

2017-18 Archival History Section Annual Report

Name of Section:

Archival History Section

Council Liaison:

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Kelly A. Kolar, Outgoing Chair

2018-19 Officers and Steering Committee:

Chair: Alex Poole, returning

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Cory Nimer

Steering Committee:

Patricia Delara

Sebastian Modrow

Susan Tucker

Intern: Natalie Worsham

Completed Projects and Activities:

- July 2017 – August 2018: Vice-Chair Alex Poole served as member of Advisory Board of *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*.
- July 2017 – August 2018: AHS welcomed our first intern, Rebecca Leung, who attended all AHS Steering Committee meetings and worked with the editors of *Archival History News*
- October 2017: AHS revived the newsletter *Archival History News* (<https://archivalhistory.news>) as the authorized publication of AHS under co-editors Eric Stoykovich and Adam Mosseri. AHS's 2017-2018 intern, Rebecca Leung, also contributed to the revival of the newsletter.
 - The revived newsletter took as 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.
 - September 2017 and October 2018 AHS Chair, Kelly A. Kolar, provided "Chair's Letter" to update AHS members and *AHN* readers on the work of the AHS Steering Committee.
 - March–April 2018: AHS Steering Committee conducted a search for 2018-2019 *AHN* editors selecting co-editors Nathan Saunders and Eric Stoykovich.

- March–August 2018: AHS launched inaugural 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
 - A call for nominations was distributed in March.
 - The AHS Awards Sub-Committee, Chair Kelly A. Kolar and Steering Committee Members Ashley Stevens and Ciaran Trace, met in June to select a winner.
 - At the annual meeting in August, Chair Kelly A. Kolar awarded the inaugural Archival History Article Award to Patricia Kenney Grimsted for her chapter "Pan-European Displaced Archives in the Russian Federation: Still Prisoners of War on the 70th Anniversary of V-E Day," from the 2017 book *Displaced Archives* edited by James Lowry. Grimsted was not able to attend, but the award was accepted on her behalf by Kolar and her full remarks were posted to the AHS Microsite.
- July 2018: The Steering Committee prepared and disseminated the AHS Readers' Guide On Archival History and Historiography via the AHS listserv, AHS microsite, and *Archival History News* to promote and supplement the upcoming panel presentation: "Guide to Navigation in Perilous Times: Journeys through Archival History and Historiography" by Dr. Alex H. Poole and Dr. Ciaran B. Trace

Ongoing Projects and Activities:

- Work on the revived *Archival History News* continued with spring issue, as well as an upcoming fall 2018 issue.
- Steering Committee member, Ashley Stevens, continued efforts at outreach through AHS social media sites, particularly Twitter.
- Steering Committee member, Ciaran Trace managed work on additions to our "Bibliography of Archival History" and "Select History of the World's Archives, 1588-1898" bibliography.
- AHS Steering Committee selected Natalie Worsham as intern for 2018-2019. She will attend Steering Committee meetings and work with the *AHN* co-editors, Nathan Saunders and Eric Stoykovich.

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 took on its first intern in an effort to more directly mentor and support the career development of a new professional.
- The AHS Vice-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, and the Vice-Chair's service on the Advisory Board of *Information and Culture: A Journal of History* helps to meet 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 Thursday August 16, 2018 from 4:15 – 5:30 pm in Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington DC.
- Number of Attendees: 54
- Election Results:
 - Chair: Alex Poole, returning
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Cory Nimer
 - Steering Committee:
 - Patricia Delara
 - Sebastian Modrow
 - Susan Tucker
 - Intern: Natalie Worsham
- Summary of meeting events
- Welcome and introductions
 - Review of first year of *Archival History News* with co-editor Eric Stoykovich
 - Introduction of new co-editor, Nathan Saunders.
 - Presentation of inaugural Archival History Article Award to Patricia Kennedy Grimsted for her chapter, "Pan-European Displaced Archives in the Russian Federation: Still Prisoners of War on the 70th Anniversary of V-E Day," from *Displaced Archives*.
 - Panel and Discussion: Guide to Navigation in Perilous Times: Journeys through Archival History and Historiography
 - Moderator, Ashley Stevens introduced panel and panelists, Dr. Alex H. Poole and Dr. Ciaran B. Trace
 - Close of Meeting