

Show Me Archives and the Community Engagement Legacy of Aurora Davis

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Outline

- History of Archival Education:
 - Guidelines of the 1970s-80s and Aurora E. Davis
 - 1979 emergence of SAA's affinity groups
 - At Mizzou: integrating archival education in the School of Library and Informational Studies, est. 1966

Archival Education 1930s-70s

- Focused on apprenticeship and training
 - Arrangement
 - Description
 - Reference and Use
- “Workshops, institutes, and adjuncts” (Cox, 1997: *Janus*)
 - Not enough advocacy and public relations, and appraisal
- But – and this is key – arguably no “wall” between archival researchers and practitioners. (and not much research...)

Aurora Elisa Davis (1947-1998)

The Development of the Major Commercial Airlines in Dade County, Florida: 1945-1970

By AURORA E. DAVIS*

The prosperity of Dade County is built in a large measure around tourism. In fact, tourism is Greater Miami's largest single source of income, as it contributed, by 1970, over 2.1 billion dollars a year to the

*This paper is based upon a Master of Arts thesis in history written in 1972 at the University of Miami.

†This designation of "Miami's big four" is not to be confused with the four largest domestic trunk carriers (American, Eastern, TWA, and United) the so-called "big four."

- Trained as a historian (MA 1972, U of Miami, FL)
- Left Miami for Missouri to pursue a second master's degree in library science (MA 1978, Mizzou)
- Course paper written for LS 450 Research
- 75 graduates, Class of 1977

Aurora Davis

hours of work at the 400-level, of which at least 9 must be in library science.

ARCHIVE ADMINISTRATION

For those students with a specific interest in work with archives in organizations, institutions, government agencies or industrial concerns a sequence of courses is provided as a preparatory professional program. This program should be planned in consultation with the archive administration faculty member. An undergraduate degree in history, philosophy, political science or business is desirable.

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANSHIP

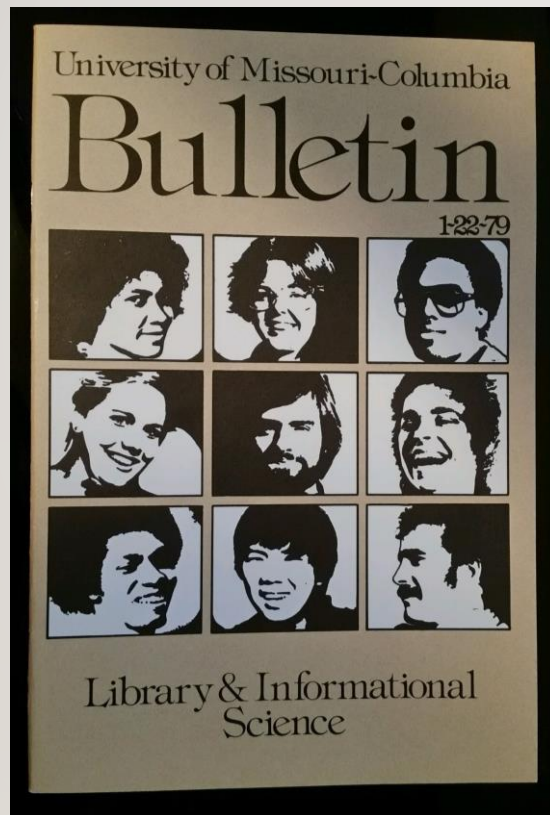
Students interested in work in a medi-

- Beginning 1978-79, was Instructor in Library Science
- Taught LS 447 Archive Administration (+-LS 327 Preservation and Restoration)
- Infused with gov docs, copyright, news-gathering – and community engagement

1979: SAA affinity groups

- SAA made a number of initiatives to recruit women in the 1970's
- 1978 introduced PAGs (volunteer, not appointed)
- Ms. Davis: active in the Reference Access and Outreach PAG, created 1981 "Archivists and Copyright Law" bibliography

MU School of Library & Informational Science (1966-1996)



- SLIS began with library skills courses in 1912, dept in 1950
- Inaugural Dean Ralph Parker known for automation work
- Dean Edward Miller (1974-84) elevated Ms. Davis' Archive Administration teaching
- Dean Mary Lenox (1984-96)

Future Work



- Hidden Figures in the history of archival education
- More research on course syllabi, skills transferability, GPAS integration
- Evolution of archival science in iSchools and LIS programs