

Graduate Archival Education Subcommittee 2024-2025 Annual Report

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The membership of the Graduate Archival Education Subcommittee for 2024-2025 included Colin Post (vice chair), Jesse Johnston, Heather Soyka, Katie Kerekes, and Karen Gracy (chair). A vacancy was filled by Alan Wierdak in April 2025. The committee met ten times (monthly) from September 2024 through June 2025 (except for March 2025's meeting, which was cancelled) to work on the following projects:

Annual Updates to the SAA Directory of Archival Education

- GAES currently uses a Google Form to gather minor updates from program contacts. All subcommittee members shared the work of sending emails to each program contact to remind them to submit any updates. The form is linked on the Directory landing page, along with contact information for SAA Education, at <https://www2.archivists.org/dae>. We started our work in fall 2024 and completed our annual updates in early spring of 2025. This cycle will repeat each fall.

GAES Committee Charge Revisions

- Upon request from Council, members of GAES reviewed and updated the charge for the subcommittee. We submitted our revisions to Council for review at their May 2025 meeting. Council was okay with all revisions except for the removal of responsibility for oversight of SAA Student Chapters. Council suggested that we identify another component group to take on chapters oversight. We are currently investigating our options and are in talks with the Archival Educators section and SNAP about ways in which student chapters might be co-managed. Once we have a revised recommendation for student chapter oversight, we will resubmit our charge revisions to Council for their consideration.

GAES Microsite Updates

- The current chair has responsibility for making updates to the committee's microsite, currently located at <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/graduate-archival-education-gae-subcommittee>. Prior to the end of her term as chair, Karen Gracy will ensure that all meeting minutes and associated documents that can be shared on the public website are posted.
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Revision to Best Practices for Internships as a Component of Graduate Archival Education

- Our work to update the BPI standard continued this year. After submitting a formal application to the Committee on Standards in July of last year, we received approval from Standards (we had already done significant work to update the standard language and content over the previous year).
- We had some minor hiccups in making sure that we consulted all component groups required to review and provide feedback on the standard (specifically, the Committee on Diversity needed to review it). That committee approved the BPI draft revision in April 2025, which allowed the Standards Committee to forward it to SAA Council.
- SAA Council has placed the BPI revision on their agenda for the August 24 meeting. We look forward to hearing back from Council and upon approval of the standard we will work with SAA staff to make sure it is placed on the SAA website.

Planning for Next Revision of *GPAS*

- The Graduate Programs for Archival Studies (*GPAS*) standard was last revised and approved by Council in 2023. This was a very long process due to delays during COVID, thus most of the work on the revisions occurred prior to 2020. Given that it has been at least 5-6 years since the standard was revised, the committee has begun discussions to consider the timeframe for the next revision. We hope to start work on this next year by notifying the Committee of Standards of our intents (through their established process).

Looking Ahead to 2025-2026

In the coming year, Colin Post will begin his term as chair and Heather Soyka has been appointed as vice-chair. Jesse Johnston's and Katie Kerekes' terms are concluding in August. Continuing members include Heather Soyka, who will complete her term on GAES in August 2026, and Alan Wierdak in August 2026. I have been reappointed for another 3-year term and will be with GAES through August 2028. Mary Grace Kosta has also been appointed for a 3-year term (2025-2028). We wish to thank SAA Director of Training and Organizational Development Rana Hutchinson Salzmann, SAA Education Manager Akila Ruffin, SAA Education and Annual Meeting Specialist Mike Santiago, and Council Liaison Jacqueline Price Osafo for their support over this year.