

St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter 2014 Annual Report

Overview

In its founding year the St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter laid the groundwork for a successful organization by focusing on planning, the election of officers, and the development of communication tools and governance structures. Students were enthusiastic about the new group and enjoyed the opportunity to form new connections and chart a course for the chapter. Accomplishments include creation of a website and social media strategy, sponsorship of a digitization panel and a local queer history tour, participation in professional development activities such as the Minnesota Archives Symposium and the SAA Annual Meeting, and initiation of a service project with the Red Wing Pottery Museum.

Officers

President: Andrea Hoff (aghoff@stkate.edu)

Vice President: Stewart Van Cleve (sjvancleve@stkate.edu)

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Membership

Jessica Faucher
Andrea Hoff
Ihar Labacevich
Joseph Larsen
Kate McManus
Allison Spies
Anne Thayer
Christopher True
Stewart Van Cleve

Activities

January

- The St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter is founded

February

- The Chapter holds its first meeting (February 27)
- A constitution is finalized
- Website development begins

March

- Content is added to bulletin board in MLIS lounge (Archives highlight)
- The chapter website goes live (<https://www2.stkate.edu/saa-studentchapter>)

April

- A chapter email established (saa@stkate.edu)
- Chapter members promote the SAA as a resource to the undergraduate History Club
- A chapter member reports on the status of the City Hall Tower Archives
- Margaret C. Norton is selected as the group's inspirational sponsor

May

- The Student Chapter sponsors happy hour with T-CART (Twin Cities Archives Roundtable)
- Officers are elected
- Some members attend the T-CART spring meeting at the Walker Art Center, where a presentation on digital archiving and scanning on demand is given. Chapter President announces formation of SAA Chapter at St. Kate's and offers chapter as a resource for future collaborations with T-CART.

June

- The Chapter holds an info session for interested students on the SAA annual meeting in Washington DC with the MLIS program director Deb Torres.
- Some members attend *Archive Fever*, an event held at Minneapolis College of Art and Design during the Northern Spark festival in Minneapolis. The event was billed as an artist's interpretation of the MCAD archives and included an installation based on Joseph Bueys' visit to the college in the 1970s, as well as displays of computer hardware and student film footage from the 1980s and 90s.

July

- The Chapter holds an informal meeting and happy hour to discuss event planning for the fall.

August

- Four members attend the SAA annual meeting in Washington D.C. At the conference, Andrea Hoff presents a poster on an audio digitization project plan created by MLIS students at St. Catherine University for the Walker Art Center Archives.

September

- The Chapter initiates a partnership with the Red Wing Pottery Museum to develop archival policies and process their archival collection.

October

- A Student Chapter twitter account is established by Jessica Faucher (@StKatesSAA)
- The first event sponsored by the Student Chapter is held: *A Queer History Tour of Downtown Minneapolis* with Stewart Van Cleve, Chapter member and author of *Land of 10,000 Loves: A History of Queer Minnesota*.
- The Chapter holds its second event, a panel on digitization with professional archivists from the Minnesota Historical Society, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, and St. Cloud State University.
- Members attended the Minnesota Archives Symposium
- Members tour the Red Wing Pottery Museum

November

- The chapter works on event planning for Spring semester.

December

- A promotional bookmark is printed
- Student Chapter Ambassador Jessica Faucher visits introductory classes to promote the Student Chapter.
- Chapter members gather for a holiday celebration.