

Student Organization for Unique and Rare Collections Everywhere (SOURCE)

Society of American Archivists (SAA) Student Chapter

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Announcement Structure

SOURCE primarily announces programming via PaperPeople and LISSA listservs, along with our Facebook page and website. All videos created by SOURCE are posted to our website and YouTube account.

- SOURCE website
 - <http://wp.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 Facebook page:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157111021017849/>
- SOURCE YouTube page:
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyd-A6tr65uS_fjh-2uT6tA

Chapter Activities Summary, Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

More Details regarding events which took place from month to month are included below:

September 2018

September 12th, 2018: SOURCE hosted a zine making workshop in Alexander Library's Gallery 50. This event was organized by SOURCE Secretary Stephanie Crawford.

September 13th, 2018: A combined MI Organizations meeting was held. Master of Information student organizations joined together for the kickoff meeting at the beginning of the semester. This "get to know you" meeting made the mission of each organization clear and allowed new and returning students to become acquainted with each organization at a mutual setting.

September 18, 2018: SOURCE held its first meeting of the semester. In this meeting upcoming and potential programming ideas were discussed. This included the planned Archives Chat with Debra Schiff, the Nov 16th tour of the Cornell Medical Archive with Elizabeth Shepard, and the Dec 1st trip *to Harry Potter: A History of Magic* at the NY Historical Society Museum and Library. Also discussed was the upcoming conference in Wilmington, DE and the spring MARAC conference. Sam Bogner put together a poll to see if students are planning to attend the conference.

October 2018

October 23rd, 2018: SOURCE had its second meeting of the semester. In this meeting upcoming and potential programming ideas were discussed. This included the Nov 16th tour of the Cornell Medical Archive with Elizabeth Shepard and the Dec 1st trip to *Harry Potter: A History of Magic* at the NY Historical Society Museum and Library. There was continued discussion concerning the planning of a trip to the spring MARAC conference. Finally, students were made aware that there would be some board positions opening up in the spring and that SOURCE would be conducting an election next month.

October 17th, 2018: Source held its sixth Archives Chat focusing on the SAA Archivists to the Rescue pilot project with archivist Debra Schiff. This talk was organized by SOURCE President Kimberly McCauley. The SAA Archivists to the Rescue pilot project is an effort to help small organizations and local communities to preserve and make accessible their archival records that are hidden due to a lack of access to information on preservation and archival practice.

Deb Schiff is the Local History Librarian at Chester Library in Morris County, New Jersey, and the Archivist at the Plainfield Historical Society. She also serves as a CAPES consultant for the NJ Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC), and is a private preservation consultant for archives throughout New Jersey. She has served as an officer in the New Jersey Library Association's History & Preservation Section for five years and as Bylaws and Constitution Chair for two years prior. Deb also served for four years as a member of the Society of American Archivists Lone Arrangers Section's Steering Committee, and is the chair of the SAA Lone Arrangers Section. She received her MLIS from Rutgers, and BA in Communication -- Radio, Television and Film, from William Paterson University. Prior to changing careers in 2009, Deb was a consultant and freelance writer/editor for online software companies and technical magazines, respectively. She also held the positions of Senior Communications Specialist and Managing Editor, Magazines at IEEE, and was Copy Chief at *Electronic Design Magazine*.

Past Archive Chat videos can be found on the SOURCE website at <http://wp.comminfo.rutgers.edu/source/digital-archive/archive-chats/>

**Support for the SAA Archivists to the Rescue project was pulled and the speaker for this chat requested that we not post the recorded presentation.*

November 2018

November 13th, 2018: SOURCE held its third meeting of the semester. In this meeting upcoming programming was discussed and the upcoming election was announced.

On November 15th SOURCE announced the opening of the Spring 2019 election. Positions opening up included President and Web Master.

December 2018

December 1st, 2018: SOURCE took a trip to New York City to view the Harry Potter: A History of Magic exhibition at the New York Historical Society. The trip was organized by SOURCE member Louise LoBello.

December 7th, 2018: SOURCE took a trip to the Weill Cornell Medical Archives in New York City. Hosted by Weill Cornell Medicine Associate Archivist Elizabeth Sheppard. This trip was organized by SOURCE President Kimberly McCauley.

December 11th, 2018: SOURCE held its fourth and final meeting of the Fall 2018 semester. During this meeting election updates were announced. Sam Bogner was named President for the Spring 2019 semester. Elections for the Vice President and Web Master roles were still ongoing. Programming ideas for the Spring 2019 semester was discussed.

Election results: Sam Bogner was named President, Marlee Newman was named Vice President, and Emily Crispino was named Web-Master for the Spring 2019 semester.

Photos from past trips and events can be found on the SOURCE website here:

<http://wp.comminfo.rutgers.edu/source/digital-archive/photo-gallery/>

January 2019

January 22, 2019: The first meeting of the semester was well attended. Possible plans discussed include events, talks, and symposia, as well as conference participation and attendance. The SAA Student Chapter Poster submission was also started with six students interested in a group submission.

February 2019

February 8, 2019: The NJ State Archives Tour, led by Donald Cornelius and his team was interesting and engaging. They discussed the profession, the implications of being in close proximity to and working for the government, as well as the public. This was organized by SOURCE President Sam Bogner.

February 19, 2019: During the second meeting of the semester, we discussed the submission of our Poster proposal for SAA. We were approached by Career Services to help with determining better resources for library and archives students. We discussed possible resources for continuing our Archives chats and reached out to potential guests. Planning for a talk at the Morgan was began by SOURCE Vice President Marlee Newman.

March 2019

March 19, 2019: The third meeting of the semester, we discussed our Twitter and ways we could better expand our presence on social media. Planning for MARAC attendance continued and Rutgers scholarships were offered to three students to cover conference fees. Planning for Archives Chat with Michelle Novak also continued, discussing themes of genealogy, digitization, and personal archiving. Our poster proposal was accepted by SAA and the authors, Stephanie Crawford, Marlee Newman, Catherine McGowan, Emily Crispino and Sam Bogner have conducted separate planning meetings.

April 2019

April 11-13th, 2019: Members of SOURCE, Stephanie Crawford and Sam Bogner attended the MARAC Conference in Morgantown, West Virginia April 11-13. The theme of the meeting, *Working Archives, A Labor of Love* was threaded throughout the panels.

April 15th, 2019: A tour of the Tolkien: Maker of Middle-Earth exhibit at the Morgan Library in New York City. The tour of the exhibit, as well as a talk regarding exhibition planning and the collaboration between curators, archivists, and librarians, was led by Assistant Curator of Printed Books & Bindings, Dr. John T. McQuillen, who organized the exhibit at the Morgan, and Sal Robinson, the Assistant Curator for Literary and Historical Manuscripts. Dr. McQuillen has his PhD in the history of art, book history, and print culture from the University of Toronto, and specializes in medieval history and the early history of print.

April 16th, 2019: SOURCE held its final meeting of the Spring semester. We wrapped up the semester with notes and ideas for the fall, and discussed the Tolkien tour and the MARAC conference. Planning for an archives chat with Michelle Novak has also been postponed for the fall. Other events by SOURCE members upcoming are:

- The Unconference in Newark, NJ organized by SOURCE member Juber Ayala on April 26th.
- The Opening of the Miriam Schapiro Papers at Rutgers University Special Collections. This collection was processed by SOURCE Secretary Stephanie Crawford and the opening is scheduled for May 7th, 2019.

Elections:

The positions of Treasurer, President and Secretary will be open at the beginning of the Fall 2019 semester.

Ongoing:

SAA poster planning will continue through the summer and attendance in the national conference by SOURCE members is in the works. The poster, *Adaptive Outreach: Transforming Archival Participation* addresses transformative methods of outreach can create an immersive experience in the archival practice, and will perpetuate the work of existing outreach initiatives to create an informed public that is enthusiastic and supportive of cultural heritage and archival institutions.