

Society of American Archivists, University of Washington Chapter 2017-2018 Annual Report

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 Blynné 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 of 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 Riesenber

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