**2018-19 Archival History Section Annual Report**

# Name of Section:

Archival History Section

# Council Liaison:

Erin Lawrimore

# Report Compiled by:

Alex H. Poole, Outgoing Chair

# Officers and Steering Committee:

Chair: Cory Nimer, returning

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: pending

Steering Committee: pending

Intern: pending

# Completed Projects and Activities:

* + July 2018-August 2019: Chair Alex Poole served as member of Editorial Board of

*Information and Culture: A Journal of History*.

* + Chair Poole’s article “’Be Damned Pushy at Times’: The Committee on the Status for Women and Feminism in the Archival Profession, 1972-1998,” appeared in *The American Archivist* 81, no. 2 (fall/winter 2018).
    - The article received the 2019 Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research from the American Library Association.
  + Chair (2017-2018) Kolar’s article, “Bourgeois Specialists and Red Professionals in 1920s Soviet Archival Development,” appeared in *Information and Culture: A Journal of History* 53, nos. 3-4 (2018).
  + July 2018-August 2019: AHS welcomed our second intern, Natalie Worsham, who attended all AHS Steering Committee meetings and worked with the editors of *Archival History News*
  + AHS continued the newsletter *Archival History News* (<https://archivalhistory.news>) as the authorized publication of AHS under co-editors Eric Stoykovich and Nathan Saunders, with the invaluable assistance of intern Natalie Worsham.
    - The newsletter continues its mission to communicate the value of archival history to a broad public through the publication of ongoing archival history research, documentary or biographical notes, book reviews, and announcements of interest to those writing about the history of archives, archivists, and archival practices.
    - AHS Chair, Alex H. Poole provided a “Chair’s Letter” in the fall of 2018 and again in the spring of 2019 to update AHS members and *AHN* readers on the work of the AHS Steering Committee.
    - Saunders resigned his position as newsletter co-editor effective August 2019.
  + March-August 2019: AHS again considered submissions for the Archival History Article Award
    - This prize encourages and rewards an article or other short piece of superior excellence in the field of archival history, regardless of subject, time period, or national boundaries. The award includes a certificate and fifty-dollar prize
    - The AHS Awards Sub-Committee met in June to select a winner.
    - At the annual meeting in August, the Archival History Article Award was given to Heather Wolfe and Peter Stallybrass for their chapter, “The Material Culture of Record-Keeping in Early Modem England,” printed in *Archives and Information in the Early Modern World*, edited by Kate Peters, Alexandra Walsham, and Liesbeth Corens.
* 2019: The Steering Committee updated and disseminated the AHS Readers’ Guide to Archival History and Historiography and the Bibliography of Archival History via the AHS listserv, AHS microsite, and *Archival History News*.

# Ongoing Projects and Activities:

* Work on *Archival History News* continued.
* Intern Natalie Worsham continued outreach efforts through AHS social media sites, particularly Twitter.

# AHS Contributions to the 2014-2018 SAA Strategic Plan

* *Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists*
  + The new Archival History Article Award promotes and publicizes work on the history of our profession.
  + AHS continues to promote the section, SAA, and the history of our profession through social media, especially Twitter, thereby providing leadership in promoting the values of archives and helping to educate about the importance of archives and archivists.
* *Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth*
  + The revived *Archival History Newsletter* supports professional growth by providing publication opportunities for members. As access to the newsletter is free, it also provides accessible and affordable opportunities to learn more about our profession’s history.
  + This year AHS continued to mentor an intern to support the career development of a new professional.
  + The AHS Chair serves on the Advisory Board of *Information and Culture: A Journal of History* assisting in providing publications that reflect the latest thinking in the field.
* *Goal 3: Advancing the Field*
  + The new *Archival History Newsletter,* Archival History Article Award, ongoing work on bibliographies of archival history, the Chair’s service on the Advisory Board of *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*, and the Chair’s and previous Chair’s publications address goal 3 by fostering and disseminating research in and about the field.
* *Goal 4: Meeting Members' Needs*
  + The *Archival History Newsletter* facilitates effective communication with and among members by providing a venue for communication from the AHS Steering Committee to members, as well as an opportunity for AHS members to publicize their work on archival history. The new publication also provides an opportunity for more members to participate in the work of AHS.

# Report on 2018 Annual Meeting

* The Archival History Section met on Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 1:45 to 3:15 at the J.W. Marriott in Austin, Texas.
* Number of Attendees: 59 (signed up)
* Election Results:
  + Chair: Cory Nimer (returning)
  + Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: pending
  + Steering Committee: pending
  + Intern: pending
* Summary of meeting events
* Welcome and introductions
  + Review of second year of *Archival History News* with co-editors Eric Stoykovich and Nathan Saunders and intern Natalie Worsham.
  + Presentation (in absentia) of Archival History Article Award to Heather Wolfe and Peter Stallybrass for their chapter, “The Material Culture of Record-Keeping in Early Modem England,” printed in *Archives and Information in the Early Modern World*, edited by Kate Peters, Alexandra Walsham, and Liesbeth Corens.
  + Panel and Discussion featuring Stephen Mielke, Ransom Center Archivist and Collections Librarian and Head of Description & Access (Archival Materials) at the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas-Austin.
  + Close of Meeting