

Dear Society of American Archivists,

Hello, it is Ari Smith. I am UNC Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science's Student Chapter of the Society of American Archivists Liaison.

This semester was fruitful for SCOSAA, as we were able to maintain doing archive-related events throughout the semester. As I am graduating, I will not be the SCOSAA Liaison for Spring 2024, but I hope to still participate as I plan to stay in the area for the near future.

Sincerely,

Ari

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UNC SCOSAA 2024 Annual Report

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<https://heellife.unc.edu/organization/SCOSAA>

Mission

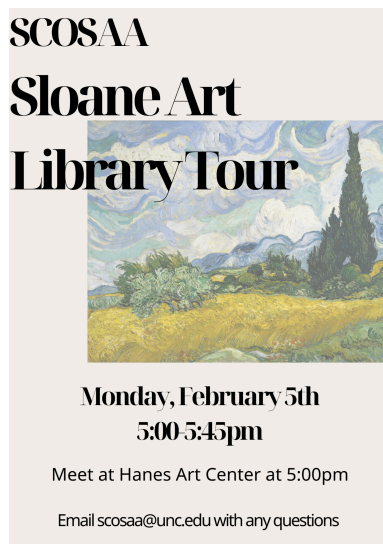
The University of North Carolina's Student Chapter of the Society of American Archivists is dedicated to the professional development of its students by broadening their understanding of issues related to the archival, museum, and cultural heritage professions. Through our series of professional speakers, workshops, and institutional visits we keep our mission alive. We also invite individuals from the university and the wider community to join us in our discoveries.

Spring 2024 Highlights

February

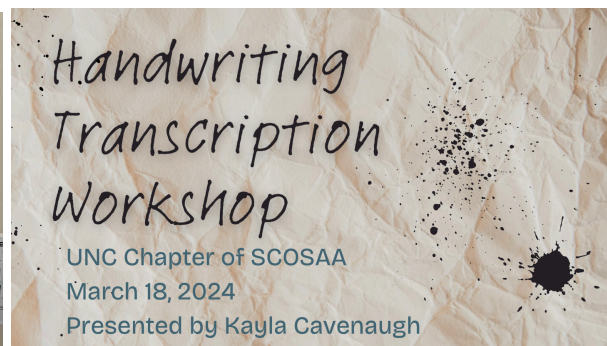
In early February, SCOSAA participated in a **tour of the Joseph Curtis Sloane Art Library**, led by Josh Hockensmith, Art Library Technical Assistant. Josh spoke about the library's collection, focusing on artists' books gathered around a table covered with a selection of Sloane's artists' books and facsimiles, which SCOSAA members were able to handle and look at closely.

Later in the month, SCOSAA also hosted a **pizza party**, sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Government.



March

In late March, SCOSAA hosted a **workshop about handwriting transcription** presented by member Kayla Cavanaugh, who shared her past work experiences transcribing German-language manuscripts. Attendees learned about AI-powered handwritten text recognition models and participated in person and over Zoom.



April

The **annual meeting for the Society of North Carolina Archivists** was held at the State Archives from April 17-19. Several SCOSAA members attended and a few presented at the conference.

SCOSAA executive board **elections** were held on April 22. Kayla Cavanaugh was elected President and Ari Smith was elected Liaison. Colette Harley filled the vacant position of Treasurer, and Lulu Cimarusti and Emma Eubank filled the vacancies of Webmaster and Secretary, respectively.

Fall 2024 Highlights

August

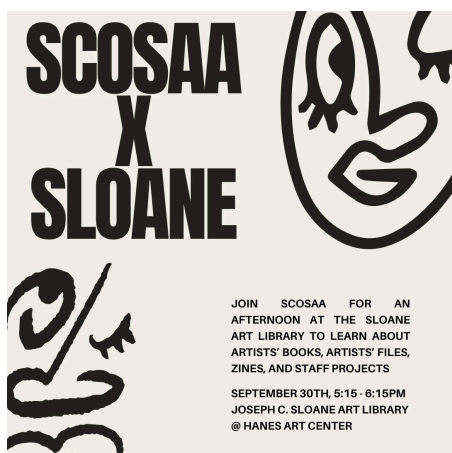
We began August with our **first 2024-2025 executive board meeting**, where we got to know each other, discussed SCOSAA board member roles, and brainstormed our goals for SCOSAA this semester. We also made collaged bookmarks for the UNC-SILS **orientation** where we promoted the group at a desk along with other SILS student groups.



Our **introductory meeting** on August 26 had a good turnout, with 9 attendees. This meeting went over the SAA and SCOSAA, types of events we will do in the future, shared what motivates us professionally and a fun fact about ourselves, and did collage. Two attendees were student SAA members.



September



In September, SCOSAA worked with graduate assistants Shiloh Jines and Lulu Cimarusti and Josh Hockensmith, Art Library Technical Assistant, of the Joseph Curtis Sloane Art Library to host a **tour of the art library**, based on the positive response from February's tour. Shiloh, Lulu, and Josh shared their expertise and we walked throughout the library after closing, learning about Sloane's collection, with special focus on artists' books, the North Carolina Women Artists Archive, and Artists' Files. We ended the tour with time to look closely at and handle a selection of zines and artists' books pulled by Shiloh. We had 4 attendees, one of whom was a student SAA member.

October

The main October event was a **From the Page transcription workshop** collaborating with UNC's Wilson Library. Attendees were shown how to use the AI-powered based transcription software From the Page to help transcribe handwritten correspondence for Wilson Library. The goal of this event was to introduce SILS students to these tools and show how they can help contribute to making Wilson's materials more accessible. Wilson is currently piloting From the Page, and asked SCOSAA members to contribute transcription, as well as provide feedback on the platform. This event had 15 attendees, 2 of whom were student SAA members.



Our next October event was a more casual **pumpkin painting gathering** on the front steps of Manning Hall where we offered small pumpkins to paint and decorate along with assorted pins.



November

The penultimate event of the semester was a **talk over Zoom with archivist Jennifer Douglas** (professor, iSchool at the University of British Columbia), which Professor Elliott Kuecker helped host. Dr. Kuecker was very helpful in promoting the talk, after his classes, and even modified his assigned readings to include some of Douglas' literature. Douglas gave a presentation on her work and how people use archiving as a way to process grief and trauma before answering some questions. These included questions submitted ahead of time for the talk and questions written in the Zoom chat. This was the highlight of SCOSAA's Fall semester, with 33 attendees, including the SCOSAA executive board and Professor Kuecker.

A TALK WITH JENNIFER DOUGLAS

Join SCOSAA for a virtual presentation and discussion with Jennifer Douglas, an Associate Professor at the iSchool at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on how individuals and communities use records in processes of grief and bereavement, on the intimate relationships between records and their creators, and person-centred and care-oriented archival theory and praxis.

**12 NOVEMBER 2024
3 PM ON ZOOM**



Scan the QR code to register!

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After the talk we sent out a feedback form to attendees. Early results suggest our members liked the accessibility of the virtual talk and suggested we transcribe the questions in the chat next time. One member wrote that they are excited for future talks with local archivists.

December

As our final event this year, SCOSAA collaborated with the Queer Library and Information Collective (QLIC) to host a **party** in conjunction with **QLIC's annual holiday book exchange**. The executive board of QLIC oversaw the coordination of the book exchange and SCOSAA contributed hot beverages. Members of both organizations exchanged their books and mingled together for some holiday cheer at the end of the semester.

Student Members

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Aaron Brenner
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Olivia Coyne
Camilla Crane
Jennifer Dai
Christina Denecochea
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Vivian Lewis
Samantha Lipert
Lucy Marous
Sydney Martin
Bernice Meja
Grace Midha
Jessica Nifong

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Cassilyn Ostrander
Mert Overcash
Roshan Panjwani
Kathryn Phillips
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Ari Smith
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Arie Taxier
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Hannah Whitaker
Jane Whittington
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