

SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY
**SOCIETY OF AMERICAN
ARCHIVISTS
STUDENT CHAPTER**



Annual Report

2022-2023

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The Society of American Archivists Student Chapter (SAASC) at San José State University (SJSU) is pleased to submit to the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Executive Council the 2022-2023 SJSU SAASC Annual Report. This document outlines the chapter's activities as well as the accomplishments that took place during the academic year.

Leadership Team

The 2022-2023 Executive Board fulfilled its mission to promote and engage SJSU students interested in the archival profession through events, membership activities, blog posts highlighting archives, and social media. Surveying the membership to identify archival areas of interest and collecting and sharing recommendations helped to strengthen the community within the Student Chapter.

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2022-2023

*Fall Semester

**Spring Semester

Membership

Student membership in SAASC grew slightly this year, when looking at the number of students signed up on Canvas (the SJSU iSchool online learning portal) and newsletter subscribers. In May 2022, SAASC had 294 students on Canvas and over 100 newsletter subscribers. In May 2023, SAASC had 311 students on Canvas and 158 newsletter subscribers. After consolidating the students signed up both on Canvas and subscribed to the newsletter, the total comes to 345 student members.



345
STUDENT CHAPTER MEMBERS

81
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MEMBERS

The following list of 81 students includes SAASC members who are also registered with SAA as of May 2023. The SAA member directory includes 74 more members with an SJSU email account or SJSU listed as the company name who were not signed up on Canvas or subscribed to the newsletter, which identifies more students to reach out to.

SAA Student Membership

Allegra Adams-Hart	Nathaniel Guttenberg	Priya Murthy
Alondra Arias	Melanie Gydesen	Bethany Park
Joana Arrechea	Diana Haney	Annie Park
Erin Bottino	Alice He	Heidi Parlin
Julie Browny	Hannah Holshouser	Caroline Perez
Katie Burns	Kaylee Homer	Ali Phelps
Mark Capehart	Emily Jerome	Kiana Pouya
Gabrielle Caprari	Ava Jones	Aryn Prestia
Erin Castillo	Stephen Kelley	Heather Reinold
Ashley Clark	Melissa Kemp	DiAndra Reyes
Desiree Clary	Marina Kenner	Frances Rickard-Morovat
Monica Colcord	Justine Kessler	Erin Robinson
Kelly Connelly	Emily Kopp	Daniel Rucker
LaShaunda Croussore	Sharon Kosach	Emma Ruff
Leah Dalrymple	Lindsay Lee	Allan Jason Sarmiento
Laura Darlington	Sarah Lewis	Rachael Sevilla
Vanessa de los Reyes	Mia Lewis	
Isabella Fidanza	Heather Lloyd	
Tina Flores	Rebecca Maitland	
Brenna Foerster	Chris Mason	
Laura Fry	Madalyne Mazurek	
Jenny Galipo	Devon McCauley	
Kristina Gerhardt	Hilary Meehan	
Heather Gideon	Ashley Minnich	
Kristi Godin	Sonora Mooney	
Angela Greben	Chris Moua	
Nique Grigsby	Rachel Murrell	



SAASC NEWSLETTER

The monthly newsletter continued to be an effective way to promote SAASC activities, and members identified the newsletter as the preferred way to get information about events and blog entries. Extra information about archival events and activities of interest outside SAASC and a welcome message to be sent to new subscribers was added during the spring semester.

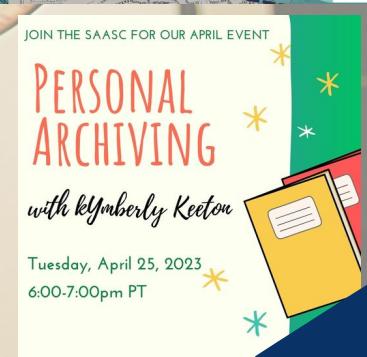
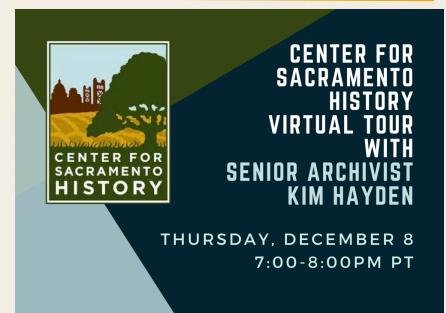
Events & Activities

Fourteen different virtual events and activities were presented throughout the academic school year. The selection of speakers was influenced by the results of a member survey to find the specific archival interests of the students. Types of archives covered by the speaking events included a local archive, a digital archive, as well as ethnic archives, and how the field of archiviv has changed.

Some events were interactive with the members such as an Ask an Archivist Q&A session with a panel of three archivists that was held on Ask an Archivist day, October 12. Students who presented posters at the Society of California Archivists conference also shared their experience of attending the conference and sharing their posters with members with a Q&A as well as other casual hang out sessions that allowed the members to better get acquainted with one another.

The membership director also organized an activity for each semester, a scavenger hunt event in the fall and a personal archive project in the Spring. These activities also enabled the members to get to know one another better and were well received.

Efforts were made to reach out and connect with other students within the SAA membership as well. The membership director reached out to Society of American Archivist Student Chapters from other schools. Some members of the board met with the chair of the SAA student chapter at Rutgers. SJSU SAASC public speaking events were also advertised on the SAA Student and New Archivist Professional discussion board.



September

Fall Semester SAASC Annual Meeting

The 2022-2023 SAASC Executive Board reviewed the plans and goals for the year for SAASC to students interested in being part of SAASC, including upcoming events, highlighting the blog and website, the benefits of SAA Membership, and how to stay connected to SAASC.

- Number of attendees at live event: 24
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 48



[Blog Post about this event](#)

October

Scavenger Hunt Kickoff Meeting

This event introduced the members to the guidelines and groupings for the Scavenger Hunt activity. The participants were put into six different groups and participated in activities to explore archives domestically and internationally as well as dig deeper into archives such as the SJSU Archives Digital Collections, the Indigenous Digital Archive, and the Alchemy Collection of the Getty Research Portal.

- Number of attendees at live event: 17
- Number of participants in the activity: 34



[Blog Post about this event](#)

Ask an Archivist Q&A Event

Three archivists, Nikki Thomas, Lolita Rowe, and Erin Baucom were invited to answer questions that the vice-chair collected questions during registration. The panelists were very forthcoming speaking about their experience working in archives.

- Number of attendees at live event: 29
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 79



[Blog Post about this event](#)

November

Inside the Archive: California Ethnic and Multicultural Archive at UC Santa Barbara

Angel Diaz spoke about her work as the curator of the California Ethnic and Multicultural Archive which is a special research collection that documents the lives of African Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, Chicanos/Latinos, and Native Americans in California. The purpose of the archive is to enhance research across disciplines for the University of California and to represent the cultural, artistic, ethnic, gender, and racial diversity that characterizes the state's population.

- Number of attendees at live event: 24
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 42

December

Center for Sacramento History Virtual Tour with Senior Archivist Kim Hayden

Kim Hayden, the senior archivist at the Center for Sacramento History, led a virtual tour of this local community archive to show the collections of cultural heritage of the Sacramento region. From local news film clips and photographs, to city records, furniture, and business signs, the center represents the city of Sacramento and beyond and makes the collections accessible to researchers, documentary filmmakers, and the community.

- Number of attendees at live event: 20
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 41

SAASC End-of-Semester Hangout

This informal event allowed the students to celebrate the end of the semester together and to share some recommendations for the winter break, including books to read, museums and archives to visit, and podcasts to listen to.

- Number of attendees at live event: 16
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 42

January

January Meetup with SAASC

The first meeting of the new year was informal as well, allowing the members to reflect on their fall semester, find classmates in classes in the spring semester, share progress through the MLIS program, and talk about archive experiences with other SAASC members.

- Number of attendees at live event: 59
- Number of views for YouTube recording: Not recorded

March

Connecting California's Collections with Christine Kim

The California Digital Library works with cultural heritage organizations throughout the State of California to provide access to finding aids and digital collections, through the Online Archive of California (OAC) and Calisphere. SJSU alumni Christine Kim, OAC/Calisphere Service & Outreach Manager, overviewed their services as well as details on how they collaborate with over 300 contributing organizations to provide access to these materials.

- Number of attendees at live event: 33
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 96

Revolutions or Evolutions: Perspectives on Progress in Archivy

This event was rescheduled from February. Brenda Gunn, the Associate University Librarian for Special Collections and Preservation at University of Virginia Library presented on the compassion and care in the archival workplace. Currently, she is a co-PI on the Mellon Foundation-funded project *On These Grounds*, which is creating a descriptive model to represent the enslaved lives who labored to build colleges and universities. Additionally, she is a partner on the Archival Revolutions Project which explores the transformative practices, theories, and ideas of the last 40 years in archivy.

- Number of attendees at live event: 20
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 37

April

Writing and presenting: Students share their conference experiences

Graduate students who had published and presented their work at the Society of California Archivists met with members to discuss their experiences with presenting at a conference and writing and editing for student publications.

- Number of attendees at live event: 27
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 41



[Blog Post about this event](#)

Personal Archiving Project Kickoff Meeting

This meeting explained the personal archive project activity, which encouraged members to arrange, describe, and present evidence of their own unique activities that highlight their history. All participants received a prize for joining the project, as well as additional recognition for stand-out and creative personal archives. A speaker was scheduled to speak about her experience creating her family genealogy but was not able to come because of being sick. Guidelines for the activity can be found [here](#).

- Number of attendees at live event: 28
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 25



[Blog Post about this event](#)

SAASC Board Q&A

The current executive board met with members interested in running in joining next year's executive board.

- Number of attendees at live event: 10
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 12

The Speaker scheduled in May was not able to present as scheduled, so that event had to be canceled.

Archeota

Archeota is a semiannual digital publication produced by the SJSU SAASC. The publication includes original content about archives written by students, for students. *Archeota* is published on SJSU ScholarWorks, the open-source digital repository of San Jose State University. Two issues of *Archeota* are being published this academic year. The Fall/Winter issue (Volume 8, Issue 2) had 112 downloads since its publication in February 2023. The Spring/Summer issue (Volume 9, Issue 1) will be published in July 2023.

Archeota Editorial Team

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Taiyah Shaver

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Katrina Williams, Hannah Holshouser,

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Outreach & Visibility

WEBSITE

The SJSU SAASC website continues to function as a useful tool to keep members informed about SAASC activities and archives of interest and the blog. The blog editor created “Archives of the Month”, an additional monthly post to highlight a different archive in addition to blog posts to highlight SAASC activities.

The website was also redesigned to improve user experience by highlighting blog posts and SAASC activities on the home page and adding a menu item for the blog. Other items that were no longer being used were also removed.



229
Followers



2900
Views

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

The social media team promoted SAASC activities and blog posts as well as exterior archivist events, internships, and job postings of interest on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Tik Tok. One of the social media coordinators stepped down after the fall semester, so a new social media coordinator was voted in February 2023 and Tik Tok was added to the social media portfolio. The first Tik Tok video covering the SAA word of the week was viewed 2900 times. Instagram followers increased by 29% from the fall, with 24% of that growth happening during the Spring semester, when the team added reels, hashtags, and posted 71% more posts.

Conferences

SAA ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2022 CONFERENCE

The SJSU iSchool sponsored ten members of the past and current leadership board to attend the SAA 2022 conference online. Six members of the 2021-2022 SAASC board: Rachael Sevilla, Diana Haney, Heather Reinold, Sereen Suleiman, Erin Castillo, and Jennifer Galipo shared a poster titled "Challenging the Status Quo: Innovative Approaches to Online Engagement", about the work they did in creating the Membership Director position and membership activities for SAASC in 2021-2022. Jennifer Galipo also shared a poster entitled, "Starting a Digital Archive in a Community-based Archive" at SAA. Erin Castillo received the 2022 Harold T. Pinkett Student of Color Award to help pay her way to attend SAA and represent the SAASC poster in person.



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SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA ARCHIVISTS 2023 CONFERENCE

Katrina Williams, Mia Lewis, and Erin Robinson presented a poster at the Society of California Archivists conference in April titled, "A Collaborative Approach to Engaging Students in Meaningful Archival Career Exploration" about how SAASC incorporated the interests of the membership from the member survey, as well as Question and Answer and interactive events, and shared documents of recommendations. Two SAASC members also presented posters and attended the conference as well.

2023-2024 Election Results

The nomination process for new officers for the 2023-2024 term opened up in May 2023, with the election later in the month with results announced May 16, 2023.

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Dr. Jessica Bushey
Dr. James Hodges

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FACULTY ADVISOR CHANGE

Professor Lindberg will no longer be teaching at SJSU, and therefore will not be the Faculty Advisor of SAASC moving forward. She has been a supportive advisor of the SJSU SAASC for many years. The new advisors, Dr. Jessica Bushey and Dr. James Hodges helped facilitate the elections to prepare for the 2023-2024 year.

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