

# Society of American Archivists Council Meeting Chicago, IL

## Archival History Section: Annual Report (Prepared by: Natalie Worsham)

Year: 2024- 2025

Current Rosters (Include full name, position title, and term end date for each):

- Natalie Worsham, Chair, 9/1/2025
- Elizabeth Jones-Minsinger, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, 9/1/2025
- Kristin Nyitray, Member-at-Large, 9/1/2025
- Sebastian Modrow, Member-at-Large, 9/1/2025
- Melissa Smith, Member-at-Large, 9/1/2025

Council Liaison: Krystal Appiah

### PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

*(Please indicate all projects and activities that your component group has completed this year, continues to work on, or plans to implement in the following fiscal year.)*

#### **Completed:**

- Archival History Article Award—this award is given yearly
- Winter Lecture—generally given by previous year’s Article Award winner, yearly

#### **Ongoing:**

- *Archival History News*—newsletter

#### **New:**

- Continue above 3 projects

### SAA STRATEGIC PLAN

*(Please review the current [Strategic Plan](#) and indicate below how the component group has or plans to contribute to one or more of the four main goals.)*

#### **Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists**

#### **Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth**

- Our Winter Lecture is an opportunity for professional development as the topics are always related to archival history. This lecture is free and open to all.

### **Goal 3: Advancing the Field**

- With our Archival History Article Award, we are highlighting new scholarship, which helps to bring awareness of this new research to the community.

### **Goal 4: Meeting Members' Needs**

- The newsletter, *Archival History News*, is now available in pdf form, which makes it more accessible to members. We have open opportunities for members to engage by writing pieces for the newsletter.

## SAA ANNUAL MEETING

Number of attendees: 25

Link to meeting minutes: <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/archival-history-section/annual-meeting-minutes-2025>

Summary of meeting activities and highlights:

- Presented the Archival History Article Awards
  - SAA member award winner—David Olson, “Forms, Formations, and Reforms”
  - nonmember award winner—Joel Antonio Blanco Rivera, “Custody, provenance and meaning in the context of state intelligence records: the case of las carpetas in Puerto Rico”
- Announcement of incoming steering committee
- Lecture by Christopher B. Livingston, Director of the Historical Research Center (HRC) at California State University, Bakersfield on highlighted collections and projects being undertaken at HRC.

## SELF-ASSESSMENT

*How would you describe the health or energy of the group, and how engaged are the members?*

I would describe the group as healthy. We always have a nice turnout for our Winter Lecture as well as our Annual Meeting.

*Did the component group’s leadership encounter any challenges in achieving its goals for the year?*

No

*What suggestions do you have for the SAA Council and staff that might help address these challenges in the coming term?*

*What questions or concerns do you have for the SAA Council and staff?*