congress.

What would you like CPR to do in the next 1-3 years?

Develop a strategy to encourage members of the Congressional Black Caucus to archive their papers.

Katherine L. Fleming

Title: Special Collections Archivist

Institution: Barry University

Education:

BA, Anthropology, Syracuse University

MA, Anthropology, State University of New York at Binghamton

MSLS, Information Science, University of Kentucky

Advanced studies, Binghamton University

Experience with Congressional Papers: For more than four years I have overseen the processing of Congressman William Lehman's papers and the digitization of selected materials from his collection. I arrange, describe, preserve, and create finding aids, fliers, and campus guides for the collection. I co-chair the CPR Task Force on Advocacy.

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

My previous work in a wide variety of archival settings has made me acutely aware of the unique and complex character of congressional papers. I have also experienced the difficulties many smaller institutions face when they attempt to process and make accessible large, multifaceted political collections but are constrained by limited resources.

What would you like CPR to do in the next 1-3 years?

Archivists on Capitol Hill and institutions that acquire and preserve political papers have complementary roles and we should increasingly call upon each other's strengths. Secondly, CPR should have a representative on the Government Affairs Working Group (GAWG) since this group tracks legislative issues and advises the SAA Council. Such a presence would provide for better information flow and could help CPR advance its goals by promoting collaboration with organizations outside of SAA. Finally, CPR needs to strengthen its educational role by providing additional educational toolkits, articles, and links on its own Website. CPR could also explore less traditional means of advancing our strategic goals and of educating members and the public through the use of social media and Wikipedia.

CPR Bylaw Amendments

At the 2011 meeting in Chicago, Steering Committee members discussed the need for revisions to the roundtable's bylaws. One proposed amendment would create the new appointive position of Historian. CPR programs last fall celebrated the rich and productive history of our group. The post of Historian will help to preserve the records of the roundtable for future generations and also assist the web editor to make selected material available on the CPR website.

A second set of amendments would transform the Electronic Records Task Force into a permanent standing committee. As we all know, the digital environment is in a con-

stant state of flux. A permanent Electronic Records Committee will monitor these changes and work to update and create resources that will assist roundtable members with these demanding formats. Currently, the CPR chairelect has no designated responsibilities, and one of the proposed amendments will provide for this individual to become chair of the Electronic Records Committee. Other members will receive appointments from the Steering Committee, and the Center for Legislative Archives at NARA will designate an ex officio member from their office experienced in the management of electronic records. Finally, other revisions seek to update the method

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by which CPR bylaws are enacted in order to allow online votes on future bylaw amendments. Following the current bylaws, the vote on this set of proposed amendments will take place at the 2012 CPR business meeting in San Diego.

The nominating committee will announce deadlines and procedures for requesting an online ballot in early May 2012 via the CPR listserv.

Note - Proposed changes shown in red.

BYLAWS

CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS ROUNDTABLE

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

* Approved August 2005 *

BYLAWS FOR STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PURPOSE

The Congressional Papers Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists is composed of members of the Society and others who work with or have an interest in the papers of members of Congress and the records of Congress. The roundtable provides a forum for news, for discussion of issues and developments, and for setting standards and advocating action in the preservation and management of congressional papers and records.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is composed of 10 members: the officers (chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and the immediate past chair); four member representatives (two elected per year for two-year terms); and one representative each from the Office of History and Preservation of the House of Representatives, the Senate Historical Office, and the Center for Legislative Archives of the National Archives. The newsletter editor and the web editor serve as ex officio members (unless they also hold elected positions).

The Steering Committee directs and coordinates activities of the roundtable and approves appointments made by the chair if vacancies occur. Committee members help set agenda for the year, appoint a newsletter editor as necessary and contribute to the newsletter and to other activities, plan the annual program and SAA program sessions sponsored by the roundtable. Steering Committee members are expected to attend the annual meeting.

OFFICERS

The chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and the immediate past chair serve as officers of the roundtable. Only individual members of SAA and the Congressional Papers Roundtable may hold these positions.

The chair directs and reports the activities of the roundtable, organizes and conducts the annual meeting of the roundtable, chairs the steering committee, acts as liaison for the roundtable to other bodies, appoints roundtable committees as needed, chairs the Program Committee, and handles administrative matters.

The vice-chair/chair-elect serves as acting chair in the absence of the chair and participates as a member of the steering committee in all its activities. *The vice-chair also serves as chair of the Electronic Records Committee.*

The immediate past chair serves as a member of the steering committee and as chair of the Nominating Committee.

The officers make a commitment for three years to serve one year each as vice-chair/chair-elect, chair, and immediate past chair. Each is expected to attend the annual meeting.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR(S)

One or two newsletter editors shall be appointed by the Steering Committee for a negotiated term. Terms are encouraged to range from not less than two years to not more than three years. The newsletter editors serve as ex officio members of the Steering Committee, unless they also hold elected membership. In the latter case, the newsletter editors shall have all decision privileges of committee members. Members serving as newsletter edi-

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tors should not serve concurrently as chair of the roundtable.

The newsletter editors are responsible for editing, publishing, and distributing two newsletters per year and any other special issues or mailing as determined by the Steering Committee. They maintain the roundtable mailing list and negotiate all newsletter matters with the SAA office as appropriate. By agreement between them, one of the newsletter editors will serve as secretary at the annual roundtable meeting and take minutes that subsequently will be published in the newsletter.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee is composed of the chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and Steering Committee members who are not members of the Nominating Committee. The chair shall appoint certain Program Committee members to coordinate, write, and submit Steering Committee-approved session proposals on behalf of the roundtable to the SAA Program Committee.

The Program Committee develops proposals for both the roundtable program and SAA sessions for the following year's annual meeting. The Steering Committee reviews and selects proposals.

WEB EDITOR

The web editor shall be appointed by the Steering Committee for a negotiated term. Terms are encouraged to range from not less than two years to not more than three years. The web editor serves as an ex officio member of the Steering Committee, unless he or she also holds an elected position. In the latter case, he or she shall have all decision privileges of committee members. The web editor should not serve concurrently as chair of the roundtable.

The web editor is responsible for maintaining and updating the CPR website as needed and for negotiating all website matters with the SAA office as appropriate.

HISTORIAN

The historian shall be appointed by the Steering Committee for a negotiated term. Terms are encouraged to range from not less than two years to not more than three years. The historian serves as an ex officio member of the Steering Committee, unless he or she also holds an elected position. In the latter case, he or she shall have all decision privileges of committee members. The historian should not serve concurrently as chair of the roundtable.

The historian is responsible for coordinating the roundtable's record retention with the roundtable web editor.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION

The Nominating Committee is composed of the immediate past chair, who serves as chair of the committee, and two first year members of the Steering Committee. If any of these cannot serve, the roundtable chair shall appoint members from the Steering Committee as needed.

The Nominating Committee solicits candidates for the next year's leadership, using a notice in the newsletter **and on the roundtable's listserv (if any) and receiving the names of volunteers of persons recommended**, and prepares an appropriate slate for the elected roundtable positions from those nominees agreeing to place their names in nomination. The committee ensures that there is at least one nominee and no more than two nominees for vice-chair/chair-elect and that the number of nominees for Steering Committee is not less than the number of positions to be filled. All candidates for election must be individual members of SAA and the roundtable. The committee submits the slate of candidates to the newsletter editor no later than June 1 for publication in the newsletter issued preceding the annual meeting. The committee also submits the ballot to the Society of American Archivists no later than six weeks prior to the SAA annual meeting. The Society of American Archivists conducts the election on-line through services available from its membership database. Only members of the roundtable may vote. Any member of the roundtable who is unable to vote using the on-line ballot may request an absentee ballot from the committee chair; absentee ballots must be returned to the committee chair prior to the annual meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot if there are more candidates than can be elected for any position. Candidates with the highest number of votes shall be elected. New leadership assumes office at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the

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roundtable.

If for any reason the vice-chair is unable to succeed to the office of chair, a new chair shall be elected following the same procedures as election for a vice-chair. The Steering Committee shall appoint any other vacancies to fulfill unexpired terms of elected positions, after which a normal election shall occur.

ELECTRONIC RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Electronic Records Committee is composed of the vice chair, who serves as chair of the committee, two or more members appointed by the Steering Committee, and an ex officio member designated by the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives and Records Administration. Terms for appointed members are encouraged to range from not less than two years to not more than three years.

The Electronic Records Committee is responsible for conducting an annual review of all resources posted on the CPR website related to electronic records management in congressional collections, making updates and revisions when necessary. The committee may also create new resources on the subject when advisable.

ENACTMENT

These bylaws were first approved and enacted by a majority vote of the membership in August 1996.

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be published in the newsletter issued preceding the **annual meeting vote by the membership on the bylaws amendment**. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Steering Committee and must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the total votes cast by members ~~present at the annual meeting of the roundtable and by members voting by absentee ballot. Any member of the roundtable who is unable to attend the annual meeting may request an absentee ballot from the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee prior to the annual meeting via a vote online or at the annual meeting of the roundtable (if the latter, than absentee ballots will be managed by the Chair of the Nominating Committee).~~

A copy of the Bylaws shall be available to any member through the Roundtable's website and upon request to the chair.

Absentee Ballots Available June 15, 2012 for Proposed CPR Bylaws Revisions

Members attending the CPR annual meeting in San Diego will consider several revisions to the current Congressional Papers Roundtable Bylaws which are being proposed by the CPR Steering Committee. The proposed changes would add the position of historian, transform the Electronic Records Taskforce into a permanent standing committee, make the vice-chair the chair of the Electronic Records Committee, and finally, update the method by which CPR bylaws are enacted to allow online voting for future bylaw amendments. **(See the SAMPLE BALLOT and proposed revisions below).**

If you are unable to attend the San Diego meeting, the CPR Nominations and Elections Committee will be happy to provide you with an absentee ballot beginning on June 15, 2012 so that you may vote on these changes to the bylaws.

To request an absentee ballot, please email Jill Severn at jsevern@uga.edu by June 30, 2012. Please put **"CPR absentee ballot request"** in the subject line of the message.

All absentee ballots must be postmarked by July 25, 2012 to be counted. For more information, please contact Jill Severn at 706-542-5766 or jsevern@uga.edu.

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Congressional Papers Roundtable Sample 2012 Bylaws Amendments Ballot

CHANGE 1.

- Yes, I approve revision to the CPR as expressed below (revisions in *bold italics*).
- No I do not approve the CPR bylaws as expressed below (revisions in bold italics).

HISTORIAN

The historian shall be appointed by the Steering Committee for a negotiated term. Terms are encouraged to range from not less than two years to not more than three years. The historian serves as an ex officio member of the Steering Committee, unless he or she also holds an elected position. In the latter case, he or she shall have all decision privileges of committee members. The historian should not serve concurrently as chair of the roundtable. The historian is responsible for coordinating the roundtable's record retention with the roundtable web editor.

CHANGE 2.

- Yes, I approve revision to the CPR as expressed below (revisions in bold italics).
- No I do not approve the CPR bylaws as expressed below (revisions in bold italics).

ELECTRONIC RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Electronic Records Committee is composed of the vice chair, who serves as chair of the committee, two or more members appointed by the Steering Committee, and an ex officio member designated by the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives and Records Administration. Terms for appointed members are encouraged to range from not less than two years to not more than three years.

CHANGE 3.

- Yes, I approve revision to the CPR as expressed below (revisions in bold italics).
- No I do not approve the CPR bylaws as expressed below (revisions in bold italics).

The vice-chair/chair-elect serves as acting chair in the absence of the chair and participates as a member of the steering committee in all its activities. *The vice-chair also serves as chair of the Electronic Records Committee.*

CHANGE 4.

- Yes, I approve revision to the CPR as expressed below (revisions in bold italics).
- No I do not approve the CPR bylaws as expressed below (revisions in bold italics).

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be published in the newsletter issued preceding the *annual meeting vote by the membership on the bylaws amendment*. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Steering Committee and must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the total votes cast by members *present at the annual meeting of the roundtable and by members voting by absentee ballot*. *Any member of the roundtable who is unable to attend the annual meeting may request an absentee ballot from the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee prior to the annual meeting via a vote online or at the annual meeting of the roundtable (if the latter, then absentee ballots will be managed by the Chair of the Nominating Committee).*

**These bylaws were first approved and enacted by a majority vote of the membership in August 1996.*



CPR Program 2012

Mark your calendars. On August 8, 2012, Congressional Papers Roundtable members will gather in San Diego at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law beginning with an Early Bird Breakfast sponsored by the Arizona Historical Foundation and Linda Whitaker. Be sure and register early for this treat.

The members of the CPR program committee – Chrystal Carpenter, Jacque Sundstrand, Karen Paul, Leigh McWhite, Matt Fulgham, Robin Reeder, and Ben Rogers worked hard to plan a significant program we hope you will enjoy.

Reflecting the SAA theme “Beyond Borders,” the first session will address *Case Files in San Diego* and how five congressional districts in the county handle case files and other constituent requests from under-represented minorities and diverse ethnic and language groups. How do they serve as advocates for these requests and how do they use technology to document, record and archive the correspondence whether hard copy or email?

The next session will focus on the *Domenici DVD* made last year about the career of New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici. How was this done and how did the Domenici archive at New Mexico State University relate to this project? Is this something any of us could do?

Before lunch, you can tour the library in the recently completed building. Thomas Jefferson School of Law is an independent institution with a new state-of-the-art building.

Share-it will kick off our afternoon with Burt Altman moderating members sharing what’s going on in other archives besides pushing papers. Bring flyers, brochures, leaflets, pamphlets, etc to show or share.

The third session, *Practical Approaches to Electronic Records*, will discuss the nuts and bolts of handling born digital records that arrive in your repository. Inquiring archivists want to know how to accession, arrange, describe, and provide access to these records. How are processing procedures and finding aids different than for print materials? What provisions are being made for format migration schedules? How do we manage data that is locked in a proprietary format? How can we better prepare ourselves for the rapid technological changes that will affect these digital records? How can we better communicate with political offices in order to prevent the purging of data when elected officials leave office?

After the afternoon break, the annual CPR membership meeting will begin at 3:15. This will include reports about a congressional papers survey, taskforce reports, and reports from organizational representatives.

Although you do not need to preregister to attend, it will help us make sure we have enough chairs and lunches. **So please send in your registration form as soon as possible or at least by July 18.**

Hope to see lots of you in San Diego!

CPR Annual Meeting ~ San Diego, CA ~ August 8, 2012



CPR

Conference Schedule 2012

Meeting venue sponsored by Bob Henderson, Hollinger Metal Edge

- 8:30-9:00** **Early Bird Breakfast**
Sponsored by the Arizona Historical Foundation and Linda Whitaker
- 9:00-9:15** **Welcome and Brief Remarks**
Ben Rogers, Chair CPR
- 9:15- 10:15** **Session One:**
Case Files in San Diego
How congressional districts in the San Diego area handle case files and other constituent requests from under-represented minorities and diverse ethnic and language groups.
Presenter: Crystal Carpenter
- 10:15-10:30** **Break**
- 10:30-11:45** **Session Two:**
Domenici
How the DVD was made about the career of New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici using archival materials.
Presenter: Cary Osborne
- 11:45-12:15** **Thomas Jefferson School of Law Library**
Join us for a tour of the TJSL Library - optional
- 12:15-1:15** **Lunch** - Taskforces may meet during this time
- 1:15-2:00** **Share-It!**
[SAA Program Committee Rep. Robin Chandler will speak briefly before this session]
Participants share what they have been doing in their archives (besides pushing papers).
What worked and what didn't?
Moderator: Burt Altman
- 2:00-3:15** **Session Three:**
Practical Approaches to Electronic Records
Inquiring archivists want to know what to do with digital-born records and how to do it. Is there a problem with proprietary software in the local archives? How are processing procedures and finding aids different than for print materials?
Panelists: Matt Fulgham, Karen Paul and Jeff Thomas
Moderator: Leigh McWhite
- 3:15-3:30** **Break**
- 3:30-5:00** **CPR Business Meeting and Reports**
- 5:15-6:30** **CPR Steering Committee Meeting**

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Membership Meeting 2012

3:30 -5:00

Welcome and Report from CPR Chair:
Ben Rogers

SAA Council Representative - Bill Landis

Voting on CPR bylaw changes - Jill Severn

Committee and Taskforce Reports:
Survey of Congressional - Leigh McWhite

E-Records Taskforce - Jan Zastrow

History Taskforce - Linda Whitaker

Taskforce on Advocacy - Karen Fleming and Deborah Skaggs

Taskforce on Diversity - Jeff Suchanek and Janet Bunde

Nomination and Election Committee - Jill Severn

Reports from Organizational Representatives:
Association of Centers for the Study of Congress - Sheryl Vogt

Center for Legislative Archives - Matt Fulgham

Office of Art and Archives, U.S. House of Representatives - Robin Reeder

Senate Historical Office - Karen Paul

Welcome and Words from New Chair:
Leigh McWhite

Announcements

Adjourn

5:15-6:30 CPR Steering Committee Meeting

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will there be a group leaving to walk to the CPR meeting from the SAA Conference Hotel?

Yes, CPR program reps will meet attendees at 8:10 in the SAA conference hotel lobby on Gull Street to walk to the CPR meeting. The early bird breakfast starts at 8:30

What is the deadline for registering for the CPR conference program?

Registration forms must be received by July 18, 2012. Receipts/confirmation of registration will be sent electronically to those who register.

Do I need to register for the CPR membership meeting?

*Although not required, it will be helpful if you indicate whether you plan to attend the CPR membership meeting on the **conference registration form** and submit it.*

Are there options for my dietary needs?

Yes, we will offer vegan and vegetarian box lunches for those who request them.

Is it okay to attend only a portion of the program?

Yes, it is fine to attend part of the program. Please be courteous to speakers and plan to arrive and leave at the beginning or ending of the sessions if possible. Be sure to register if you plan to attend any part of the CPR program on Wednesday, August 8.

Is there an emergency phone number I can call on the day of the event if I get lost, or need to get a message to a member of CPR?

Yes, upon registration your confirmation will include a contact number to call in case of an emergency on the day of the conference.

Where can I find answers to questions not addressed above?

For any additional questions, please contact Ben Rogers at 254-710-3540 or Ben_Rogers@baylor.edu

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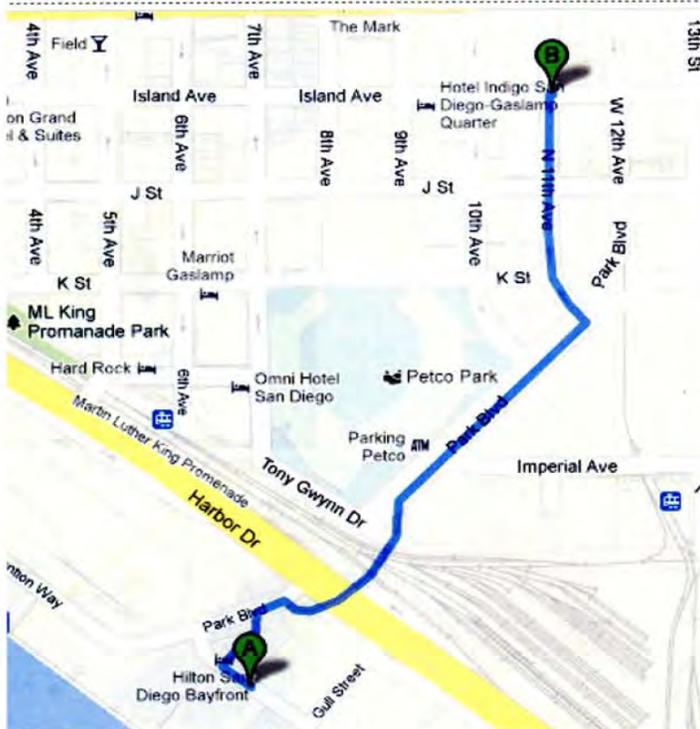
CPR *Location and Directions*

All events take place in
Rm 225
Thomas Jefferson School of Law
1155 Island Avenue
San Diego, CA

Total Travel Estimate: 0.6 mile - @ 15-20 minutes

CPR Events -Walking Directions

- Walk Northwest on Gull Street [Go 138 ft.]**
- Turn RIGHT toward Park Blvd [Go 272 ft.]**
- Turn RIGHT onto Park Blvd [Go .1 mi]**
- Turn RIGHT toward Park Blvd - Take the stairs and go over walking bridge [Go .2 mi]**
- Turn RIGHT onto Park Blvd. [Go .2 mi]**
- Turn LEFT onto N. 11th Ave. [Go .2 mi]**
- Turn RIGHT onto Island Ave - TJSJ on left [Go 13 ft.]**



Look at these directions online: <http://bit.ly/KgNwKC>
Click on "Include large map"

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CPR *Registration 2012*

Conference Program ~ Membership Meeting
8:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, August 8, 2012
Rm 225 Thomas Jefferson School of Law
1155 Island Avenue
San Diego, CA

Seating is limited for the 2012 CPR program, so please register in advance for the event.
Deadline to register is July 18, 2012.

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name tag ~ please print!)

Institution or Affiliation (please print!)

email address

Please check all the sessions/activities you plan to attend

- 8:30-5 p.m. I plan to attend all the events.
- 8:30- 9:00 Early Bird Breakfast
- 9:15-10:15 Session One: Case Files in San Diego
- 10:30-11:45 Session Two: Domenici DVD
- 11:45-12:15 Tour of TJSL Library (optional)
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch and Taskforce Meetings
- 2:00-3:15 Session Three: Practical Approaches to Electronic Records
- 3:30-5:00 CPR Business Meeting and Reports

Lunch Options

- Yes, I wish to order a box lunch at a cost of \$10
(3 classic sandwich options, chips, salad and drink)
- I am vegetarian I am vegan
- I do not wish to purchase a box lunch and will plan to bring my own lunch

Advance payment for box lunches is required. Extra box lunches will **NOT be available for purchase on the day of the event. We will provide electronic receipts for all box lunch purchases.**

Please make your check payable to: Ben Rogers and mail to:

Ben Rogers, Poage Library | One Bear Place 97153 | Waco, TX 76798-7153

**A Progress Report on the Advisory Committee on the
Records of Congress
By Karen Paul**

On December 5, 2011 the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress (established by P.L. 101-509) met at the National Archives. Chaired by the Secretary of the Senate during the 112th Congress, the eleven member committee is comprised of five ex-officio members and six members appointed by the House and Senate leadership. It meets twice a year to consider issues relating to the historical records of Congress. Its recent attention has focused on two important initiatives: the creation of an Internet-based up-to-date finding aid for the House and Senate collections, and preservation of digital records.

Concerned that finding aides to congressional records were not available online, the Committee established a Finding Aid Task Force in 2009. The Archivist of the United States, David Ferriero, subsequently funded an expert consultant to study the proposed project and outline recommendations for implementation. Sharon M. Leon, Director of Public Programs of George Mason University's Center for History and the New Media, prepared the final report, which was approved in June 2011. Since then, implementation of the report has involved training of the archival staff of the Senate, House, and Center for Legislative Archives, and the Center's hiring of a new Digital Archivist. The project has now completed an analysis of data and resource needs based on the conversion of descriptive data from published House and Senate Guides and Preliminary Inventories into structured meta-data for entry into the National Archives online catalog, ARC. This phase created 4,600 file unit entries for records of the first 50 Congresses, (1789-1889).

Contemporary records are much more voluminous and complex. In order to produce estimates of time and staff needed to create series level entries, the Center for Legislative Archives conducted two pilot projects. Senate records of the 95th Congress contain 5498 cubic feet of records from 22 committees. Description resulted in 628 new entries, produced at the rate of about 15.62 cubic feet an hour or .22FTE. The 28 committees included in the 95th Congress House pilot resulted in 526 new file unit descriptions at the rate of one description for every 8.85 cubic feet or .18 FTE. With current staff and intern levels, the Center estimates it will take 10 years to describe all of its current holdings which are 217, 724 cubic feet.

To stop adding to the volume of under-described records, the Senate initiated an electronic form based on the Descriptive Archive Content Standard (DACS) over two years ago. These new forms plus the addition of 2 deputy archivists, have vastly improved the description of Senate records before they are transferred to the archives. This also has been critical to our ability to accession digital records. The next step will be to implement a collections management system in conjunction

with the House and the Center for Legislative Archives. When this is fully developed, archiving will become a seamless process that eliminates the need to rekey information multiple times. The new system also will assimilate biographical and historical context information so that it can be shared and refined by the three institutions over time. The ultimate goal is to produce standardized encoded description that will marry with similar description produced by universities and historical societies. When this happens, a long-held dream of the congressional research community will be realized.

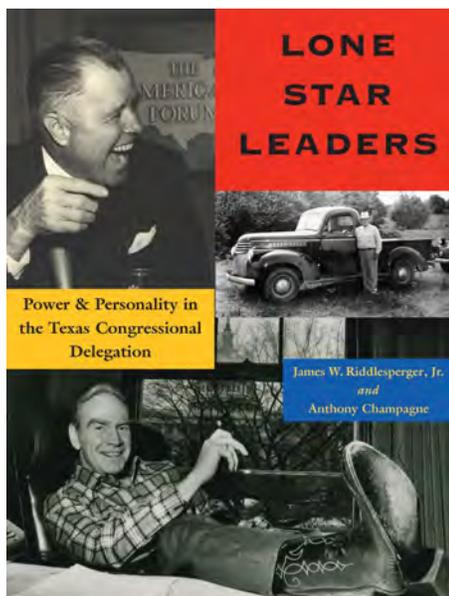
The Advisory Committee's second major initiative dealt with electronic records. Recognizing that the majority of historical records post 9/11 are digital, the Committee and the Center for Legislative Archives initiated a Congressional Instance of the National Archives Electronic Record Archive (ERA) in 2009. The Center hired an IT Specialist to develop a local preservation instance and the Secretary of the Senate began a major effort to guide Senate committees in this new endeavor. This resulted in the addition of a second IT specialist in 2010 to process the increasing volume of digital records being transferred to the Center. The Senate currently has 2.5 TB of data stored at the Center, and 75% of Senate committees are engaged in archiving their backlog of digital records. This represents a significant accomplishment for the Senate, which is far ahead of executive agencies in managing and preserving historic digital materials.

The Senate has been able to do this because more Senate committees are now employing professional archivists who are fully engaged in appraising, arranging, and describing the digital assets of their committees. Committees that do not have such help have turned to the Senate archivist staff for assistance. We are hoping that the remaining committees will consider adding a professional archivist to their staff as that is the most cost efficient way to ensure that these records are preserved for the future. Now that our records are "virtual" they need a lot more care and attention if they are going to survive! In fact, digital records, left unattended, are in as much danger now as the Senate's paper records were in the summer of 1814 when the British advanced on the Capitol and used everything that was flammable to create the fire which destroyed it.

An important new issue was raised at the December 5, 2011 meeting, namely the proliferation of records of congressional commissions which now make up .5% of the paper records at the Center for Legislative Archives and fully 70% of its electronic holdings. The commissions' records require significant amounts of processing time on the part of Center's staff because they usually arrive without any substantial description. Furthermore, congressional committees frequently request these materials. The commissions' records also require a line-by-line review of

every page in every file before they can be made available to non-government researchers. The Advisory Committee agreed that current practices are placing rising demands on the Center's staff and that further study and documentation is needed. The Advisory Committee therefore established a Congressional Commissions Task Force to study the issue, consult with all stakeholders, and propose solutions. Minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings can be found at: <http://www.archives.gov/legislative/cla/advisory-committee/>

New Books



Lone Star Leaders: Power & Personality in the Texas Congressional Delegation

Texas' political power really began in the late nineteenth century, when Texas congressmen first began to wield power as committee chairs and party leaders. In the era of Woodrow Wilson, Texas

clout intensified as Senator Morris Sheppard introduced the Prohibition legislation with which his name is associated today. John Nance Garner's political influence was first felt in the Wilson administration, as a liaison on war matters between the administration and the House, then grew in the Hoover era when Garner rose to minority leadership and critic of Hoover administration policies.

In the Roosevelt era, Texas was a Democratic state and, with Democratic control of Congress and a Democratic president, the state's power grew—John Garner became vice president in 1933, and Texans chaired six House committees: Agriculture, Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Judiciary, Public Buildings, Rivers and Harbors, and Territories. And during the Eisenhower years, Lyndon Johnson, Sam Rayburn's protégé, became minority and then majority leader of the Senate. It was an extraordinary time with Texans in the top leadership of both the House and the Senate.

This book is the story of the men and women who represented Texas in Congress. For a century and a quarter they were masters of congressional politics and represented Texas on the national stage. Authors Jim Riddlesperger and Tony Champagne paint lively pictures of the characters—

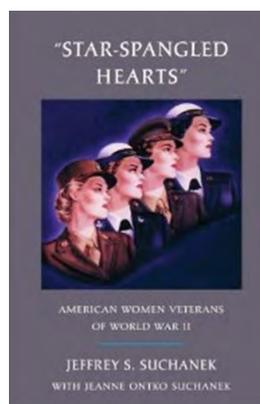
party leaders, committee chairs, and the political pioneers—who made Texas a major player in congressional politics for the past 125 years, as well as the ideologues and the buffoons that are also part of the Texas congressional story.

About the Authors

James W. Riddlesperger, Jr., is professor of political science at Texas Christian University. He teaches American politics, with interests in Congress, the presidency, and Texas politics. An award winning teacher, he also has published 35 research articles and two dozen entries in encyclopedias. He is co-author of *The Austin-Boston Connection: Five Decades of House Democratic Leadership, 1937-1989* (Texas A&M Press, 2009), *Texas Politics* (Cengage, 2010), *Presidential Leadership and Civil Rights Policy* (Greenwood, 1995), winner of the Aaron Wildavsky book award, and *Preparing for the United States Government and Politics AP Exam*. A frequent consultant to the news media concerning politics and elections, he is president of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

Anthony Champagne is professor of political science at the University of Texas at Dallas where he has taught since 1979. Dr. Champagne is the winner of three teaching awards and the University of Texas System Regents Teaching Award. He has written about legal representation of the poor, the election of judges, Texas politics, and Congressional history. Among his written work on Texas politics and congressional history is *Congressman Sam Rayburn* (Rutgers University Press, 1984). He also wrote *Sam Rayburn: A Bio-Bibliography* (Greenwood Press, 1988). His most recent book is *The Austin-Boston Connection: Five Decades of House Democratic Leadership, 1937-1989* (Texas A&M University Press, 2009), which was written with Douglas Harris, James Riddlesperger, and Garrison Nelson. [www.amazon.com]

"Star-Spangled Hearts": American Women Veterans of World War II
by [Jeffrey S. Suchanek](#) and [Jeanne Ontko Suchanek](#)



During World War II well over a quarter of a million American women volunteered for military service, participating in all branches of the armed forces (army, navy, marines and coast guard) in newly-created all-female auxiliaries as well as the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. However, until recently their contribution to the war effort has been largely absent from the histories of that conflict, overshadowed by the attention to the iconic "Rosie the Riveter" representing women's service on the home front and in industry.

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In *Star-Spangled Hearts: American Women Veterans of World War II*, oral historian Jeffrey S. Suchanek at last accords these women the front-and-center attention their service merits. Based on first-hand interviews he conducted with women veterans from all of the service branches, he presents here the memoirs of twenty women who collectively demonstrate that the honor of Greatest Generation does not belong to their male counterparts alone. Along with amusing accounts of olive-drab underwear and other adaptations of the military to women and vice versa, and tales of the rigors of basic training and the hard work and play of military life that will be familiar to male and female veterans alike, these accounts probe serious issues of sexual harassment and homosexuality that are matters of current debate regarding military service. Most importantly, these women speak to what it means to serve one's country in time of war, a duty and privilege for which they were the trailblazers for today's servicewomen.

About the Author

Jeffrey S. Suchanek is head of the Public Policy Archives at the University of Kentucky and an oral historian. He is the author of *Time on Target*, a World War II memoir of Gen. William R. Buster, and a member of the Society of American Archivists, Kentucky Council on Archives, and the Midwest Archives Conference. Originally from northeastern Ohio, Suchanek currently lives in Frankfort, Kentucky with his wife Jeanne Ontko Suchanek, who collaborated with him on *Star-Spangled Hearts*.

<http://broadstonebooks.com/Star-Spangled-Hearts-Page.html>

Share Your Best Blogs

Herb Hartsook, Director, South Carolina Political Collections, The University of South Carolina suggested we start a Share Your Favorite Blog feature. Here are Herb's comments: Most congressional repositories are sharing news with their public via a blog. I would like to encourage each of us to select and share favorite blog messages in the newsletter. I suggest this chiefly to garner a new source of valuable ideas that we can steal and make our own.

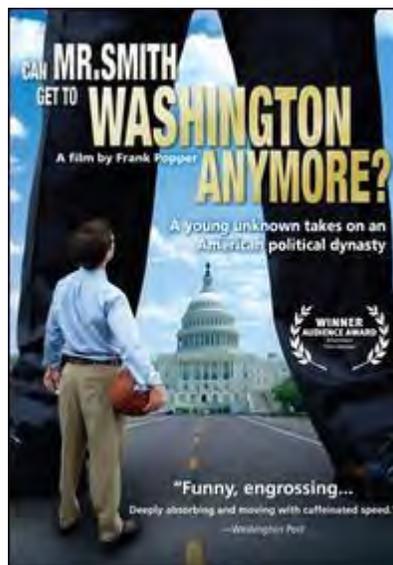
My selection is an entry posted by Lori Schwartz, SCPC's Special Projects Archivist, announcing the end of our popular film series. Over the last two years, we have shown 12 films such as Ken Burns' documentary, *The Congress*, and the iconic 1949, *All The King's Men*, to appreciative audiences. I have introduced each film and related them in some fashion to our own holdings. That has been easier than I had

imagined. Each showing requires a good bit of work that afternoon/evening, but staff and students have enjoyed their participation and we never lacked for volunteers. We were surprised and pleased by the attendance by other employees within the Library system, some getting their first contact with SCPC. So, how about it, would you like to share a blog post with your colleagues?

Last evening of our Politics on Film Festival – Tues.

Posted on [March 9, 2012](#) by [Lori Schwartz](#)

SCPC's Politics on Film Festival wraps up its 2011-2012 season at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, with a free screening of *Can Mr. Smith Get To Washington*



Anymore? (2006), in the Hollings Library Program Room.

Staff of SCPC previewed this documentary last fall and thoroughly enjoyed it. It's a compelling 81 minutes of action. Join us!

Film synopsis: "When 29-year-old Jeff Smith decides to run for the congressional seat of the retiring Democratic

party leader Richard Gephardt, his family and friends think he's crazy. With no political experience, no name recognition, and no money, how can he possibly hope to defeat Russ Carnahan, the wealthy son of a Missouri political dynasty and the favorite of the political establishment and media?" Free pizza and drinks will be provided, and there will be a drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card. A discussion of the film will follow the screening.



INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

Northern Kentucky University

US Senator Jim Bunning: Baseball and Beyond

In January 2011 two hundred white boxes arrived at the Northern Kentucky University loading dock from the federal records center in Virginia. These boxes contain records documenting twenty-four years worth of work by the office of Jim Bunning, US Representative and US Senator. Bunning also donated a modest collection of baseball memorabilia from his professional career as a Major League pitcher.

This collection is a very significant donation for Northern. Special Collections and Archives already holds the congressional papers of Gene Snyder (1963-1965, 1967-1987) and Ken Lucas (1999-2005) who also held the 4th Congressional District seat. With the receipt of Jim Bunning's papers, the archives now has over 40 years of continuous records for this district. This strength promises the ability to study not just the impact of a single individual, but a longitudinal study of this district.

In November, a fundraiser was held to solicit contributions towards the expense of processing the Bunning papers. It included a dinner followed by Bunning, a Hall of Fame pitcher, and his friend Tommy Lasorda, also

a Hall of Famer, chatting informally about their baseball careers and answering questions from the audience. An extensive collection of Bunning baseball memorabilia, owned by Rex Morgan of Campbellsburg, KY was displayed for the evening.



Former Senator Jim Bunning, NKU archivist Lois Hamill, Hall of Famer Tommy Lasorda at fundraiser.

Lois Hamill

Carl Albert Center

The Carl Albert Center's Congressional Archives, University of Oklahoma, recently hosted a film crew from C-SPAN3's American History TV. The crew was in Oklahoma producing various videos on the Oklahoma City metro area as part of its continuing coverage of cities across the country. Cindy Simon Rosenthal, director and curator of the

Carl Albert Center, provided an informative tour of the archives and its research mission.

In late April, graduate student Sarah McCumber and undergraduate student Heather Bateman created an exhibit on George McGovern. McGovern was at the University of Oklahoma as the speaker for the biennial Josh Lee Lecture, sponsored by the university's Political Communication Center. Prior to the lecture, McGovern spoke at an informal coffee klatch at the Carl Albert Center.

Carolyn G. Hanneman

workers involved with processing the collection. Three exhibit cases highlighted important aspects of Senator Hagel's life and career—Service in Vietnam, Foreign Relations, and Kids for Hagel. The case focused on foreign relations contained artifacts from a Congressional Delegation trip to Russia made by Senator Hagel and Senator Jack Reed. Coincidentally, Hagel had been telling the Ambassador about that trip during the plane ride to Nebraska. The trip to Siberia was made in December of 1998, and apparently the Russians supplied the Senators with parkas and vodka.

-Jessica Agler, Archivist

University of Nebraska Omaha



Former Senator Hagel (on left) and Russian Ambassador Sergey I. Kislyak (on right)

Former U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel was in Omaha April 26-27 with Russian Ambassador Sergey I. Kislyak. They spoke at two forums for students and community members where they addressed the future of U.S.-Russia relations.

In between forums, the pair took time to visit the U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel Archives to view selected artifacts, tour the archives area, and meet student

Baylor University –W. R. Poage Legislative Library

Last January, former US Congressman Chet Edwards became the first W. R. Poage Distinguished Chair for Public Service. He began his duties during the Spring semester meeting with students and classes for one week in February and another week



in April. During his time on campus, Edwards delivered the annual Poage Lecture, **What's Wrong with Congress and Right with America**. It was attended by 200 faculty, staff, students and Waco area residents. Texas political scientists Dr. Tony Champagne and Dr. Jim Riddlesperger also attended the lecture and signed their new book, **Lone Star Leaders: Power & Personality in the Texas Congressional Delegation**. Also in April, Ed-

POAGE LIBRARY
presents an exhibition

NASA at
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Race to Space
April - July 2012

Come see...
NASA gadgets and space gear
Space Shuttle model
Editorial cartoons signed by astronauts
Baylor flag that orbited the Earth!

Don't forget to ask for your free
3' X 5' Moon flag, while supplies last.

www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/NASA

wards spoke to numerous classes, met with several student leadership groups, and attended a reception and dinner with library donors.

In March, Poage Library opened a new exhibit, **NASA @ 50: Race to Space**. The exhibit commemorates 50 years since President John F. Kennedy's speech at Rice University, "We choose to go to the moon." Kennedy said we would go to the moon "not because it is easy, but because it is hard." Several hundred visitors have viewed the exhibit featuring NASA-themed editorial cartoons signed by the astronauts. Mrs. Helen Newton collected these cartoons from the artists while she was employed at NASA in the 1960s and 70s. Astronauts passing by her desk were asked to sign the original artwork. Also in the exhibit are magazines, newspapers, NASA patches, postage stamps, books and audio-visual materials from ten collections in Poage Library or from donors. In addition to the NASA items, materials commemorating Soviet Union cosmonauts are included as well as a memorial case for American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts who lost their lives before or during space missions. Two large panels on the history of space flight and the International Space Station, along with a 1/50th model of the space shuttle, a launch helmet and EVA glove were borrowed from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Although the NASA items will be returned at the end of May, the exhibit will be replenished and remain up through July. – Mary Goolsby

**Wisconsin Historical Society Library-Archives presents
Senator William H. Proxmire Digital Collection Online Now!**



Wisconsin Democratic U.S. Senator William Proxmire (1915-2005) was widely regarded as a political maverick known for curbing governmental waste and mismanagement.

After leaving office in 1989, Senator Proxmire and his staff donated more than 200 boxes of archival materials to the Wisconsin Historical Society. Between 2008 and 2011, the Proxmire papers were complemented by 40 oral history interviews of friends, relatives, colleagues and staff.

Now the best of the collection is available online at www.wisconsinhistory.org/topics/proxmire

The Proxmire Digital Collection offers more than 7,500 pages of manuscripts, press releases, newsletters, photographs, articles, interviews, books and correspondence selected from the Proxmire papers and all 40 oral history interviews. It is the richest online resource about Senator William Proxmire's life and times.

The digital collection was made possible through the generosity of Senator Proxmire's family and friends, who contributed time, materials, and financial support to ensure that his legacy is preserved.

Jennifer Graham