Mission

It shall be the purpose of this organization to explore and promote archives and archival preservation under the guidelines put forth by the Society of American Archivists.

Goals and Achievements

Following the work of the previous year's officers, SAA-UW’s main goal was to raise awareness of the organization through hosting events, promoting connections, and providing resources. As our MLIS program is increasingly skewed towards online students, we worked to increase our presence online and use social media to connect distance students with resources and opportunities in areas outside of Seattle, while still hosting tours and events on campus. Additionally, we added a new role, Diversity Officer, to help highlight resources on campus and within the profession that promote and encourage alternative voices and experiences in archives.

Three officers worked with University of Washington iSchool staff to develop a social media strategy that will ultimately encompass Facebook, Instagram, and the website/blog. To compliment this goal, the 2018-19 year includes a new Social Media Officer role to continue coordinating and scheduling this strategy. Additionally, the old SAA-UW website was taken down to remove any confusion to current or future students.

The 2018-2019 incoming officers will continue to connect with residential and online students by engaging students during orientation as well as the iSchool Fair, hosting online chats with professors and professionals in the field, continuing to develop service projects that aid UW special collections (which will be in-person only), and develop events and social content relevant to student life.

Programming

September 2017 - All iSchool Fair & Happy Hour
SAA-UW hosted a table at the All iSchool Fair during orientation week to welcome new students and provide them information about our organization. Co-hosted a happy hour
with UW’s Special Libraries Association student chapter at a local restaurant for information meet 'n greet among current and incoming students.

October 2017 - Informal Chat with Professionals
Informal online chat with two professionals in the field, Ann Lally (UW Digital Collections Curator) and Blynne Olivieri (UW alumni and Head of Special Collections at the University of West Georgia). The guests talked about their experiences and fielded questions from students.

January 2018 - Film Tickets Raffle
In support of a local film showcase created the non-profit, Moving Image Preservation of Puget Sound, who digitized media from many of the Seattle-area heritage organizations, SAA-UW raffled off two tickets to the event, Moving History: Sound & Color.

March 2018 - Session on Certification
Emily Hughes Dominick, Head of UW Special Collections Technical Services, spoke to all interested students on becoming a certified archivist through Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA). The presentation slides were later posted on the SAA-UW blog.

March 2017 - Movie Night
SAA-UW hosted an on-campus movie night at the close the winter quarter. Showing, The Librarian: Quest for the Spear, and providing snacks SAA-UW created a relaxing event open to all iSchool students.

April 2018 - Archives Service & Learning Event
Working with UW Labor Archives of Washington (LAW), students learned about the collection, common preservation concerns, gained hands-on experience processing archival materials, made the collection more accessible, and met experts in the field.

April 2018 - Conservation Lab Tour
In honor of Preservation Week, guided tour or UW Conservation Lab in Suzzallo Library to learn about preservation and conservation practices, and meet the staff.

May 2018 - Informal Chat with Professionals
Informal online chat with two professionals in the field, John Bolcer (University Archivist, UW) and Terry Baxter (Multnomah County Archives, Oregon). The guests talked about their experiences and fielded questions from students.

Elections
Outgoing officers of 2017-2018:
Co-Chairs: Marie Andrews and Alyson Sharp
Vice Chair: Ben Riesenberg
Secretary: Hannah Robinson
Treasurer: Victoria Comer
Distance Liaison: Candice Larson
Diversity Officer: Kelli Yakabu
Distance Liaison: Candice Larson
Publicity Officer: Mary Dempsey

Incoming officers of 2018-2019
Co-Chairs: Candice Larson & Hannah Robinson
Vice President of Finances: Erika Wigren
Secretary: Bekah Leidenfrost
Diversity Officer: Joan Hua
Distance Liaison: Kelli Yakabu
Publicity Officer: Marie Williams Chant
Social Media: Owen Prout