

# SAA California State University, Sacramento Student Chapter 2014-2015 Annual Report

## **Introduction**

Defunct since 2007, students from the Public History M.A. program restarted the student organization in 2013. The current administration continues to enforce the tradition of being an active organization in the Sacramento Community. Members of the CSUS SAA chapter volunteered at events like the Archives Crawl and Sacramento County History Day. Both events focus on exposing young children and the general public to local history. The organization continues to add collections and research facilities to the Archival Research in Sacramento database. The database provides novice researchers with the collection scope of local archival facilities. By opening archival and history tours to the general public, collaborating with local archival repositories to create a regional research guide, and hosting workshops for aspiring archivists and the general public, the SAA CSUS chapter continues a tradition of community involvement in the Sacramento region.

## **2014-2015 Officers**

**President:** Monica Mello

**Vice President:** Annie McCausland

**Secretary:** Ignacio Sanchez-Alonso

**Treasurer:** Jared Jones

## **Membership:**

Sara Beach

Amanda Berkson-Brand

Nicholas Franks

David Harper

Sydney Hinton

Nathaniel Heilmann

Jared Jones

Shelby Kendrick

Deborah Lee

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Westby Mize

Brittani Orona

Paul Rendes

Jason Sarmiento

Ethan C. Tratner

## **2014-2015 Activities**

## **Meetings:**

July 1, 2014

- Location: Kupros
- Interim Meeting: group discussion on direction and proposed activities for the 2014-2015 Academic School Year.

September 12, 2014

- Location: University Archives (CSUS)
- Discussed Summer highlights and officially welcomed new members to the club, first meeting of the semester.

October 3, 2014

- Location: University Archives (CSUS)
- Discussed upcoming events and ARIS project phase II.

November 21, 2014

- Location: Café Bernardo, Sacramento
- Discussed upcoming tour of Wells Fargo archives in San Francisco and Sutter's Fort. There was discussion about attending NCPH in Nashville and possible options for paying for the trip.

December 12, 2014

- Location: University Archives (CSUS)
- Discussed possible upcoming workshops and trips, treasurer provided his update regarding funding for NCPH trip.

February 6, 2015

- Location: University Archives (CSUS)
- Discussed ARIS testing project, upcoming elections, spring Calendar and list of possible events were also discussed.

March 6, 2015

- Location: The Distillery Restaurant, Sacramento
- Discussed upcoming field trip to Sutter's fort which will be led by Jared Jones. Members also discussed deadlines for SAA elections as well as deadlines for applying for scholarships at Sacramento State.

April 3, 2015

- Location: Blue Cue Restaurant, Ca.
- Officers elections for the upcoming school year were discussed; the Sutter's Fort trip will take place on April 6. Also discussed was the new design of the club shirts, and the SJSU, UCLA, and CSUS joint conference.

May 15, 2015

- Location: University Archives (CSUS)
- New officers were elected for the following school year, congratulations to the new administration. The joint conference between SJSU, UCLA and CSUS will take place on June 20th at the California State Archives.

### **Achievements and Projects:**

#### SAA Poster Session: *Aris Testing Project*

- Creating poster for the SAA Annual Meeting. Illustrates the demographics of researchers using the Archival Research in Sacramento database.

#### *Archival Research in Sacramento (ARIS) Research Guide*

- Phase II completed: May 15, 2014
- User-friendly database which highlights collections by category for each local archives in Sacramento. Phase two expanded the number of facilities on the database.

### **Tours:**

#### Wells Fargo Corporate Archives and Museum

- Date: November 14, 2014
- Students were given a tour of the museum and archives; the collection of material highlights the bank's role during the Gold Rush.

#### Sutter's Fort

- Date: April 6, 2015
- Jared Jones gave a tour of Sutter's Fort State Historic Fort. The tour included access to areas of the fort that are not always available to the general public. Jared Jones SAA member was able to pull some strings and get us inside places the general public normally does not see, at the end of the tour he fired one of the forts cannons.

### **Volunteer Activities:**

#### Archives Crawl

- Members assisted California State Archives staff and the Archives Crawl. Members served as tour backups, and greeters. The SAA chapter also participated by having their own booth at the crawl.

#### Sacramento County History Day

- Date: March 7, 2015
- 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:**

*Copyright and Intellectual Property Workshop and Tour of the California State Parks  
Museums Collection Center*

- Date: September 22, 2014
- Location: California State Parks Museums Collection Center, Sacramento
  
- Introductory workshop on basic intellectual property procedures. After the workshop attendees were give a tour of the facility.