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

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Summary of Activities (by academic semester):

SPRING 2018:

The MU College of Education celebrated its 150th Anniversary with a [Townsend Hall banner](#), a [timeline](#), and a [full page ad in the Columbia Missourian](#) special Homecoming '18 edition. Dr. Buchanan contributed to the materials, which feature founding SLIS Dean Ralph H. Parker, founding College of Normal Instruction (later Education) Dean Grace C. Bibb, SLIS Dean Mary F. Lenox, and SISLT Professor Emeritus (and Project Whistlestop, Project Mayibuye director) Thomas R. Kochtanek. Graduate students in Archival Practice have since greatly expanded our knowledge of these and several other pivotal individuals in our institutional memory through original research.

UM System President Mun Y. Choi and Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright visited the timeline on Feb 15: <https://twitter.com/KathrynChval/status/964349298556178432>.



SAAMUSC hosted an officer info session about archival careers on Tue Jan 23 (5:30 p.m., 105 Townsend Hall) with pizza and cookies. The session promoted our next event:

a tour of Kansas City Public Library's [Missouri Valley Special Collections and Archives](#) on Feb 17. Led by Kate Hill, six students attended this fascinating tour of a combined special collections and archives in a public library which featured a local paper's mafia photo collection, per Dylan Martin.

Our officers hosted a well-attended presentation by University Archivist Anselm Huelsbergen about the Academy of Certified Archivists on Feb 19. The presentation was streamed on Zoom with a recording made available afterward on Box. Unfortunately the SISLT student groups' Welcome Back Bash scheduled for Sat Feb 10 got snowed out.

This spring, Dr. Buchanan and graduate assistant Brian Flanagan continued our collaboration with the Boone County History & Culture Center. Drawing upon our new users guide and joined by Fionna Clark (MU Undergraduate intern), we successfully described and digitized about 1000 5x7" and 8x10" negatives and ledger pages in the Hank Waters III Historic Records and Photography Digital Lab towards the County bicentennial on November 16, 2020.



at right: SISLT Conference 2018 attendees and BCHCC volunteers Dr. Buchanan, poster presenter Brian Flanagan, and Katie Wibbenmeyer.

Officer Hali Allen also worked with (SISLT alumna Carolyn Collings at) the BCHCC to research and provide a preliminary appraisal report for their County records, in the Appraisal & Archival Systems course.

We were active participants in the preparation and program for the SISLT Conference, held again at the MU Student Center, Leadership Auditorium on Sat April 7. Officers Brian Flanagan presented a digital poster on our photograph digitization progress at the BCHCC, Elizabeth Winter presented "Achievements Unveiled: A Brief Biography of Grace C. Bibb-Sudborough," and Public Broadcasting Preservation Spring Fellow Rebecca Benson gave the presentation "Old News: AV Preservation Training with KOPN."

Officer Melody Edwards attended the "Tales from the Archive" panel at the Unbound Book Fest (Columbia, MO, Sat April 21) with David Crespy, Julija Sukys, and Jo Ann Trogdon moderated by Anselm Huelsbergen. She remarked, "Four different authors used the word 'thrilling' to describe archival research in this session and an author talk right after. It was so interesting to hear their experiences and many of our class topics came up in their research process. I spoke to a local author attendee who is intimidated about using archives, about our research project last semester & how great the process was."

Dr. Buchanan helped judge the National History Day in Missouri state contest on April 28. She keynoted the NEH-funded "Primary Source: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Memory and Identity" at Fontbonne University in St. Louis on May 17.

An SAAMUSC meeting was held on Tue May 8 (5 p.m. in 102 Townsend Hall: Nureva Room + Zoom) with officer transitions. Outgoing Secretary Erin donated a LISGSA archival box with documentation for a future processing event to Dr. Buchanan. SISLT community members can also contribute to our MOspace community at <https://mospace.umsystem.edu/xmlui/handle/10355/5239>

FALL 2018:

Public Broadcasting Preservation Summer Fellow Eric Saxon gave an Audio Preservation Workshop for the College and SAAMUSC community at our mono/stereo digitization station in the Allen Institute on Aug 2. We look forward to expanding our KOPN Community Radio collaboration (as detailed on the [PBPF website](#)) with [neighbor](#) public media broadcast organizations and MU Digital Curator of Journalism [Ed McCain](#).

At the 2018 SAA Research Forum in Washington, D.C. on Aug 14, Spring and Summer Fellows Rebecca Benson and Eric Saxon and Dr. Buchanan co-presented a poster and spoke at the Audio & Moving Image / Visual Materials / VM Cataloging & Access joint Section meeting about the Fellowship. Dr. Buchanan also presented a poster on PBPF lessons learned at Mizzou Ed Research Day on Oct 24.



Our SISLT New Student Orientation on Aug 16 featured SAAMUSC President Rebecca Benson introducing our activities. She participated in a SISLT Student Org Presidents meeting on Sep 14 in 221 Townsend & Zoom.

Officers met on Tue Sep 4 at 4:30 p.m. at the Bookmark Cafe, Ellis Library. Among other updates, Rebecca attended Administrative Training on Mon Aug 20 in 142 Middlebush Hall, and officers completed MU ORG registration. Brian participated in a one-day archival project at the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis earlier this summer alongside St. Louis archivists, and in another weekend project in August at the St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center.

SAAMUSC hosted the talk "A Theatre Perspective On Archives: The Lanford Wilson Collection" by Derek R. Munson (Theatre PhD student) on Oct 16 at 5:30 p.m. in 406 Ellis Library.

Several students joined the visit to [NARA NPRC](#) in St. Louis on Thu Sep 20 to see military records (including of Elvis Presley and Clark Gable) dating back to the Civil War, as organized by SISLT Professor Karen Robinson (ISLT 9445 Special Libraries and Information Centers). We also discussed news items such as the SAA Council approval of the [Protocols](#) and a new [ARMA student membership](#). Dr. Buchanan helped Data & Records Management students meet several local members of the Central Missouri Chapter of ARMA International, including guest speaker JoAnn Looten, CRM, Director of Records and Information Management for the UM System. We also promoted three new GSA positions at UMKC LaBudde Special Collections thanks to guest speaker Sandy Rodriguez, Head of Digital Archives & Stewardship at UMKC University Libraries. We hope to collaborate further with the Public History emphasis faculty in the UMKC Department of History, and with the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Dr. Buchanan presented at the Missouri Association for Museums & Archives (MAMA) Conference in Jefferson City (Oct 19-20) with Dr. Elyssa Ford of Northwest Missouri State University about our parallel profession-based learning projects (with Boone County and Nodaway County Historical Societies respectively), which was also attended by Alisa Pappas and Courtney Mischke (and a student poster – new to the conference – planned by Elizabeth Winter).



at right: MAMA 2018 attendees Courtney, Alisa, and Dr. Buchanan at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

An officer meeting on Mon Dec 10 at 7 p.m. via Zoom concluded our year.

General Activities:

Communication: As the new convener of the Archival / Preservation Education SIG of ALISE, Dr. Buchanan began an effort to publish archival teaching / learning resources, to be continued with Dr. Ed Benoit, chair of the SAA Archival Educators Section 2018-19. The activity reinforced contributions made to the SAA Task Force on Research/Data and Evaluation, as presented at SAA 2018.

Region: This year SAAMUSC members attended ALISE 2018 (Denver, CO), RBMS 2018 (New Orleans, LA), AERI 2018 (University of Alabama), SAA / CoSA / NAGARA Joint Annual Meeting 2018 (Washington, D.C.), Digital Preservation 2018 (Las Vegas, NV), MAMA 2018 (Jefferson City, MO), and American Anthropological Association (San Jose, CA), in addition to PBPF Immersion Weeks (at WGBH in Boston, MA), and enjoyed talking with colleagues about archives. Some of our chapter discussion points took note of opportunities such the National Archives at Kansas City summer internships, the Digital POWRR Institutes, the SAA [DAS workshop](#) "Tool Selection and Management: Finding the Right Tool for the Job" at KU Libraries on Oct 29, and the "rapid response" collection program of the [NMAAHC](#).

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