

**Student Organization for Unique and Rare Collections Everywhere (SOURCE)**

Society of American Archivists (SAA) Student Chapter

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This year SOURCE experimented with using a Google survey form to take attendance. This has been a helpful tool that other student chapters might want to try. Here is a pre-filled example of our sing-in form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1\\_KJ5IVGXpDvRzFCIHwOBJyDK5gV1Mwx8Ix-Yy0Xr8jk/prefill](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_KJ5IVGXpDvRzFCIHwOBJyDK5gV1Mwx8Ix-Yy0Xr8jk/prefill)

### **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. 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](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](https://email.rutgers.edu/mailman/listinfo/comminfo_lissa)
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- SOURCE Facebook page:
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157111021017849/>

### **Chapter Activities Summary, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023**

#### **Fall 2022**

During the fall semester, we welcomed Alisa Kraut as our new President, and Laura Melbourne (VP), and Riain Ross-Hager (Web Master) returned to the offices they held last year. We had quite a few active new members, and we worked with Rutgers to strengthen our collaborations with other graduate student associations. We decided to continue virtual monthly meetings on second Tuesdays, and we began to expand programming for in person meetups. Details regarding events which took place from month to month are included below.

#### **September 2022**

13 September (Virtual - Monthly Meeting): This was our kick off meeting for the year, with rounds of introductions from the officers as well as participants. Laura Melbourne (VP) gave a presentation on SAA, SOURCE, and guidance for finding local professional organizations.

21 September (Virtual - Banned Book Event): SOURCE co-sponsored the annual Banned Book Week Event held together with Rutgers' Student College, Academic, and Research Libraries Association (SCARLA) and Library & Information Science Student Association (LISSA) graduate student groups. Graduate students and faculty read from challenged books and held discussions on the impacts of censorship throughout information science.

### **October 2022**

08 October (In Person - Tour of The Rosenbach): To celebrate Archive Months Philly, several local students took a tour of The Rosenbach Museum and Library. Six students took the tour and met for a social hour discussion in Philadelphia.

11 October (Virtual - Monthly Meeting): This was a brief meeting to discuss and brainstorm organization of upcoming events and promote the SNAP call for blog posts.

### **November 2022**

8 November (Virtual - Monthly Meeting): This was also a brief meeting, looking forward to the larger event the following week.

15 November (Virtual - Archives Chat with *American Archivist*): Alisa Kraut facilitated a presentation from and discussion with Amy Cooper Cary (*American Archivist* Editor), and Marlee Newman (*American Archivist* Editorial Board member, former Rutgers MI student and former SOURCE president). They discussed writing, publishing, and editing *American Archivist*. The event was promoted via the SNAP listserv, and the video recording is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jt76jGydfpk&t=1050s>.

### **December 2022**

13 December (Virtual - Monthly Meeting): SOURCE held our final monthly meeting of the semester. It was the final meeting for Laura Melbourne (VP) who graduated after the Fall semester. In addition to regular business, the group took a brief virtual tour of the [Salvatore Ferragamo Historical Archive](#), guided by Laura Melbourne.

### **Spring 2023**

During the Spring semester, we welcomed Laura Wachter as our new Vice President. Alisa Kraut (President) and Riain Ross-Hager (Web Master) continued in their positions. We continued to meet virtually, on the second Tuesday of each month, with most of our monthly events held during the meetings.

Starting in February, SOURCE also agreed to sponsor a monthly Critical Archives Reading Group (CARG), in which articles pertaining to critical archival theory, with a focus on ethics and social justice

work in the archives, were discussed. Details regarding events which took place from month to month are included below.

### **January 2023**

10 January (Hybrid - Alexander Library Special Collections Highlights Tour): During the Winter Intersession, SOURCE partnered with Alexander Library Special Collections librarians and archivists who showed highlights from the Special Collections department.

### **February 2023**

02 February (Virtual- Critical Archives Reading Group): This was the first meeting of CARG, during which a small group of students came together to discuss two articles- “The National Archives” by Hazel Carby and “Studying with Hazel Carby” by Heather Vermeulen.

14 February (Virtual - Monthly Meeting): During this meeting, SOURCE discussed upcoming events, elections (during which Laura Wachter was formally appointed as VP), and held a brief lecture about decoding historic handwriting, led by Alisa Kraut. Following the learning session, we put our knowledge to the test in a mini transcription event, working on some Freedmen’s Bureau log books through the Smithsonian’s Digital Volunteers Transcription Center.

16 February (Virtual- Chill and Chat Event with Amy C. Vo): This event was a collaboration between SOURCE and two other graduate student groups–Rutgers’ Student College, Academic, and Research Libraries Association (SCARLA) and Library & Information Science Student Association (LISSA). This event was an informal “chill and chat” and question and answer with Amy C. Vo, a processing archivist at Princeton University.

### **March 2023**

02 March (Virtual- Critical Archives Reading Group): This month, CARG came together to discuss “Dusting for Fingerprints: Introducing Feminist Standpoint Appraisal” by Michelle Caswell.

14 March (Virtual - Monthly Meeting/Discussion with Dr. Greg D. Lattanzi Event): SOURCE held our March monthly meeting followed by a presentation and discussion with Dr. Greg D. Lattanzi, Curator for the Bureau of Archaeology & Ethnography at the New Jersey State Museum and the New Jersey State Archaeologist. The discussion centered on repatriation and NAGPRA as a local issue.

### **April 2023**

11 April (Virtual - Monthly Meeting): Planned event: Life After Rutgers: Archives Edition discussion panel featuring former Rutgers MI, Archives and Preservation students: Juber Ayala, archivist at the New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center (NJHRIC); our most recent SOURCE president Monica Genuardi, a contractor for archaeological and digital humanities projects; and Kyle Zaczek, assistant archivist for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services.

Note: This event was scheduled to take place the day after the Rutgers AAUP-AFT and AAUP-AFT PTLFC union strike started. We chose to postpone the alumni panel in favor of offering a discussion space for fellow students to process and discuss the strike and offer solidarity with the striking workers.

24 April (Virtual- Critical Archives Reading Group): This month, CARG came together to discuss a podcast episode, "Archives in Context" with Marika Cifor, from the podcast of the Society of American Archivists (Season 7 Episode 3). This was the last CARG meeting of the semester.

### **May 2023**

09 May (Virtual - Monthly Meeting): SOURCE held our final monthly meeting of the semester. It was a brief meeting in which the group discussed the future leadership of the group, as it was the final meeting with Alisa Kraut (President) and Laura Wachter (VP), who had graduated this semester. Riain Ross-Hager also will be stepping down as Web-Master after this semester. During this meeting, we recapped events that worked, events that didn't pan out, and ideas for future events. We also welcomed next semester's leadership team: Jack Bednar, Victoria Bik, and Riain Ross-Hager.