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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS STUDENT CHAPTER

Annual Report

2024-2025

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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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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

Student membership decreased this year with the graduation of members in the winter and spring; however, the number of students who were also registered as members of SAA increased. In May 2025, SAASC student membership, reflected in the number of students registered on Canvas (the SJSU iSchool online learning portal), was 287. Of the 287 members, 81 students are also members of SAA. In May 2024 those numbers had been 335 and 67, respectively.



287

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 2025. 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

Alisha Acosta
Natalie Alvarez
Alexandra Angel
Araceli Argueta
Sabine Asanger
Siera Beal
Michelle Berman
Rachael Bermudes
Rebecca Billings
Mason Blechner
Gianna Brassil
Shannon Brockhurst
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Shelby Figueroa
Taylor Galvan
Megan Gorham
Karl Grunwald
Ronald Harper
Nicholas Haynes

Cameron Hazer
Lee Heer
Mazel Higa-Kazuma
Natalie Hollander
Kaylee Homer
Natalie Hooper
Joshua Insel
Jesse Jacobs
Ava Jones
Monuchroth Keary
Stephen Kelley
Jennifer Kiszonas
Sharon Kosach
Joanne Krajewski
Lisa La
Terri Ledbetter
Erica Leff
Elsa Levesque
Lori Lindberg
Heather Lloyd
Marlene Lozano
Rayana Caridad Macam
Andrew MacKay
Matthew Martin
Elise Mills
Alyssa Minadeo
Emily Mizokami
Jennifer Payan
Elena Porton
Aryn Prestia
Esther Ramirez

Chris Reynolds
Amber Rivero
James Robinson
Andrea Ruiz
Isabella Sanchez
Marcia Sanchez
Melina Sanchez
Rea Sandhu
Christine Schindler
Morgan Seeley
Caitlin Sheil
Melissa Southern
Any Spratley
Jenna Sturr
Emily Taina
James Truitt
Myranda Valdez
Yessica Villanueva
William Wallace
Sasha Wetmore



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. As of May 2025, the SAASC Newsletter has 342 subscribers, a 73 percent increase from 251 subscribers in August 2024.



Single cherry blossom at Ueno Park. (Flower season at Tokyo) (Tôto no Hana) Ueno Kôen no Sakura. Retrieved from the Library of Congress.

Greetings, newsletter readers, and Happy March! Hope all of your semesters are going well! We would greatly appreciate it if you wouldn't mind filling out our [member survey](#) so that we may get to know you better 😊

Events & Activities

The Society of American Archivists Student Chapter at San Jose State University presented 14 virtual events and membership activities during the 2024-2025 academic year. Our speakers were selected based on the results of our biannual membership survey, which reflected our members' diverse archival interests. Speakers included archival professionals working in corporate and media archives, academic archives, a music library, community archives, museum archives, historical societies, and a historic library.

One of our goals this year, based on the results of our Fall semester membership survey, was to focus on internships and early career preparation. With this in mind, we planned and hosted our first internship symposium in February 2025. The event included guests from three different repositories that host internships; they each shared their advice on the application and interview process. Additionally, we collaborated with the ASIS&T Student Chapter and hosted a workshop that explored using Adobe Photoshop in archival outreach and exhibits.

Our final goal this year was to bring awareness to the SAA community, tools, and scholarships. During each speaker event we shared the information for the related SAA committee with our attendees, highlighting SAA's programming and resources. Many of our speakers were members of SAA and shared their thoughts on the value of belonging to an archival association which provides networking opportunities, continuing education, and leadership opportunities. Our social media coordinator also created and shared a scholarship resource guide focused on archival scholarships available from different associations across the country, including SAA.



September

Fall Annual Membership Meeting

The 2024-2025 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.

SLASC X SAASC International Guitar Research Archive

This event was co-hosted by the SJSU Special Libraries Association Student Chapter (SLASC) and SAASC. This was a presentation and Q&A with Julieta Garcia, archivist at the International Guitar Research Archive at CSU Northridge.

October

SLASC & SAASC: E-Portfolio Q&A Preparation

This series was created by the SJSU Special Libraries Association Student Chapter (SLASC) and this session was co-hosted by SAASC. The event provided tips to help students prepare for their e-portfolio.

SAASC Fall Scavenger Hunt

This event introduced the participants to the guidelines and groups for the Scavenger Hunt activity. Students participated in weekly challenges to explore various digital archives.

SAASC Presents: A Look at the Patagonia Archives

This presentation and Q&A with Darcey Moore, archivist at Patagonia, gave students a look at what it's like working at a corporate and textile archive and tips on useful skills to develop in preparation for this environment. This event was not recorded.

November

SLASC X SAASC Present: Texas After Violence

This event was co-hosted by the SJSU Special Libraries Association Student Chapter (SLASC) and SAASC. This was a presentation and Q&A with Hannah Whelan, Associate Director of Programs and Strategy at Texas After Violence Project.

SAASC Presents: Get Your House in Order – Advocating for Your Archives

This presentation and Q&A with Professor Erin Lawrimore, SJSU professor and University Archivist at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, provided a look at working at a university and the departmental relationships required.

January

Spring Semester Kickoff Hangout

This event was co-hosted by the SJSU ASIS&T, REFORMA, AANHPI, SAASC, and SLASC student groups to welcome students to the spring semester and build colleague connections.

February

SAASC Presents: Archives Internships Symposium

This event was a Q&A with panelists, Sydney Wessinger from The Historic New Orleans Collection, Laura Pappani from The Doris Foley Historical Library, and Emily Wittenberg from the American Film. The panelists oversee archives interns at their respective organizations and provided tips for standing out in the application process and interviews.

March

SAASC Presents: The Role of a Museum Archivist and Record Keeper

This presentation and Q&A with Jennifer Thompson, archivist at the J. Paul Getty Trust, provided an example of the skills needed for working as an archivist at a museum.

SAASC Presents: Metadata at the Walt Disney Company

This was a presentation and Q&A with Kristy Martin, metadata specialist at Walt Disney, with a background in archives and preservation management. This event was not recorded.

April

ASIS&T SC X SAASC Present: Examples of Technology in the Archives

This event was co-hosted by SJSU ASIS&T and SAASC. This was an instructional demonstration of Adobe Photoshop and a Q&A with Carli Lowe, university archivist at SJSU, and Raymond Lam, instructional designer at SJSU.

SAASC Presents: Memory, Identity, and Art

This presentation and Q&A with Cassandra Marsillo, public and oral historian in Montreal, provided an example of working on an oral history project at a community archive in Canada.

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 10, Issue 2) had 341 downloads since its publication in March 2024. The Spring/Summer issue (Volume 11, Issue 1) will be published in June 2025.

Archeota Editorial Team

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Katie Burns
Lucy Casey, Michelle Berman, Jesse Jacobs,
Elsa Levecque, Rebecca Maitland,
Rea Sandhu, Gwendolyn Smith

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2025-2026 Election Results

The nomination process for new officers for the 2025-2026 term opened up in April 2025 with the election later in the month with results announced in May 2025.

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Faculty Advisor SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Jessica Bushey and Dr. James Hodges have served as a sounding board for SAASC and Archeota, provided assistance in promoting our events and opportunities in their courses, helped facilitate the elections, and provided support throughout the year. We look forward to our continuing partnership.

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