

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



# Annual Report

2023-2024

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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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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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# Membership

SAASC student membership increased this year, reflected in the number of students registered on Canvas (the SJSU iSchool online learning portal). SAASC also saw growth in social media and newsletter subscribers this year. In May 2023, SAASC had 311 registered student members on our Canvas roster. In May 2024, that number was 335, reflecting an almost eight percent increase.



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## STUDENT CHAPTER MEMBERS

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SAA

# MEMBERS

The following list of 67 students includes SAASC members who are also registered with SAA as of May 2024. The SAA member directory includes additional members with an SJSU email account or SJSU listed as the company name who were not signed up on Canvas, which could identify more students to reach out to.

# SAA Student Membership

Sabrina Alipate  
Sabine Asanger  
Gabrielle Biasi  
Rebecca Billings  
Mason Blechner  
Gianna Brassil  
Shannon Broden  
Larry Brown  
Julie Browny  
Katie Burns  
Lisa Burrola  
Christine Caldwell  
Christine Cao  
Mark Capehart  
Desiree Clary  
Lisa Collins  
Amy Detrich  
Amanda Espinoza  
Heather Gideon  
Daniel Gonzalez  
Heather Grosso  
Melanie Gydesen  
Jamie Hall  
Hannah Holshouser  
Kaylee Homer  
Ava Jones  
Stephen Kelley

Jeni Kim  
Kelly King  
Sharon Kosach  
Theresa Kowalski  
Jo Kajeski  
Erica Leff  
Elsa Levecque  
Annmarie Lewer  
Sarah Lewis  
Heather Lloyd  
Marlene Lozano  
Rebecca Maitland  
Michael Martinus  
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Hilary Meehan  
Joy Metcalfe  
Kim Minard  
Courtney Miranda  
Emily Mizokami  
Vincent Monster  
Bethany Park  
Caroline Perez  
Ali Phelps  
Aryn Prestia  
Chris Reynolds

Natalie Sheehan  
Caitlin Sheil  
Jax Skorich  
Gwendolyn Smith  
Sarah Smith  
Mitchell Tanaka  
Alison Throckmorton  
Clarissa Trapp  
Jake Warren  
Sasha Wetmore  
Katrina Williams  
Phoebe Yip  
Candice Zablan



## SAASC NEWSLETTER

The monthly newsletter continued to effectively promote SAASC activities, and was identified as a preferred way to get information about events and updates. The newsletter was moved from MailPoet to Substack in February 2024 to avoid technical issues and to increase visibility. As of May 2024, the SAASC Newsletter has 232 subscribers, an increase from 139 in September 2023, a 67 percent increase.

### SAASC | March 2024 News

In like a lion, out like a lamb



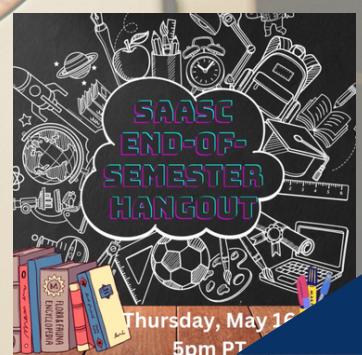
Greetings, newsletter readers! It's March, and the semester is moving swiftly along! SAASC has certainly been busy, so thanks to all of you for making this an exciting hub of activity ❤️ We've been having fun with our SAASC 24 in '24 Archives Bingo cards! It's never too late to start - download it and share...

# Events & Activities

Fifteen different virtual events and activities were presented throughout the academic school year. The selection of guest speakers was influenced by networking with professors, colleagues, and ARCHIVES\*RECORDS 2023 presenters, and was intended to reflect our members' diverse archival interests, as gleaned from our biannual member surveys.

Fostering interaction and communication among members were key goals for the 2023-24 SAASC executive board. The guest speakers' sessions all included a dedicated Q&A session, allowing SAASC members to reflect on and engage with presenters' content in meaningful ways. Prior to the tour of SJSU's Archives & Special Collections, members were invited to request archival items to be pulled for a closer look. This event also concluded with a Q&A session, as did the biannual Member Meetings.

To this end, the Membership Director also organized several activities each semester: a virtual scavenger hunt, an Archives Madness tournament, and a Transcribe-a-Thon. These activities enabled members to get to know one another better, and were well received.



# **September**

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## **Fall Annual Member Meeting**

The 2023-2024 SAASC Executive Board introduced themselves and reviewed plans and goals for the year, including upcoming events and activities; the blog, website, and Archeota; benefits of SAA membership, and how to stay connected to and involved with SAASC.

- Number of attendees at live event: 33
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 60

# **October**

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## **Collective Relevance: Curating Black Art & History Through Independent Praxis**

To kick off our monthly speaker series, SAASC was pleased to welcome kYmberly Keaton, Director and Chief Library Curator of ART | library deco, to discuss the conception and development of this online African American virtual art library, as well as its plans for expansion to a physical location.

- Number of attendees at live event: 17
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 51

## **Virtual Scavenger Hunt Kickoff**

This event introduced the members to the guidelines and groupings for the Scavenger Hunt activity. The participants were grouped into eight teams and participated in weekly challenges to explore various archives, such as SJSU's Digital Collections, the Indigenous Digital Archives, and a variety of community and museum archives.

- Number of attendees at live event: 11
- Number of participants in the activity: Not recorded

# ***November***

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## **Game On: Navigating the World of Video Game Archiving**

In November, we hosted Alison Quirion, Archivist at Santa Monica Studios, for an exploration of her journey to her current role as a video game archivist. As an SJSU alumna, Alison was also uniquely positioned to reflect on her MLIS, recommending courses, job hunt tips, and more for our members to consider.

- Number of attendees at live event: 56
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 183

# ***December***

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## **Digital Archives Save Lives: Preserving Documents for Public Health with the UCSF Industry Documents Library**

Our final speaker for the Fall semester was Rachel Taketa (another SJSU alumna), who presented on her work as Processing and Reference Archivist at the UCSF Industry Documents Library, with an emphasis on the newer Opioid Industry Documents Archive.

- Number of attendees at live event: 17
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 72

# **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: 11
- Number of views for YouTube recording: Not recorded

## **January**

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### **SAASC January Meetup**

The first meeting of the new year was also informal, inviting attendees to reflect on their fall semester, find classmates in classes in the spring semester, and talk about archives experiences with other SAASC members. SAASC leadership also provided a brief overview of the semester's events.

- Number of attendees at live event: 33
- Number of views for YouTube recording: Not recorded

## **February**

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### **Ask an Archivist with Dr. Jessica Bushey**

Our first spring semester speaker was Dr. Jessica Bushey, Assistant Professor at SJSU's iSchool and SAASC Faculty Advisor, who presented on advocacy in archives and raising the profile of archives within larger organizations. The discussion included real-world examples and an exciting Q&A session.

- Number of attendees at live event: 29
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 100

# Spring Annual Member Meeting

Similar to SAASC's Fall Annual Member Meeting, the leadership team introduced themselves and their roles, goals and plans for the spring semester, and a welcome for new and returning student members.

- Number of attendees at live event: 43
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 33

## ***March***

### **Putting the Pieces Together: Creating and Maintaining an Archives in a Regional Medical Center**

In March, SAASC hosted Mary Jo Russell, Knowledge Resources Librarian & Archivist at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center, to discuss her work as a solo librarian/archivist, as well as her publication of a history of the hospital. With over 30 years of experience in a medical library, Mary Jo was a valuable addition to our speaker series roster this year.

- Number of attendees at live event: 26
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 53

## **Archives Madness**

In the tradition of college basketball, and inspired by a similar activity at the University of Southern Indiana's David L. Rice Library, SAASC selected archival items to face off in a friendly tournament-style competition, highlighting the diversity of SJSU's Digital Collections including format types, old and new objects, and key historic events. This activity included brackets and a website created on Google Sites.

Meet all sixteen contenders below, then cast your votes in the Google form at the bottom of the page to champion your favorite from each challenge. Let's see which eight will advance to the [Round 2](#)!

Round 1 Winners

Challenge 1: Marlon Brando on set (48 votes) vs. Kindergarten children and "kiddies" (17 votes)  
Challenge 2: Spartan Spasms 1927-04 (50 votes) vs. 1924 La Torre (14 votes)  
Challenge 3: Sally Ride SJSU Event Poster (52 votes) vs. How to Get Appointed to a Public Office Pamphlet (12 votes)

# April

## **No Results Found – Uncovering Hidden Lives: Gender Bias in Archives and Special Collections**

For our final guest speaker of the year, SAASC welcomed Thera Webb, Women@MIT Project Archivist, for an enlightening conversation that challenged biases and celebrated the hidden treasures of women's scientific history. Thera outlined key aspects of her work to highlight female students at MIT and preserve their legacies, notably through the recent exhibit "Under the Lens: Women Biologists and Chemists at MIT, 1865-2024."

- Number of attendees at live event: 33
- Number of views for YouTube recording: 57

## **Transcribe-A-Thon (co-hosted with ASIS&T SC)**

In this week-long activity, SAASC teamed up with ASIS&T SC to explore the intersection of history and technology via the Smithsonian's Transcription Center. The week was bookended by two Zoom events, including a roundtable with Smithsonian staff Emily Cain and Mark Custer, as well as daily live sessions hosted in the SAASC Discord server for participants to collaborate and converse about their findings.

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

# May

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## **SAASC Tour of SJSU's Archives and Special Collections**

SAASC was thrilled to be able to host a hybrid tour of SJSU's Archives and Special Collections, led by SJSU University Archivist Carli Lowe. A small contingent attended in person, and there was a robust virtual crowd as well. Due to security reasons, this event was not recorded, but was nonetheless a fascinating look at the physical space, and a selection of some key archival objects, that comprise SJSU's Archives and Special Collections.

- Number of attendees at live event: 20
- Number of views for YouTube recording: Not recorded

## **End-of-Semester Hangout**

Our final event of the semester was another informal opportunity for members to come together and reflect on the past year, celebrate academic successes, and look forward to the future. We shared recommendations for archives classes, job hunt and resume tips, and more, bidding farewell to the 2023-2024 executive board.

- Number of attendees at live event: 15
- Number of views for YouTube recording: Not recorded

# 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 9, Issue 2) had 73 downloads since its publication in March 2024. The Spring/Summer issue (Volume 10, Issue 1) will be published in June 2024.

## Archeota Editorial Team

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Taliyah Shaver, Katrina Williams

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Hannah Holshouser, Gwendolyn Smith

## Fall / Winter 2023, Volume 9, Issue 2



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- The Southwark Archives: Stories of a London Borough and its People By Amanda Leung
- Chains of Fire: Building a Queer Archive in Mill Valley, CA By Benja Thompson
- The Fabric of a Community: How Events Connect Individuals to Institutions By Katrina Williams
- Farewell to Our Winter 2023 Graduates: Interviews With SAA Student Chapter Leaders
- The Atlas of AI: A Critical Perspective of Artificial Intelligence in Archives By Amelia Smith
- Disaster Preparedness Plans, Climate Change, and Archives By Lawrence Lorraine Mullen
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Access past issues of *Archeota* on Scholarshare



# Outreach & Visibility

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## 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 began “Archives of the Week”, to highlight a different archive each week. We also successfully featured several guest blogs by SAASC members, one, highlighting the annual Sacramento Archives Crawl and the other focusing on the Sacramento History Center

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**4477**

**Impressions**



**1139**

**Views**

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## SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

The social media team promoted SAASC activities and blog posts as well as external archival events, internships, and job postings on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and TikTok. YouTube subscribers increased by 46 percent from the fall, from 112 to 164. Twitter impressions across the year totaled 3,573, with 1,000 impressions in March, coinciding with our Archeota and March Madness posts. Instagram followers increased by 21 percent. LinkedIn impressions reached over 1,000 in both November 2023 and March 2024.

# Member Engagement

## DISCORD

Discord became the place for SAASC members to connect and chat about classes, commiserate on the internship/job hunting process. Starting with two members, by the end of the semester we hit 103 members, a 5,050 percent increase. We created specific channels for Archive Madness and Transcription events.

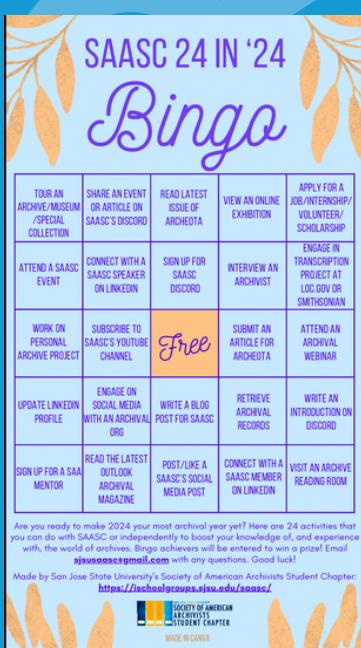
 **103**  
Members

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Our Fall scavenger hunt deployed a new tool, Padlet, allowing SAASC members to team up while solving weekly challenges.



## GIVEAWAYS



As a way of eliciting interest at meetings and in Discord. SAASC created several giveaways throughout the year, like end of the semester certificates and '24 in '24 Bingo. We also shared them with other student groups who were interested in using them for their own groups.



SJSU SAASC congratulates you on successfully completing the Fall 2023 semester! In recognition of all your heartfelt discussion posts, last-minute submissions, and support of our events and activities, thank you for making the SAASC community a part of your SJSU journey.



# 2024-2025 Election Results

The nomination process for new officers for the 2024-2025 term opened up in April 2024 with the election later in the month with results announced in May 2024.

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## FACULTY ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Jessica Bushey and Dr. James Hodges have served as a sounding board for Archeota, provided prompts and clues for our Scavenger Hunt, stepped in as a guest speaker, helped facilitate the elections, and provided support throughout the year. We look forward to our continuing partnership.

## CONNECT WITH US

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