

**Drexel University Society of American Archivists (DUSAA)  
Student Chapter  
2011 Annual Report**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Drexel University Society of American Archivists (DUSAA) is pleased to submit to the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Executive Council this second Annual Report on accomplishments, overarching developments, and future goals. This past year has been another engrossing one filled with new Officers, Members, events, and outreach efforts for the group.

DUSAA has worked to foster partnerships and a greater sense of community with other regional archives organizations and repositories, such as the Delaware Valley Archivists Group (DVAG). In addition, the Student Chapter continues to explore ways in which to better integrate the online student demographic so prevalent within the Archival Studies Concentration of the Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MS/LIS) degree program of the iSchool at Drexel.

Below is a summary of DUSAA information pertaining to Members and Officers, as well as events and developments of 2011.

## **MEMBERS AND OFFICERS SUMMARY**

### **DUSAA Members**

The following is a current list of DUSAA Members and non-Member “Friends of DUSAA” (including iSchool Alumni and colleagues from the archival field), as integrated with the DUSAA Google Group for news, events, and employment postings:

Theresa Altieri  
Todd Anselmo  
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Lacey Baxter  
Laura Bees  
Doreva Belfiore  
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Jonyce Brown  
Kristen Brown  
Daniel Cavanaugh  
Siobhan Cerny  
Christy Cibes  
Elizabeth Clephane  
Nicholas Consales  
Leidy Cook  
Nathan DeHoff  
Cory Dieterly  
Christiana Dobrzynski Grippe  
Leah Donnelly  
Eric Dreizen  
Janae Dwight  
Laura Eaton  
Gregory Farr

Jillian Ferrara  
Michael Feters  
Elizabeth Freeman  
Barbara Gamble  
Peter Garavuso  
Rebecca Goldman  
Megan Good  
Caitlin Goodman  
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Devon Greene  
Cara Griggs  
James Gross  
Sherry Grundy  
Kristin Gunn  
Kelly Guris  
Kathryn Hammond  
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Leslie Harker  
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Emily Hobbs  
Karla Irwin  
Anna Jakubowski  
Leilani Johnson  
Nicole Joniec  
Brian Kantorek  
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Gregory Kiefer  
Kristina Knable  
Charlotte Knight  
Amber Korb  
Phoebe Kowalewski  
Andrew Kronemyer  
Lisa Kruczek  
Lori Lauterbach  
Darryn Lickliter  
Grace Lu  
Jessica Lydon  
Gerri Mahn  
Elizabeth McCown  
Danielle Menon  
Alexander Miller  
Shavonne Munnlyn  
Angela Neimand  
Sarah Newhouse  
Caren Nichter  
Jennifer Novia  
Maeryn Obley  
Amber Paranick

Jan Patton  
Sarah Potter  
Amy Resh  
Sarah Reynolds  
Cynthia Schwartz  
Stephanie Sendaula  
Christine Sharbrough  
Robert Sieczkiewicz  
Susan Siu  
Maureen Skorupa  
Josie Smith  
Veda Tulasi Darby Soberman  
Ryan Taylor  
Trena Taylor  
Caitlin Tingo  
Tiffinie Tobias  
Hoang Tran  
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Roberto Vargas  
Adam Wasserman  
Andrew Wickliffe  
Ian Williams  
Sarah Wilson  
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### **DUSAA Faculty Advisor and Officers**

The following is a list of the current DUSAA Faculty Advisor and Officers:

#### ***Faculty Advisor***

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## **DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES SUMMARY**

### **Overarching Achievements**

- With quick turnover of graduating students in the iSchool's MS/LIS program (relatively brief at approximately one year for full-time students), DUSAA again elected new Officers in early March 2011 via an online poll. DUSAA established a Vice President role, assumed by Daniel Cavanaugh; Stephanie Sendaula took on the Online Outreach Coordinator role established in 2010; Caitlin Tingo assumed the ongoing Treasurer role; and Erica Harman assumed the ongoing Secretary role. Brian Kantorek and Christiana Dobrzynski Grippe continued in their roles as President and Events Coordinator, respectively.
- At each of DUSAA's regular General Meetings throughout the past year, Members discussed developments in the archival field, as well as shared information about course curricula and conferences.
- Several DUSAA Officers and Members attended the SAA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (August 2011), in addition to Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) meetings in Alexandria, VA (May 2011) and Bethlehem, PA (October 2011).
- DUSAA Members discussed ways to promote workshops and exhibitions of the Drexel University Archives & Special Collections, as well as ways in which to partner with the Delaware Valley Archivists Group (DVAG) for events and initiatives.
- DUSAA Officers worked closely with Faculty Advisor Susan Davis over the course of the past year to promote the organization's efforts, and to recruit new Officers and Members.
- DUSAA continued to improve its outreach efforts through the role of the Online Outreach Coordinator. Stephanie Sendaula has helped DUSAA to utilize social networking tools like Blackboard, Google Groups, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to better broadcast information about DUSAA events, meetings, and professional archival opportunities; also to create greater online accessibility for Members to attend meetings and events via Internet capabilities, wherever possible.
- Erica Harman recorded detailed meeting minutes at all DUSAA General Meetings—as well as both DVAG events for which DUSAA was a cosponsor—which later were disseminated via the DUSAA Google Group. Erica also utilized Doodle as an effective social-networking instrument for coordinating meeting times among fellow Officers.
- Brian Kantorek established a dedicated institutional e-mail address for the student organization ([DUSAA@drexel.edu](mailto:DUSAA@drexel.edu)) through the University's e-mail system.
- Stephanie Sendaula maintained updates on the DUSAA website, now hosted by the University under a new URL: <http://ischool.drexel.edu/dusaa/>.
- In addition to an updated website, Stephanie Sendaula delivered a survey in July 2011 to all DUSAA Members of the Google Group to develop an Online Membership Directory. This came at the suggestion of Susan Davis, in an effort to better connect DUSAA Members and Alumni of the Drexel Online and On-Campus communities by region.
- Former Online Outreach Coordinator Melissa Hozik created DUSAA flyers to promote the organization at iSchool open houses, DUSAA General Meetings, and DVAG meetings. These—along with DUSAA pens and pins purchased as additional promotional tools—have served to help increase participation in the DUSAA Google Group and organization as a whole.
- On several occasions over the course of the year, DUSAA Officers joined with Officers from the Drexel University Special Libraries Association (DUSLA) and the Student Chapter of the American Library Association (SCALA) for social events at nearby venues throughout Philadelphia. This has been helpful to build rapport and community, and to strategize toward methods for future partnerships.

- DUSAA Officers have made a consistent effort to host regular General Meetings each academic term (Drexel University functions according to an abbreviated quarterly academic calendar), in addition to at least one outreach event each term (i.e., an archives tour, a speaker event, and/or a social gathering). Officers receive ongoing support from the Staff of the University Archives, the iSchool, and DVAG's leadership.
- On Tuesday, February 22, 2011, Susan Davis met with Brian Kantorek and Melissa Hozik to strategize for DUSAA's continual development throughout the calendar year.
- On Friday, September 30, 2011, Caitlin Tingo submitted to the Drexel University Office of Campus Activities (OCA) the DUSAA budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Along with this budget proposal, Caitlin also prepared a written summary of 2011 events and funding allocations.
- On Thursday, November 3, 2011, Brian Kantorek submitted to OCA the required application for renewed recognition as an official Drexel University student organization. It was approved soon thereafter; at which point Brian Kantorek and Caitlin Tingo fulfilled the required online Student Organization Officer Training (SOOT). This training demonstrated how DUSAA must pursue funding through the University; plus the proper protocol for hosting events.
- On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, all DUSAA Officers met with Jessica Edonick, Director of Commuter, Graduate and Transfer Student Programs and Services (CGTSPS) at Drexel University to learn more about how CGTSPS can support DUSAA as a student organization. Officers learned about funding sources, as well as how DUSAA can better connect with iSchool Alumni in the archival field.
- In December 2011, Brian Kantorek established contact with representatives of the Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) for a possible presentation to DUSAA Members about the benefits and requirements of professional certification. DUSAA Officers and ACA representatives will continue the discussion in early 2012 to plan for an upcoming event.

## Events

- In preparation for a repository open house on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, DUSAA partnered with the Drexel University Audio Archives (DUAA) to promote and participate in an event to learn more about the home of the Sigma Sound Studios collection. DUAA hosted this reception exclusively for Members of DUSAA and DVAG; coinciding with a special DUAA event held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, featuring a public discussion with two audio archivists: David Lemieux for The Grateful Dead, and Kevin Shapiro for Phish. DUSAA Members had an opportunity to meet and mingle with these audio archivists at both events.
- Prior to the DUAA event on Thursday, February 24, 2011, DUSAA held a General Meeting during which Brian Kantorek and Melissa Hozik delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the benefits and goals of DUSAA participation.
- On Wednesday, March 23, 2011, several DUSAA Officers met with DVAG Chair Margaret Graham and Vice Chair Matt Herbison to discuss plans for partnership opportunities; including a DVAG meeting and the Archives Career Panel held later during the year. The two organizations' Officers agreed to partner for at least one event each year in the future. The Archives Career Panel will be held annually toward the close of Drexel University's Spring Term each year.
- On Thursday, March 31, 2011, DVAG held its quarterly meeting in the Ewell Sale Stewart Library at the Academy of Natural Sciences (now an institutional entity of Drexel University). DUSAA officially cosponsored the meeting and repository tour, which included small-group discussions on the topic of "Getting the Most Out of Your Intern, and Out of Your Internship."
- On Tuesday, April 12, 2011, the iSchool hosted a Professional Library Association Networking Event for which DUSAA Officers staffed an information table, and networked with members of other student organizations and student chapters of national associations. Brian Kantorek

addressed the group at large with a summary of DUSAA activities and Membership. Following the event, the iSchool disseminated to MS/LIS students via e-mail a document with contact information for all student organizations. A recording of the Networking Event is available here: <http://www.ischool.drexel.edu/video#143>.

- On Friday, March 18, 2011, DUSAA Officers gathered at a nearby restaurant in the University City section of Philadelphia to discuss future goals of the organization. Former Officers offered guidance and suggestions to new Officers; a symbolic passing of the torch.
- The group held a General Meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011. The meeting was well-attended both in person and online. Matt Herbison of DVAG attended, and—along with Christiana Dobrzynski Grippe—reported on developments for the Archives Career Panel.
- On Friday, April 29, 2011, Stephanie Sendaula represented DUSAA at a cross-organizational meeting of DUSAA, SCALA, and DUSLA to discuss opportunities for interaction among the various iSchool graduate student organizations.
- Daniel Cavanaugh and Stephanie Sendaula worked to promote and coordinate a popular field trip to the University of Pennsylvania’s Museum of Archeology and Anthropology—held on Friday, May 20, 2011—where attendees had a chance to tour the Museum Archives and Mediterranean Collections. Participants met with Alessandro Pezzati, Museum Archivist, and Lynn Makowsky, Devries Keeper of the Mediterranean Collections.
- On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, DUSAA and DVAG collaborated to host what both groups hope to be the first in an annual series of Archives Career Panels. Moderated by Susan Davis, the well-attended event was held at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in the Center City section of Philadelphia. Representatives from a range of local archival institutions engaged participants in a fascinating and educational discussion. A recording (available as an MP3), photographs, and additional documentation are available here: <http://dvarchivists.org/career-panel/>.
- On Thursday, August 3, 2011, DUSAA held a General Meeting to discuss the Online Membership Directory, DUSAA leadership planning, and events prospects.
- On Saturday, October 15, 2011, Stephanie Sendaula represented DUSAA at iConnect 2011 (a conference of the iSchool at Drexel).
- On Wednesday, November 2, 2011, Toby Seay, DUSAA Director, gave a presentation to DUSAA Members and Friends on “The Foundations of Sound Recording Reformatting and Migration.” Following the presentation, DUSAA held a General Meeting to discuss the search for its next President and Events Coordinator; and the organization’s requirement to renew recognition as a Drexel University student organization.

## **Future Objectives**

- Donate DUSAA records (including e-mail correspondence, electronic files, and paper records) to the Drexel University Archives & Special Collections after the close of 2011, at the request of University Archivist Robert Sieckiewicz.
- Continue to recruit and conduct outreach to new Members and Officers; particularly from the ever-growing Drexel Online student population, comprising a large percentage of MS/LIS students in the Archival Studies Concentration.
- Seek prospective candidates to fill the roles of President and Events Coordinator—or consider a less hierarchical approach to DUSAA leadership. Cultivate relationships with new Members to eventually assume Officer positions, as others graduate and move on with professional development in the archival field.
- Work to retain the support of iSchool Alumni by highlighting the free advantages of networking and remaining connected with DUSAA at the institutional level and SAA at the national level.
- Consider creating an Officer position exclusively focused on Alumni relations.

- Pursue planning with DVAG Officers early in 2012 for a second annual Archives Career Panel. Integrate involvement from the DVAG Resume and Practice Interview Bureau.
- Continue to build upon a growing partnership with DVAG, regional repositories, other iSchool graduate student organizations, and Drexel University institutional archives and special collections.
- Work to establish DUSAA regional branches of students participating in the Drexel Online program. This will serve to unite MS/LIS students of like mind and interests by geographic location. This also will enable DUSAA to share experiences and education among members from region to region, while also distributing responsibilities among Members for shared organizational growth. Branches eventually may consider coordinating a larger cross-branch site visit (e.g., to the National Archives or New York Public Library).
- Utilize DUSAA's available technological media (e.g., the website or a blog) as a hub of activity for all regional branch participants to post links to events, minutes, commentary, news, and the like. As the regional branches prove successful, each can share experiences with others within the DUSAA network.