

ANNUAL REPORT

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Society of American Archivists at University of Missouri student chapter (SAAMUSC)

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Summary of Activities, 2016-17 (by academic semester):

FALL 2016:

Conversations among students and faculty at the SISLT Fall Social held on September 30 in Columbia grew interest around beginning a student chapter of the Society of American Archivists. Students in the School of Information Science & Learning Technologies currently participate in two graduate student associations, for Library and Information Science and for Learning Technologies (LISGSA, LTGSA, which support two SISLT programs), as well as an ASIS&T Student Chapter, but there has not been a campus organization for the archives and records area. As part of the Fall Networking and Meet and Greet Event hosted by LISGSA in the Reflector on December 3, new Assistant Professor Sarah Buchanan joined campus archivists Kelli Hansen (Ellis Library), Laura Jolley (SHSMO), and Anselm Huelsbergen (University Archives) in discussing archives and manuscripts careers, internships / practica, and education. After a group discussion over lunch, we broke out for a focused chat about SAA and ways to get involved as new professionals. Our discussion was both far-ranging and practically-oriented, as students expressed interest in officer leadership positions and organizing activities with campus colleagues. Acting Secretary Erin wrote the meeting minutes.

A few members helped Missouri Library Association (MLA) leaders inventory the MLA archival collection at the SHSMO on November 4. This was a great volunteer experience to which we hope to return.

SPRING 2017:

SAAMUSC hosted its first event on March 16, 2017 with a tour of the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR). Tamara Inge, an SAAMUSC member, coordinated the tour and is an atomic archivist there. She and our tour guide Mark Beary led six attendees around the facility, provided a technical overview of the reactor, told history of the facility, and defined some nuclear lingo. In addition to peering into the core of an active nuclear reactor and the control room, we saw some archaeometry lab work in progress and viewed the MURR archives.

SAAMUSC members participated at the LISGSA Spring Conference, "Engaging Your Community," held on April 8 at the MU Student Center, Leadership Auditorium, by discussing some of the ways in which archiving connects with communities. Dr. Buchanan briefly discussed SAAMUSC and a recent service learning course partnered with the Black Archives of Mid-America, and SAAMUSC members Jennifer, Dylan, and Alora presented a poster, titled "Diving into History: LIS In-Service Experience at the Black Archives of Mid-America," about the course participants' contributions including collections processed.

Although not an SAAMUSC-organized activity, several members completed a service-learning course over Spring Break in late March: "ISLT 9410 Archives in Context." Following an interactive and well-attended class session presented in the SISLT Collaboratory – a prelude to full-length archival courses this Fall – students traveled to the Black Archives of Mid-America (BAMA) located in the historic 18th and Vine district in Kansas City, MO. Under the direction of archivist Geri Sanders and her intern Bridget Haney (UCM, Warrensburg), students worked together to inventory, organize, and re-house three collections of materials related to Kansas City's African American population. We look forward to continuing this fruitful collaboration; the Kansas City Area Archivists (KCAA) held their Spring Meeting at BAMA on April 14.

View some illustrated tweets: <https://twitter.com/dcadkins/status/847098763382571009>, <https://twitter.com/dcadkins/status/847545177346592768>, and <https://twitter.com/dcadkins/status/847903211000397824>.

Members volunteered at National History Day in Missouri held on campus on April 29.

Steadily this semester we accomplished establishing our student chapter both on campus and within the Society of American Archivists. At the campus level, we attended an info session on January 24, and began drafting our Constitution and questionnaire responses for MU ORG. Students commented on both, and by a vote of 9-0 adopted the Constitution on February 18. Felicia Owens, SAA Governance Program Coordinator, generously shared her knowledge of the process for new student chapters, and discussed these further with Prof. Buchanan who attended the Committee on Education meeting at SAA Headquarters on March 9. Students joined SAA and communicated regularly with Secretary Erin and Prof. Buchanan. We submitted our MU ORG application on February 20 and then collected candidate statements for officer positions. During an online election the week of March 6, 11 members exercised their voting rights, and inaugural officers were seated on March 13. We received word of our recognition by MU ORG on March 23, and attended the required Admin Training on April 17. On April 6, we submitted to the SAA office our materials seeking recognition from SAA Council in advance of its spring meeting on May 16-17: <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-council/may-16-17-2017-council-meeting>. As reported on May 19, SAA Council approved establishment of our student chapter. We are excited to go to Portland, OR for *ARCHIVES 2017: alike/different* and grow as an organization.

General Activities:

LIS Program 50th Anniversary: Established on July 1, 1966, the LIS Program celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year; several students and faculty collaborated on a trivia postcard and a research poster presented at the MLA Conference, "Rooted in Community," in Springfield on October 6 (Twitter: @2016MLA). In preparation, the group visited the University Archives on September 16 and 20, conducted / transcribed interviews with two professors emeriti: Tom Kochtanek (Sept 29) and John Budd (Oct 31), and processed a box of LIS Program materials. We launched a website to mark the occasion at <https://sislt-scalar.missouri.edu/sislt-50th-anniversary/index> and continue to recruit alumni contributions at <http://www.bit.ly/150education> (the College of Education will launch its 150th anniversary in January 2018). Prof. Buchanan will present a paper on archival educator Aurora Davis at the 2017 SAA Research Forum.

Web: Beginning in December, Dylan established our chapter's presence on Twitter and actively communicated with the campus community by posting a flyer for our March tour. We began using a listserv in January to schedule our meetings and share opportunities. The chapter website at <https://saamusc.github.io/> was established with sections on our activities, officers, participation, and resources on the profession and Mizzou. We also have an SAA page at: <http://www2.archivists.org/students/chapters/university-of-missouri>.

Region: We hope to collaborate long-term with – among other campus and archival organizations – the Midwest Archives Conference, Missouri Association for Museums & Archives, the Truman Presidential Library, and the Boone County Historical Society. Some members attended the Society of Southwest Archivists conference in nearby Fayetteville, AR in May.

Business Summary, 2016-17:

Funds: Treasurer Brian Flanagin is responsible for managing the student chapter treasury. We did not require dues this year in a bid to grow awareness and recruit new members to SAA. We plan to attend an MU ORG finance meeting in August.