

# Society of American Archivists

## University of Texas - Student Chapter

### Annual Report 2019

The Society of American Archivists – University of Texas at Austin Student Chapter (SAA-UT) is an organization of students at the School of Information. Our mission, as outlined by the national organization, is to introduce and integrate new archivists into the profession, provide additional focus for students to discuss archival issues, and promote archival interests within the University, academic departments, and the public at large. Throughout the academic year, we focus on creating archival community events as a way of expanding our education beyond the classroom. SAA-UT is proud to be one of the original cohorts of SAA student chapters, having been founded in 1993.

#### **2019 Officers**

- Brady Cox, President
- Elizabeth Buchanan, Vice President
- Alyssa Anderson, Treasurer
- Chad Garrett, Digital Chair
- Ali Brislin, Events Chair
- Bethany Radcliff, Secretary

#### **Faculty Advisor**

Dr. Ciaran Trace, Assistant Professor, School of Information, The University of Texas at Austin

#### **In 2019, SAA-UT hosted the following events:**

- **SAA-UT Happy Hours**
  - January 25, 2019 at School House Pub
  - February 15, 2019 at Hole in the Wall
  - March 29, 2019 at Hole in the Wall
  - April 26, 2019 at Hole in the Wall
  - May 17, 2019 - Semester Farewell at El Mercado
  - August 22, 2019 - Orientation Happy Hour with SASI at Spiderhouse
  - September 6, 2019 - Semester Kick-Off at Hole in the Wall
  - October 4, 2019 at Hole in the Wall
  - November 1, 2019 at Hole in the Wall
  - December 4, 2019 at Hole in the Wall

- **The Theory and Craft of Digital Preservation with Trevor Owens at the Perry-Casteñada Library on March 4, 2019**
- **SAA Officer Dinner with Trevor Owens at Clay Pit on March 4, 2019**
- **Career Panel on October 19, 2019 with ALA/TLA**
- **Fall Potluck at Dr. Ciaran Trace's house on October 27, 2019**

## **Year in Review**

This was another year of growth and involvement with the community for SAA-UT. As in 2018, we continued in 2019 to maintain our chapter's listserv, which we used to communicate events with students, faculty, and staff. We used social media, particularly our chapter's Facebook page, to create events and maintain an awareness of our chapter's activity online.

This year, our regularly scheduled happy hours were a way we continued to reach out to students. We hosted these meetups, first at Schoolhouse Pub, then at Hole in the Wall, which became our regular locale. We ended the spring 2019 semester with a celebration at El Mercado. In the fall 2019 semester, we continued hosting regular happy hour events at Hole in the Wall.

During the spring 2019 semester, we hosted Trevor Owens from the Library of Congress, who spoke about his book, *The Theory and Craft of Digital Preservation*. This event was held on Monday, March 4, 2019 from 5:30-6:30, with more than 30 attendees in PCL Learning Lab 2. After the event, SAA officers took Trevor Owens out to eat at the Clay Pit.

Also during the spring 2019 semester, SAA participated in a semester-long archiving project with Pease Elementary School. This project was spearheaded by Vice President Elizabeth Buchanan as a collaboration with Doug Temple, Pease's school librarian and a graduate of the iSchool. Over the course of the semester, working with Doug and three 5th grade girls, the Pease archives were inventoried and processed, a basic finding aid was created, and the items were organized and housed. The students involved were also given archival lessons along the way, and taken on a visit to the paper lab with Dr. Karen Pavelka. Throughout this project, SAA members volunteered each week to work with the students.

Another endeavour this year involved rebranding and creating a new logo and advertising materials for events. Friend of SAA Kyle Beck created a new logo design for SAA and also created posters to promote our Trevor Owens talk, as well as our fall 2019 Career Panel. The logos were added to our website and facebook page. In addition, we also used the logos to create tote bags, which we sold early in the fall 2019 semester as a small way to raise some funds.

On October 19, 2019, SAA collaborated with ALA/TLA and the Career Development to host a career panel of library and archives professionals in the public and private sectors. The event included Irene Lule, Processing Archivist from the Harry Ransom Center, Jen Greer, Records

Manager from ERCOT, Roxanne Bogucka, Health Sciences Librarian from UT's Health Sciences Library, Emma Whittington, Taxonomist from Indeed, and Ashley Adair, Digital Archivist at UT Libraries. Approximately 30 iSchool students were in attendance.

A big part of this year was attending The Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, which took place in Austin from July 31-August 6. SAA was able to award 13 student scholarships for SAA members to attend the conference. SAA Vice President Elizabeth Buchanan presented a poster on the archiving project with Pease Elementary School. SAA President Brady Cox and member Brynna Wheeler presented on a panel at SAA. SAA officers Bethany Radcliff and Alyssa Anderson made and presented a chapter poster of our year in review.

Other endeavours this semester involved a change in title for the former webmaster. Officer Chad Garrett proposed a title change to Digital Chair, and after a unanimous member vote, the title of webmaster officially became Digital Chair going forward.

**22 Members in Good Standing as of Fall 2019:**

- Alyssa Anderson
- Ann Marie Blackmon
- Brittany Bratcher
- Ali Brislin
- Elizabeth Buchanan
- Katie Coldiron
- Brady Cox
- Audrey Dalton
- Linna Dean
- Chad Garrett
- Madeline Goebel
- Natalia Kapacinskas
- Colin Morgan
- Gillian Morton
- Bethany Radcliff
- Gabriella Roth
- Kat Samaniego
- Yogita Sharma
- Katy Tuck
- Brynna Wheeler
- Catherine Whited
- Alyssa Wynans