

Student Chapter of the Society of American Archivists at Simmons College
Annual Report for 2015-2016

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Event Title: SLIS Trivia Night

Date: September 11, 2016

Attendance: approximately 20

Summary: On September 11, SCoSAA cosponsored the Simmons Library and Information Science school trivia night, which was a social gathering intended to introduce new students to SLIS.

Event Title: NEA REPS (New England Archivists Roundtable for Early Professionals and Students) Early Career Development Workshop

Date: September 12, 2015

Summary: SCoSAA also cosponsored the NEA REPS (New England Archivists Roundtable for Early Professionals and Students) Early Career Development Workshop on September 12, which was lead by Annalisa Moretti and Silvia Mejia. This event was held with hopes to provide better ideas about early professional career development, and provide more information about career opportunities.

Event Title: Welcome To SCoSAA Pizza Party

Date: September 15, 2015

Summary: This event was held in order to bring SCoSAA members, new and old, together, and start the academic year together. Also, SCoSAA 2015-2016 officers and the Archives faculty were introduced, and future events outlined. Members also had the opportunity to provide feedback regarding their preferences for future events. Attendance was high, approximately 100 people, and gave us the opportunity to address any questions from our members and receive feedback about what types of programming they would like to see throughout the semester.

Event Title: Library Freedom Project

Date: October 13, 2015

Summary: On October 13, 2015, SCoSAA cosponsored the Library Freedom Project with NEA. Approximately a dozen students were in attendance, and the speakers Kade Crockford, Jessie Rossman and Alison Macrina, talked about privacy and security concerns in information institutions. This event was cross-disciplinary and discussed tangentially social justice within information institutions, which suited our program as social justice is a main concern of students at SLIS.

Event Title: Harvard Arnold Arboretum Visit

Date: October 15, 2015

Summary: This event was held so that SCoSAA students could visit a repository and see how it is managed, organized, and situated. SCoSAA organized a visit to the Harvard Arnold Arboretum Archives on October 14, 2015. Volunteers, including both co-

chairs, provided transportation to the repository, while several students elected to take public transit. A total of 18 students attended. The repository visit was led by Lisa Pearson, Head of Collections at the Library & Archives. She presented information about the history of the institution and the repository, its holdings, its relationship to other Harvard University libraries and archives, and their methods of promotion and marketing, such as exhibits. Lisa answered the questions of the SCoSAA members, gave a tour of the library, and then a brief tour of a portion of the Arboretum itself, discussing the international scope of collecting and the way the Arboretum and the Archives function together.

Event Title: How to Attend a Conference

Date: November 10, 2015

Summary: ALA-SC created a “How to Attend a Conference” event which was also co-hosted by SCoSAA. In addition to providing honorariums, SCoSAA ensured that archives students were on the panel, speaking about local and national archival conferences. Speakers were students, including Lizzie Kuntz, Jesse Moskowitz, Lily Troia, Sara Powell, Regina Pagali, Irina Rogova, and Darren Young. Approximately 30 people were in attendance, and discussion was active.

Title: On the Brink: Archives, Climate Change, and the Future

Date: November 11, 2015

Summary: On Veteran’s Day, SCoSAA organized with ProjectARCC to host a climate change panel, titled On the Brink: Archives, Climate Change and the Future. This was well attended, especially considering the weather and the holiday, with approximately 40 people in attendance physically, and 10 online participants (we coordinated with the media lab to livestream the event). Panelists included Casey Davis, Trisha Shrum, Lisa Pearson and Lucas Stanczyk, local archivists, activists and professors talking about how archives and climate change were intertwined. Due to the prominent archivists on the panel, and the concentrated advertising efforts, this

event had local archivists as well as students, which is exciting for SCoSAA planning future events, as well as students to network with archivists with similar interests.

Event Title: SCoSAA Town Hall

Date: January 26, 2016

Summary: This focused on a discussion with the SLIS archives faculty members. The goal of this meeting was to open lines of communication to discuss the areas we are doing well in and those that need improvement. This event was intended to help us grow as a community to make positive changes for current and future members of the program. This is a great opportunity to connect with other students and faculty, and to help improve the archives program.

Event Title: Academy of Certified Archivists Speech

Date: February 1, 2016

Summary: Mott Lin, current president of the Academy of Certified Archivists, talked about the options for becoming a certified archivist. Many students seemed interested in learning more about this certification, and conversation was active throughout this event.

Event Title: Preserving and Archiving a Religious Fiesta

Date: February 16, 2016

Summary: In this informal presentation by SLIS professor Janet Ceja, there was an open discussion about community archives and archiving in the digital age. It provided a great chance to hear about new faculty member's research while also hosting a dialogue among participants. The informal style was greatly appreciated by both the student and faculty members present.

Event Title: Repository Tour of Berklee College of Music Archives

Date: March 14, 2016

Summary: This event was held so that SCoSAA students could visit a repository and see

how it is managed, organized, and situated. Since Berklee is nearby, we were able to walk to the repository, while several students elected to take public transit. A total of 7 students attended. The repository visit was led by Sofia Becerra, the sole archivist at the Archives. She presented information about the history of the institution and the repository, its holdings, its relationship to other Berklee College libraries, and the growth of the institution. Sofia answered the questions of the SCoSAA members, and gave a tour of the archives.

Event Title: Repository Tour of Boston Symphony Orchestra Archives

Date: March 15, 2016

Summary: This event was held so that SCoSAA students could visit a repository and see how it is managed, organized, and situated. Since Boston Symphony Orchestra is nearby, we were able to walk to the repository, while several students elected to take public transit. A total of 12 students attended. The repository visit was led by Bridget Carr, the Head Archivist at the Boston Symphony Orchestra Archives. She presented an exhibit about the history of the institution and the repository, its holdings, including some key objects from their holdings, its relationship to the symphony, and the growth of the institution. Sofia answered the questions of the SCoSAA members, and gave a tour of the archives.

Event Title: Breaking the Mold: Exploring Non-traditional Careers in Archives

Date: March 22, 2016

Summary: A panel of three professionals spoke about their experiences in non-traditional archive settings. The speakers were Stefanie Maclin-Hurd, a Software as a Service Catalog Specialist at EBSCO and the Special Library Associations New England Immediate Past-President; Joy McNally Brandow, the Research Support Coordinator for the Union of Concerned Scientists and the SLA New England President-Elect; and Heather Mumford, the Archivist for the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about professional opportunities and discuss different career paths with these active professionals.

Event Title: Archives Faculty Drop In Lunch Hour

Date: March 30, 2016

Summary: The purpose of this event was to promote student/faculty dialogue amongst archives professors and students in the archives track at Simmons. Additionally, students could ask SCoSAA leadership about nominations for student leaders, if they were interested in participating in SCoSAA. This was well attended, and received positive feedback from faculty and students.

Event Title: Repository Tour of MIT Institute Archives and Special Collections

Date: April 6, 2016

Summary: This event was held so that SCoSAA students could visit an academic repository and see how it is managed, organized, and situated. Nora Murphy provided a tour of the repository, and started an informal conversation among students and MIT staff members, many of whom stayed for our event. Additionally, Nora shared with us the exhibition space and discussed the creation of different exhibits.

Event Title: Publishing Panel

Date: April 13, 2016

Summary: The panelists, including Mike Lotstein, Sarah Shoemaker, and Kathy Wisser, participated in an informal conversation about the process of getting published, and the role of publishing within the archival community. Students expressed an interest in getting to know the publication process, and this informal conversation was a useful way to gain knowledge and information about the publishing process specifically at the *Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies*, and more generally throughout the archival field.

Event Title: SCoSAA-AMIA Networking Social

Date: April 26, 2016

Summary: This event is to encourage networking and collaboration between students and early professionals in the area, sponsored by SCoSAA with some assistance from the Simmons chapter of AMIA. In addition to Simmons students, we invited local

professionals and other archives and history students in order to maximize networking potential. This was an opportunity to interact with new students and professionals which students had expressed interest in previously, and this event allowed for these interactions to happen.