

# LACCHA

## SAA Roundtable – Annual Report 2012-2013

**Date:** November 18, 2013

**Name of Roundtable:** Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Archives

<b>Officers:</b>	(Elected)	Senior Co-Chair:	Joel Blanco-Rivera
		Junior Co-Chair:	Natalie Baur
	(Appointed)	Webmaster:	Margaret Leigh Diaz

Liaison – SAA AACR	Aaisha Haykal
Liaison – IFLA-LAC	Susan Laura Lugo
Liaison – ACURIL	Lorraine Nero
Liaison – SAA CHWG	Marisol Ramos
Liaison – SAA Diversity	Silvia Mejia
Liaison – SAA Council	Tanya Zanish-Belcher

### Report from annual business meeting:

- Date of meeting: August 14, 2013
- Attendance: 12 members
- Total membership on November 18, 2013: **228**
- Election results:
  - Natalie Marie Baur was elected Jr. Co-Chair via on-line ballot.
- The meeting included two presentations by members of LACCHA
  - Marisol Ramos spoke about information sharing and crowdsourcing and her experience with working with Puerto Rican materials at UCONN in partnership with University College in Dublin, Ireland. Possibilities for working with library schools and other educational institutions to work with library and archives materials on these kinds of projects.
  - Cristela Garcia-Spitz (UC San Diego) spoke about the Herman Baca papers, a newly digitized Chicano collection at the UC San Diego Libraries.
- Topics of discussion:

- Getting members more involved with tasks of running the group such as website, newsletter, beginning conversation of the future of LACCHA, next year's meeting (possibilities for joint meeting, etc.)
- Need for possibly changing the focus and scope of LACCHA
- **Action:** An Ad Hoc Steering Committee will be created to evaluate the by-laws of LACCHA, its mission, and present recommendations to strengthen the work and presence of the Roundtable.
  - The Ad Hoc Steering Committee has been assembled and began its work in October 2013.
- Publication of a blog: A blog will be created to substitute the newsletter. The blog will complement LACCHA's website.
- 2014 Business Meeting: LACCHA will explore possibilities of doing a joint business meeting with another Roundtable.

### **New projects/activities**

- Two panels were submitted for consideration to the SAA Program Committee for the Annual Meeting in Washington DC in 2014.
  - Many Languages, One Archives: Creating Multilingual Finding Aids and Digital Collections.  
Participants:  
Liz Konzak Phillips and Lisa Nguyen, Hoover Institution Library and Archives  
John Nemmers and Margarita Vargas-Betancourt, George A. Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida.
  - "When Communities Perform Their Own Documentation," The Do's and Don'ts of Building a Community/Family Documentation Project  
Participants:  
Deborra Richardson, Smithsonian National Museum of American History  
Kat Bell, Dance Heritage Collection  
Martha Diaz, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture  
Lisa Calahan, Black Metropolitics Research Consortium  
Jennifer O'Neal, University of Oregon
- LACCHA's Ad Hoc Steering Committee
  - During LACCHA's business meeting at the 2013 SAA annual meeting, participants agreed on the need to assess the mission and goals of the group. The Ad Hoc Steering Committee will be charged with reviewing the current by-laws and present a strategic plan with recommendations for improving the direction and presence of the group. The Ad Hoc Steering Committee will submit a report by May 15, 2014 to LACCHA's co-chairs Joel Blanco-Rivera and Natalie Bauer. The report will be discussed online and during our next year's business meeting.

### **Questions/concerns for Council attention**

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel A. Blanco-Rivera  
Senior Co-Chair

**Attachments:** A – Proposed Minutes for LACCHA’s Annual Membership Meeting held  
in New Orleans, August 14, 2013

Cc: Natalie Baur, LACCHA Junior Co-Chair  
Margaret Leigh Diaz , LACCHA Website/blog Editor  
Tanya Zanish-Belcher , SAA Council Liaison