

SAA California State University, Sacramento Student **Chapter** **2013-2014 Annual Report**

Introduction

Defunct since 2007, students from the Public History M.A. program restarted the student organization in 2013. As a large number of public history students expressed great interest in the archival field, a need to form a local student organization arose. In August 2013, the Society of American Archivists, California State University, Sacramento Student Chapter was reactivated from its former dormant status. Not content with being a passive organization, the SAA CSUS Student Chapter strived to be active within the Greater Sacramento region, the local public history community, and local archival associations. Although our chapter is few in number in comparison to other chapters across the country, the SAA CSUS student chapter has opened archival and history tours to the general public, collaborated with local archival repositories to create regional research guide, and hosted workshops for aspiring archivists and the general public alike.

2013-2014 Officers

President: Allan Jason Sarmiento

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Membership

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2013-2014 Activities

Meetings

September 14, 2013

- Location: CSUS University Union, Sacramento
- Interim Meeting: group discussion on direction and proposed activities for the 2013-2014 Academic School Year. Announced formal election process for academic school year (prior to this, officer positions were interim President and interim Treasury).

November 1, 2013

- Location: CSUS Special Collections and University Archives, Sacramento
- First public meeting: discussed club activities for the academic school year (tours, workshops, projects). Meeting open to members of public history program. New membership sign up made available after the meeting.

December 20, 2013

- Location: Streets of London restaurant, Sacramento
- End of semester meeting: Introduction of on Archival Research in Sacramento project, shirt size inquiry for SAA CSUS t-shirts, preliminary date for future tours, and announced an expansion of officer positions for the fall 2014-spring 2015 academic school year.

January 13, 2014

- Location: Cafe Bernardo restaurant, Sacramento
- Archival Research in Sacramento (ARIS) Committee meeting: Introduced project goals and assigned volunteer writers to create an article/research guide for a participating archival institution.

January 25, 2014

- Location: Flaming Grille Cafe, Arden-Arcade
- SAA Poster Session meeting: Brainstorm theme for poster session. Poster theme is Re-discovering the Gold Country.

February 7, 2014

- Location: CSUS University Union, Sacramento
- Beginning of Semester meeting: Primary focus of the meeting was the public outreach activities for the spring 2014 semester, including Sacramento County History Day, National Conference for Public History annual meeting, Marshall Gold Discovery Park tour, and the archival appraisal workshop. Also announced status updates for ARIS project and the SAA Poster Session.

May 3, 2014

- Location: CSUS Special Collections and University Archives, Sacramento
- End of Semester meeting: Announced elections for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

Achievements and Projects

Archival Research in Sacramento (ARIS) Research Guide

- Completed: May 1st, 2014
- User-friendly database which highlights collections by category for each local archives

Gold Country Archivists Presentation: Beginners Access for Archival Research in Sacramento

- Date: June 11, 2014
- Present findings of ARIS project, along with surveying for future collaborations.

SAA Poster Session: Re-Discovering the Gold Country

- Date accepted by Student Program Subcommittee: March 14, 2014
- Creating poster for the SAA Annual Meeting. Illustrates how the SAA CSUS student chapter reached out to the general public with workshops, research guides and tours.

Tours

CSUS Library Special Collections and University Archives

- Date: November 1, 2013
- Faculty Advisor Julie Thomas gave a tour of the Special Collections and University Archives facilities, displaying prized collections, valuable original manuscripts, and AV Collection holdings.

Sacramento City College Special Collections

- Date: November 23, 2013
- Archivist Caroline Hacker gave a tour of the Special Collections facility at Sacramento City College. Caroline gave a brief college and library history, supplementing her presentation with historic photographs and artifacts.

Marshall Gold Discovery Park

- Date: April 26, 2014
- In honor of the 150th Anniversary of the California State Parks system, the SAA-CSUS organized a joint field trip with the Sacramento State Public History program. In an effort to connect with the community at large, members of the Gold Country Archivists association and the general public were invited as well.

Volunteer Activities

Family History Day

- Members assisted California State Archives staff and the Genealogical and Historic Council of the Sacramento Valley. Members served as room moderators for genealogical research presenters.

Sacramento County History Day

- Date: March 18, 2014
- Location: Inderkum High School, Natomas

- Members served as judges for K-12 history projects. Projects included documentaries, 2-d exhibit displays, 3-d exhibit displays, performances, and essays.

Workshops

The Art of Appraisal by Andrew Hyslop (Archivist I at the California State Archives)

- Date: April 11, 2014
- Location: CSUS Special Collections and University Archives, Sacramento
- Introductory workshop on basic appraisal history and procedures. The workshop also allowed attendees to try their hand at appraising and determining archival value of records.