

Student Organization for Unique and Rare Collections Everywhere (SOURCE)

Society of American Archivists (SAA) Student Chapter

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Announcement Structure and Communication

SOURCE primarily announces programming via PaperPeople and LISSA listservs. Rutgers community members subscribe to the listservs, mostly those in the MI program and in the archives or library science concentration. We frequently use Twitter and Facebook for announcements through social media, and information is provided on our website. MI students have become increasingly active on a student-led Rutgers Discord **server**, and we have begun to informally announce and communicate through Discord when appropriate. All videos created by SOURCE are posted to our website and YouTube account.

- SOURCE website
 - <https://sites.comminfo.rutgers.edu/source/>
- PaperPeople (SOURCE) listserv:
 - https://email.rutgers.edu/mailman/listinfo/comminfo_paperpeople
- LISSA (Rutgers Library and Information Science Student Association) listserv:
 - https://email.rutgers.edu/mailman/listinfo/comminfo_lissa
- SOURCE Twitter
 - https://twitter.com/Rutgers_SOURCE
- SOURCE YouTube page:
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyd-A6tr65uS_fjh-2uT6tA
- SOURCE Facebook page:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157111021017849/>

Chapter Activities Summary, Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

Fall 2021

During the fall semester, we were able to round out our executive board with Monica Genuardi and Laura Melbourne remaining as President and Vice President, and welcoming Riain Ross-Hager as Web Master and Laurel Monks as Secretary. We had a solid group of active new members. We decided to continue with all virtual programming through Fall of 2021. Details regarding events which took place from month to month are included below.

September 2021

September 14th: First SOURCE Monthly Meeting of the semester. We had a great turnout with many students new to the program. We discussed planning events, scheduling, and announced elections for executive board positions.

October 2021

October 7th: SOURCE held our first virtual informal chat where members gathered to discuss the beginning of the semester, archival interests, and generally get to know each other. These chats were started when COVID began, and we continued incorporating them into the schedule as we continue

virtual programming. They also serve to connect to our fully online students who are located outside the region.

October 12th: We held our monthly meeting for October. Election results were announced for our Web Master and Secretary.

October 28th: We held another informal chat.

November 2021

November 16th: SOURCE held our monthly meeting for November.

November 17th: SOURCE welcomed SAA's Key Contacts Subcommittee, Daniel Hartwig, Jasmine Larkin, and Natalie Johnson, to virtually present an SAA Orientation. Considering many of our members were new to the MI program and new to SAA, we felt it would be beneficial to have an introduction to the SAA for our group. The video can be found on our YouTube page (link [here](#)) or under our Archives Chats section of our website (link [here](#)).

November 30th: SOURCE welcomed Martin Antonetti, Rare Books Assessment Librarian, to discuss preservation and risk preparedness in libraries, archives, and special collections. The talk took place over zoom and the conversation was engaging and fluid. We discussed a range of preservation topics, such as causes for deterioration, specific types of risk, and logistics in management.

December 2021

December 14th: SOURCE held our final monthly meeting of the semester.

Spring 2022

We continued to have active involvement and support from our members through the spring semester. We mostly continued with virtual programming, but did hold our first in-person event since Winter of 2020 at The Morgan Library in New York City for those close enough to attend.

A notable, underlying goal of the exec board, led by our Web Master, Riain Ross-Hager, has been to reevaluate our website and make updates and enhancements.

February 2022

February 1st: SOURCE held its first meeting of the spring semester. We had a guest, John Wallace with NJLA, who gave a quick introduction to NJLA structure, organization, and scholarship options. We then discussed planning for the semester.

February 19th: We held our own transcription event within our group, inspired by the initiative for "Douglass Day" (Information on past Douglass Day's [here](#)) We worked on their chosen campaign on the Zooniverse platform.

March 2022

March 1st: SOURCE held its monthly meeting for March. In addition to planning, it was announced that we would be holding elections for President, as Monica Genuardi graduates in May.

March 10th: SOURCE collaborated with two other MI student groups to showcase and support student networking. It was spearheaded by SCARLA (Student College, Academic, and Research Libraries Association) and joined by SOURCE and LISSA (Library and Information Science Student Association).

March 22nd: SOURCE welcomed a virtual presentation by Dr. Paul Israel, the director and general editor of the Thomas A. Edison Papers. Dr. Israel introduced the digital editions of the collection and answered a Q&A that spanned topics regarding Edison materials specifically, as well as general archival and research practice.

For this event, we had support from Students and New Professionals (SNAP), through a SOURCE member. The announcement was sent out across the SNAP listserv.

The video can be found on our YouTube page (link [here](#)) or under our Archives Chats section of our website (link [here](#)).

April 2022

April 5th: SOURCE held its monthly meeting for April. In addition to announcements, we planned the logistics for our visit to The Morgan Library in New York City.

April 23rd: SOURCE had its first in-person event since the beginning of COVID. Ten members that live in the Philadelphia, New Jersey, and New York area met at The Morgan Library and Museum. Together, we explored the library and the special exhibitions in the museum.

May 2022

May 3rd: SOURCE held its monthly meeting for May, and final meeting of the semester. Election results were announced and Alisa Kraut will take over SOURCE as President moving forward into the Fall 2022 semester.

After our announcements, members stayed on for a quick transcribing event together. We looked through Zooniverse (<https://www.zooniverse.org>) and explored to find transcribing projects. We spent some time on our own, and then returned back to our meeting to talk about the platform, comparing and contrasting to other crowdsourced projects.