

**PRATT INSTITUTE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS
STUDENT CHAPTER
2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

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PRATT INSTITUTE
2012-2013 Annual Report

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, FALL 2012

After several years of dormancy, Pratt's SAA revival, spearheaded by Deidre Dinnigan, began in late August 2012. Once all officers were appointed we revised the previous constitution and submitted it to SAA. We met with our faculty advisor to hear suggestions and get advice on how to structure ourselves and our activities. Deidre was also in communication with the Dean to procure an official letter acknowledging our student chapter. While waiting for chapter approval from both SAA and the Student Government Association (SGA) we held unofficial officer meetings. During these sessions we brainstormed about possible activities for our future members such as lectures, tours, and workshops. We also set up a Facebook page and email account.

October 2012

- *Approval*

We were approved and recognized as a student chapter by SAA and as an official student organization by SGA.

November 2012

- *First Official Student Meeting*

We introduced ourselves, our mission/goals and SAA to the assembled student body. We outlined planned events and solicited suggestions from the students. We also created a roster of members, noting official SAA members and non.

December 2012

- *First Student Event: Happy Hour*

We hosted a "Social Hour" in celebration of the completion of finals and to mark the end of the semester.

- *SAA Budget*

We submitted a detailed budget to SAA for the 2013-2014 year's funding.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, SPRING 2013

With our student chapter established, we focused this semester on organizing events and procuring funding from SGA. Officers met bi-monthly.

January 2013

- *New Student Orientation*

Officers attended the Spring orientation for incoming students and introduced SAA at Pratt. We also attended the post-orientation mixer.

- *Student Meeting and Happy Hour*

We introduced ourselves and SAA to new students and continuing members. Discussed our mission and outlined upcoming events.

February 2013

- *Student Event: tour of Visual Resources Center, Pratt Brooklyn Library*

Johanna Bauman, the Visual Resources Curator, and Amy Belotti, the MMS Library Collections Technician gave a tour highlighting the color slide and 16 mm film collections. The tour included discussion of the maintenance, arrangement, cataloging and digitization of these collections. A demonstration of film, VHS, and DVD cleaning as well as a screening of a short PSA was included.

March 2013

- *Student Meeting*

Discussed upcoming events including elections for new officers for the 2013-2014 year.

April 2013

- *Student Event: tour of the Museum of the American Gangster, New York, NY*

Students were given a private curator-led tour of the exhibits which consisted of images and artifacts, primarily from the prohibition era, that relate to the activities of notable gangsters. A major element of the museum is the building itself which once served as a speakeasy and base of operations for the notorious gangster Frank Hoffman.

- *Student Event: Overnight trip to National Archives and Library of Congress*

With the joint effort of our officers and SILSSA, Pratt's ALA student chapter, we organized a two day trip to Washington, DC. On the first day, students visited the national Archives where they met with David Ferriero, the Archivist of the United States. Students were also invited to examine the treasures held in the Archives' exhibit halls (including the original Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution). The following day students visited the Library of Congress. They spent a full day visiting a number of divisions within the Library including Newspapers and Current Periodicals, the Children's Literature Center, and even got to walk out onto the main reading room floor - a special privilege usually only reserved for researchers. The day ended with a behind-the-scenes tour that walked through the process a book takes when it is acquired by the Library, beginning all the way at the loading docks and ending with a fully-processed book ready for the research stacks.

- *Elections*

Two new officers, Public Relations and Events Coordinators, were elected. The position of treasurer was unfilled. We collectively decided to divide the duties and responsibilities of

the treasurer evenly between the existing officers.

LIST OF MEMBERS

The following are members of our chapter who identified themselves as official SAA members:

Brandi Copher

Carolyn Li-Madeo

Conrad Lochner

Erin Barsan

Heather Lember

Liesel Vink

Richard J. Lee

Rossy Mendez

Theo Roth