

NAAS August Meeting Agenda

Friday, August 20, 2021

2:00–3:00 p.m. EST

1. SAA UPDATES

NAAS Section Introductions & 2021-2022 year

- Welcome to our New Steering Committee Members + Introductions
 - Chair: Diana Marsh
 - Vice Chair: Selena Ortega-Chiolero
 - Immediate Past Chair: Rose Buchanan
 - Continuing Members: Rachel Menyuk, Nathan Sowry
 - New Members: Brian Carpenter, Sam Meier, Lotus Norton-Wisla, Katherine Satriano
 - Current volunteers (we are so grateful!): Jacky Beckey, Caitlin Haynes, Julia Hause, Eric Hung, Liza Posas, Jonathan Pringle, Melissa Stoner, Nicole Topich
 - Please update contact info or let me know if you'd like to step off this list/our emails:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fOVVx3caAydKvIWKbqVguW6iTeJKZ-L46m9jVjyuuC4/edit?usp=sharing>
- Thank you to Rose!

The meeting began with brief introductions of those in attendance:

- Rose Buchanan
- Sam Meier
- Rachel Menyuk
- Selena Ortega-Chiolero
- Jonathan Pringle
- Lotus Norton-Wisla
- Eric Hing-Tao Hung
- Nicole Topich
- Katherine Meyers-Satriano
- Diana Marsh

Diana shared the current [email list](#), noting that some folks have issues with Google / Gmail.

Diana thanked Rose for successful collaborations with other SAA sections, as well as Rose's previous work as Chair more broadly.

Next the meeting turned to filling NAAS roles.

NAAS Roles 2021-2022 year

- Meeting Minutes: Previously Julia
 - 2021-2022: Sam Meier
 - Question: Should there be a formal 'Secretary' role to fulfill this?
 - Sam will take the role; Lotus will be back-up for notes/minutes
- NAAS Twitter: Previously Caitlin
 - 2021-2022: Selena Ortega-Chiolero or Brian Carpenter (if Brian is interested)
- NAAS Facebook: Previously Melissa
 - 2021-2022: Selena Ortega-Chiolero
- Microsite updates: Previously Nicole & Katherine
 - 2021-2022: Katherine Meyers Satriano - offered with caveat of being on parental leave; Diana did learn as well and can help out, but is also going on parental leave; Rachel Menyuk can serve as the backup backup
 - Microsite is a little wonky and can take some getting used to.
- Protocols Case Studies: Previously Rose & Caitlin
 - 2021-2022: ?Diana? & Lotus Norton-Wisla; Katherine also offered to help; Jonathan offered to remain as peer reviewer
 - Publications series; Diana has offered to take on this role, but there should probably be at least two people running that process
 - Process includes: soliciting/getting submissions; communicating with authors re: deadlines, etc; finding peer reviewers for those submissions (using standard SAA rubric); communicating with authors re: updates/revisions after peer review; and seeing the case studies through to publication); largely coordinating communications; SAA publications does the technical side of getting things posted online, so that's not necessary for this role
 - Rose will put together a more formal guide to this process
 - Very periodic/episodic work, not a lot of time commitment
- SAA Diversity Committee: Previously Rose
 - 2021-2022: Diana is the default attendee; could also be two people from the committee; Eric Hing-Tao Hung (will be there anyway); Selena offered to be a back up depending on when the meetings are; Selena and Diana will coordinate to be there with Eric
 - This role includes attending higher level Diversity Committee meetings for SAA;
 - Identifying a topic, forum, advisory role to Council on issues of diversity, so things can pop up over the year; fewer
- What else?

Diana will ask Brian Carpenter about NAAS Twitter.

SAA Annual Report

- Do we have questions for Council?

- Scholarships for Indigenous/Community-based Archivists (cut out all projects for section-specific asks)
- Any discussion on combining with other section
 - Talking points for why not!?

Diana discussed the desire/pressure to consolidate SAA sections; opened the floor to discuss how to maintain identity as a section while still being collaborative;

Jonathan suggested emphasizing uniqueness of concerns of the section; copy-pasting language from last year

Rose added that this can always be communicated to Dominique Luster at a later date

Report is due September 1, 2021

SAA Diversity Committee - Rose

- Updates from committee business meeting
- Report on Diversity Forum
 - Took place on Friday, August 6, at 11:00 a.m. ET
 - Speakers:
 - NEA Contingent Employment Study Task Force
 - Michelle Ganz (SAA Accessibility & Disability Section)
 - Miranda Mims (SAA Career Development Subcommittee)
 - Best Practices in Term Positions Working Group
 - Tammy Kim just assumed Chair role
- Rose added that the recording of this meeting should be available

2. ANNUAL MEETING

NAAS Section Meeting

- Thursday, July 29, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. ET.
- Guest Speakers: Lotus Norton-Wisla, Stephen Curley, Samantha Aamot
- Dominique Luster is our new liaison
- Feedback? Thoughts

Selena suggested keeping in touch with Stephen Curley re: supporting/sharing the work of National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition and their Digital Archives

Description Section Meeting

- Diana & Rose presented 5-minute lightning talk as part of meeting Monday, July 26, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. EST

Talk went well, Diana shared; range of talks were some more off the cuff vs. Diana and Rose having slides prepared, lots of talk about reparative description, folks from SNAC (?) there

3. PROJECT UPDATES

Reparative Description Webinar

- Posted! Thanks to all for your work on the webinar + transcript!
 - <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/native-american-archives-section/naas-reparative-description-webinar-now-available>

Protocols Webinars & Toolkit

- Final webinar is UP! (here and on our microsite):
<https://www.sustainableheritagenetwork.org/digital-heritage/protocols-webinar-series-5-native-american-research-protocols>
- Diana & Rose met with Jennifer on August 10 - waiting on final document (this weekend)
- Waiting to submit our final grant report ready & waiting on toolkit.

NAAS Microsite

- Thanks to Nicole and Katherine for posting the updates to the Protocols Information & Resources page:
<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/native-american-archives-section/protocols-for-native-american-archival-materials-information-and-resources-page>
- We put out a call for additional resources during the Annual Meeting.

“Press Release” to Archival Educators

- Diana reworked Spring document, new draft here (please edit by Mon so we can get out early next week):
https://docs.google.com/document/d/129yiK_dhJJNtPWlIQXk7D5o_AC3Pfinch2RrKOk80/edit?usp=sharing
- Please add and/or claim archival educator list-serves, programs, or contacts to send this to:

Diana and Selena shared [a Google sheet with list of educators](#); asked other folks to send out to educators they know

3. ATALM CONFERENCE

- September 1 is deadline to register
- Rose, Diana, Liza & Caitlin to present/lead “clinic” on Protocols 101: Starting Conversation at Your Institution, highlighting case studies and encouraging discussion
- Reminder: Nancy Beaumont confirmed that we will have a booth at ATALM this year.
- Need to identify an SAA representative—will be in charge of receiving materials, but will have conference registration paid for. Rose, Rachel, Selena, Lotus, and Diana already attending.

This would be the person officially on SAA's list - will be difficult to get this material in the mail if you're not in the DC area; Rose would be happy to help with getting the material for someone else to act as official representative

- Ideas for a new flyer? (We can also update the old one.)
 - Still need volunteer to coordinate the flyer!!

- Books + free education course registration from SAA to raffle - check with Nancy
- Diana volunteered to rework the flyer and to share with the section

4. NEW GOALS FOR 2021-2022

- Creating resources for Tribal archivists
 - Follow up on ATALM Tribal Archives Summit
 - Education/support for Tribal/community-based archives
 - Continue successful collaborative webinar model to create public resources (get some of the “celebrities” out there to be there)
 - Consider IAIA collaboration (Ryan Flahive), Knowledge River program
 - Archives 101/oral histories/other basics
 - Archives, library, museums complexes--how they work and program together (different models outside US)
 - Start with/highlight narratives ‘from the field’
 - Model off CIRI “how to” book with communities in mind
 - MOOC?

Selena shared an interest in collaborating outside SAA with Indigenous groups; no formal tribal archivist program exists, and existing programs are not compatible with needs/training/cultural competency for tribal archivists

Selena shared thoughts on possible collaborations with IAIA, many students are members of tribes which don’t have cultural resources being managed right now, so want skills to be the person who goes back to their community and becomes that person

Selena also talked about membership; want to see more tribal people on the calls; if there’s an celebrity at the call, more Indigenous folks might join and participate in the group, some of the conversations in the section are geared towards non-tribal archivists vs. tribal archivists; bring focus/energy to work directly with communities; connecting people to resources like 101s, archival education, etc.

- Protocols Toolkit - souped up version, consider print-out flowchart, graphics, info sheet?
- Increase membership of Indigenous-associated folks (attending meetings, Steering Committee members)
- Tribal Archivists Forum: Space to connect and chat and talk about issues
- Promoting community-based work (veteran’s projects; cult heritage; reparative description in other contexts; community curation) - this could be on the microsite or enhancements to the Toolkit
- New official roles for Steering Committee? Secretary (give some credit where it’s due!), “web liaison” any other? (referendum?)
 - Standing Rules:
 - <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/native-american-archives-section/standing-rules>
 - Diana will look into what this entails; probably a referendum and a vote; might be a low-lift easy thing to do which helps with Steering Committee roles

- Increasing Indigenous membership is always a goal for the Section; the collaborations are probably the big work for the year
- [Soda machines in every classroom](#)
- [Diana life update](#) - due end of December, so will likely miss January 2022 meeting, hopes to make February / March meetings
- Diana shared that having Anne Gilliland on the call (re: archival education/AERI) to create a MOOC for intro to archives, archival management, geared at tribal/community archivists
- Rachel shared that doing virtual/digital internships opens up options to tribal community members/archivists, paid internships to support tribal professionals and facilitate exchanges, who has paid internships and can offer training (esp. on-site training)
- Sam offered to be a contact with Knowledge River / the University of Arizona
- Lotus shared that UW Madison has a tribal libraries, archives, and museums course; has contact for that person (if it's the same person teaching it)
- Jonathan shared that UNM is working on a [Native Health Database](#), working with archival repositories to get content to be added to the database; could possibly be an effort for this group if it fits in; Katherine shared interest in the privacy issues associated with this kind of effort
- Sam shared that Cline Library is currently working on an [NEH grant with tribal / indigenous partners](#) if those relationships/connections are useful
- Eric asked if the Section is interested in reaching artists, such as filmmakers; mentioned a forum as through the Philadelphia Asian-American Film Festival, finalizing virtual forum which could be a place to do this kind of work
- Lotus is working on a project with Selena on the Digital Stewardship training through WSU and OCLC for TALMs as well as (public libraries?) as an online course to be released in 2022, taking the curriculum of tribal digital stewardship program and adapting it as a training / resource for TALMs (tribal archives, libraries, and museums)
- Diana shared that it is also good to know what kind of topics we don't have to cover (or where resources already exist)
- Diana also discussed adapting the Toolkit to a graphic presentation / aesthetic interpretation or more interactive interpretation (see above)

4. ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Other SAA presentations?](#)
 - [Rose](#): Rose presented with other NARA staff and the Library and Archives Canada about reparative description @ SAA - should be available now (may be paywalled); Rose can send other resources, NARA is putting out strategic plan, ramping up for outreach, may be following up later this fall about that
- [Katherine and Diana -- SNAC Edit-a-thon project, overwhelming response!](#)

- Rachel - think about for upcoming year, Nathan has mentioned, internal conversations @ NMAI about possibility of physically returning archival materials back to source communities (in discussions about using the legal term repatriation), this group could think through that topic as well, could be something that reaches a larger community as well; Diana offered a student who wants to work on repatriation
- Selena - discussed upcoming conference with tribally affiliated folks / tribal professionals, focused on Alaska, welcome other people to attend, [missed details], cultural competence series for museums, based on what Hawaii has done with tourism; Diana offered to put it up on SAA connect
- Selena - applications are open for [UVA Rare Books School The Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for Diversity, Inclusion & Cultural Heritage](#)
- fellowship managing BIPOC collections, working group, \$\$ to do training, funding to support community collaborative project in own community
- Diana - put together \$\$ for a post doc; [details here](#)