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SAA ANNUAL MEETING

The Archival History Roundtable will hold its next meeting at the Society of American Archivists' annual meeting in St. Louis on Thursday, October 26, 1989, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Greg Bradsher, Michele Pacifico, and Rod Ross, who have co-chaired the roundtable since its inception in 1986, will turn the chairmanship over to Jim Corsaro of the New York State Library.

While we realize that there are a great deal of meetings and activities on Thursday, we hope all members of the roundtable will attend the meeting to discuss roundtable programs and projects, the state of archival history, and welcome out new chair, Jim Corsaro. Bring your ideas for the 1990 SAA annual meeting to be held in Seattle.

Agenda for Roundtable Meeting

- I. Report of past year's activities - Bradsher and Pacifico.
- II. New business - Jim Corsaro.
- III. SAA 1990 program - Jim Corsaro.
- IV. Dictionary of American Archival Biography - Fred Stielow.
- V. A report from the ALA's Library History Roundtable by Robert S. Martin, Associate Director of Libraries for Special Collections, Louisiana State University. Bob will discuss the "Statement on History in Education for Library and Information Science."

The 1989 SAA Annual Meeting program lists a number of sessions that should be of interest to roundtable members. On Friday is "Thinking Back: Recollections of Four Senior Archivists," and "In the Beginning: The Origins, Development, and Future of the Religious Archives Section." On Sunday there is "Clio 'n Bits: The Archival Record of Early Information Processing in the Federal Government." In addition, the year 1989 marks the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography and there are a number of sessions that cover the history of photography and the archival administration of this media.

See you in St. Louis.

Attached are the responses to the roundtable's March 1989 questionnaire. Unfortunately, a number of the March newsletters lost their cover sheets in the mail and were returned to Michele Pacifico. We have included a copy of the questionnaire in this issue of the newsletter and will make them available at the SAA annual meeting. We hope everyone will complete one so we can issue a complete 1990 membership listing. Send your completed questionnaires to Michele Pacifico, National Archives and Records Administration, NAA, Room 404, Washington, DC 20408.

The Archival History Newsletter is published in the winter and summer by the SAA Archival History Roundtable. The outgoing Roundtable Co-Chairs and Newsletter editors are: Greg Bradsher, Michele Pacifico, and Rodney A. Ross. The incoming chairperson of the roundtable is Jim Corsaro. Any communications to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent Jim Corsaro at the New York State Library, Manuscripts and Special Collections, Empire State Plaza, Cultural Education Center, Albany, New York 12230 (518-474-5963).

The Archival History Roundtable plans to issue an updated version of its membership listing in 1989. Please fill out this page, detach it, fold it in half, staple or tape it closed, affix a 25¢ stamp, and mail it to Michele Pacifico.

Unless you indicate to the contrary information provided may be reprinted in a subsequent issue of the Archival History Newsletter and/or in the 1989 membership listing.

I.. Name, address, and daytime phone (limited to five lines in all):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

II. Area(s) of research interest: _____

III. Are you interested in appearing as part of an archival history-sponsored 1990 SAA session?

If so, do you have a specific title or subject for a paper in mind? If so, what? _____

If not, do you have a general area in mind for a possible session? _____

IV. Do you have a specific article you'd be willing to write for an issue of the Archival History Newsletter? If so, what? _____

V. What addresses, papers, honors, forthcoming engagements, etc. do you have to your credit, relating to archival history in the broadest sense, which haven't previously been reported in the Archival History Newsletter? _____

VI. Do you have any suggestions as to areas of concern for the Archival History Roundtable? If so, what _____

RESPONSES TO MARCH 1989 QUESTIONNAIRE

Greg Bradsher - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTERESTS: American archival history; ancient archives (2500-1500 B.C.)

1990 SAA SESSION: Would like to present papers on either Wayne-C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, 1948-65; or Archives of Ebla (c. 2200 B.C.)

NEWS NOTE: Recent publication--"The FBI Records Appraisal," The Midwestern Archivist (Fall 1988)

Maynard Brichford - University Archives, 19 Library - 1408 West Gregory Drive - Urbana, Illinois 61801

RESEARCH INTEREST: German archives; British archives; archival theory

1990 SAA SESSION: Interested in participating, possibly at a session on Napoleonic archival dislocations

POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO NEWSLETTER: Something on archives of the Holy Roman Empire

NEWS NOTE: Did research in 1985 in Vienna and Munich

J. Frank Cook - University Archives, B134 memorial Library - UW-Madison, 728 State Street - Madison, WI 53706 - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Society of American Archivists; higher education

1990 SAA SESSION: Possibly interested in being on panel outlining the archival certification by petition process and the research potential of its database (on a "no-name" basis only)

POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO NEWSLETTER: See above

NEWS NOTE: Recent publication--"Academic Archivists and the SAA 1938-1979: From Arcana Siwash to the C&U PAG," The American Archivist (Fall 1988)

TOPIC FOR ROUNDTABLE/NEWSLETTER: Keep putting in plugs for the SAA Archives, both as research facility and as recipient for donations

Roberta (Robin) VH. Copp - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTERESTS: WPA, Historical Records Survey; would like to serve as an editor for the Archival Biographies Project

NEWS NOTES: Initiated into Beta Phi Mu (April 1989); forthcoming publication--"Anne King Gregorie: South Carolina Historian," South Carolina Historical Magazine (1990)

Dwayne Cox - University Archives - Auburn University - Auburn, Alabama 36849 - [REDACTED]

Frank B. Evans - Office of Records Administration (NI), NARA
- 601 D St., NW - Room 9120 - Washington, DC 20408

RESEARCH INTEREST: General history of archives
administration

1990 SAA SESSION: Possibly interested in participating at a
session on the use of archives in researching and teaching
history

POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO NEWSLETTER: Possibly a revision of
Evans' May 1989 ICA Ottawa paper on the history of control
systems for paper-based records

James Folts - New York State Archives - Cultural Education
Center 11D40 - albany, New York 12230 - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTEREST: Judicial records

L. D. Geller - American Field Service Archives and Museum -
313 East 43rd Street - New York, New York 10017

NEWS NOTES: Forthcoming publication--The American Field
Service Archives of World War I, 1914-1917, Greenwood Press,
Inc.; works in progress: U.S. military operations in World
War I and a social history of the 17th century Plymouth
colony

Alexandra S. Gressitt - McCain Library and Archives -
Southern Station Box 5148 - Hattiesburg, Mississippi
39406-5148 - [REDACTED]

1990 SAA SESSION: Would be happy to moderate a session

Kathleen (Robinson) Hartt - Museum of Fine Arts, Houston -
P.O. Box 6826 - Houston, Texas 77265 - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTEREST: General history of archival/manuscript
curatorship; special interest in museums and the development
of archival programs in them

Thomas Jones - Division of State Court Administration - Room
323, State House - Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 -
[REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTEREST: Archives and the law, court records,
local records, history of archival development at the state
level, diplomatic archives, archival development in the
Middle West, history of regional archival organizations
TOPIC FOR ROUNDTABLE/NEWSLETTER: History of state and
regional organizations

William L. Joyce - Princeton University Library - One
Washington Road - Princeton, New Jersey 08544 - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTEREST: History of the advent, growth, and
development of special collections and archival holdings in
all manner of repositories in the United States

1990 SAA SESSION: Proposed a session on the patterns of the
growth and development of academic archives in the United
States

Charles H. Lesser - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTEREST: History of South Carolina repositories, especially the Department of Archives and History, and the care of South Carolina records generally
1990 SAA SESSION: Interested in giving a paper, "Emblem of a Cause: the South Carolina Ordinance of Secession"
POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO NEWSLETTER: Possibly something relating to the above topic

Michele F. Pacifico - NAAP Room 404 - National Archives - Washington, DC 20408 - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTEREST: Women archivists; feminization of the archival profession
1990 SAA SESSION: Interested in participating

Trudy Peterson - National Archives Building - Washington, DC 20408 - [REDACTED]

Patrick M. Quinn - University Archives - Northwestern University Library - Evanston, Illinois 60208 - [REDACTED]
RESEARCH INTEREST: General archival history

James B. Rhoads - History Department - Western Washington University - Bellingham, Washington 98225 - [REDACTED]
RESEARCH INTEREST: U.S. archival history, international archival history

Rod Ross - National Archives (Center for Legislative Archives) - Washington, DC 20408 - [REDACTED]

Frederick J. Stielow - SLIS, MARIST - Catholic University - Washington, DC 20064 - [REDACTED]
RESEARCH INTEREST: Biographies of archival figures; development of military intelligence and information systems during World War II
1990 SAA SESSION: Interested in participating in a session on the proposed Dictionary of American Archival Biography
NEWS NOTE: Forthcoming publication--"Library, Warriors and Rapprochement: Archibald MacLeish, Carl Milam and World War II," Libraries and Culture (winner of the 1989 Justin Winsor Prize in library history)

Lee Stout - C107 Pattee Library - University Park, Pennsylvania 16802 - [REDACTED]
RESEARCH INTERESTS: Historical Records Survey; college and university archives
1990 SAA SESSION: Would like to give a paper on Curtis Garrison and the Historical Records Survey in Pennsylvania

Bruce Turner - University of Southwestern Louisiana - USL PO Box 40199 - Lafayette, Louisiana 70504 - [REDACTED]
RESEARCH INTERESTS: Biography; manuscript repositories
1990 SAA SESSION: Willing to participate, but has no topic in mind, although given the meeting will be in Seattle a consideration of Richard Berner might well be in order
TOPIC FOR ROUNDTABLE: Oral history project

Robert M. Warner - School of Information and Library Studies
- 550 East University - Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1092 -
[REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTERESTS: National Archives, archival education
POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO NEWSLETTER: Sometime Warner would
like to do a piece on National Archives independence

Rodney Young -- National Archives of Canada - 344 Wellington
St. #3105 - Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, KIA ON3 - [REDACTED]

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Labour archives, government archives,
automation and archives

1990 SAA SESSION: Interested in giving a paper,
"Comparative U.S.-Canada Labour Archives Development"