

St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter

2021 Annual Report

12/31/2021

Overview

In its eighth year, the St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter continued the work of growing the organization by

- Coordinating archives-related events, including panels, tours, and community projects
- Promoting communication between students and local professional organizations
- Providing opportunities for professional development
- Encouraging participation in professional archival events and conferences
- Developing ideas for integration into the wider academic and local communities

The Chapter continues to regularly promote job listings, scholarship opportunities, and local professional events through email, social media, its website, on-campus marketing, and by encouraging its officers and members and MLIS faculty to promote Chapter events in their classes. In addition, the Chapter hosts a social hour at local eateries following monthly meetings, open to all MLIS students, as an informal forum to share experiences and build camaraderie.

Chapter members attended and presented at a number of conferences in 2021:

- 2021: 49th Annual Conference - Art Libraries Society of North America (Virtual)
- Society of American Archivists Archives*Records 2021 (Virtual)
- 9th Annual Minnesota Archives Symposium (Virtual)

In addition to meeting minutes, more information about the Chapter and its activities can be found at <https://stkatessaa.wordpress.com>.

The Chapter can be further contacted directly by members, students, LIS professionals, and the public via the following means:

Email: saa@stkate.edu

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stkatessaa/> or [@stkatessaa](#)

Twitter: [@StKatesSAA](#)

Instagram: [st.katessaa](#)

Current Officers

President: Daniel (Dan) Sustacek¹

Vice-President: Liz Anderson²

Secretary: Aly Skoglund³

Treasurer: Marcie Killian⁴

Media Relations: Joanna Hunt⁵

SGO Liaison: Marcie Killian

Faculty Advisor: Heather Carroll (hacarroll@stkate.edu)

Incoming Officers

Media Relations: Rachel (David) Johnson⁶

Student Members

Emily Ahern*

Benjamin Ahrendt

Liz Anderson*

Yharnet Browne

Laura Chandler*

Sophia Charbonneau

Rachel Farnham*⁷

Amelia Foster*

Joanna Hunt*

Elizabeth Johnson*

Rachel (David) Johnson

Marcie Killian

Isaac Mielke

Sarah Rosenthal

Elise Moonen

Katherine Niemisto

¹ Elected May 2021

² Elected December 2020

³ Elected May 2021

⁴ Elected December 2020

⁵ Elected December 2020

⁶ Elected December 2021

⁷ President May 2020 - May 2021

Kenzie Putz
Morgan Salgy
Aly Skoglund*
Daniel (Dan) Sustacek**⁸

*(Students marked with an * are SAA Student Members)*

Faculty Support

Heather Carroll

Events and Activities

January 2021

- An officer meeting was held on January 14th to conduct preliminary planning for the spring semester.
- Officers attended a virtual new student orientation on January 28th to advertise the chapter and recruit new members

February 2021

- The Chapter virtually attended a tour of the St. Catherine University Archive on February 22nd. There was a tour of the reading room and vault as well as a showcase of collections of the archivist's choosing. The event ended with a Q & A session with the archivist. Fifteen (15) St. Catherine University students were in attendance.

March 2021

- The Chapter virtually attended a tour of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Archives & Special Collections on March 26th. There was a tour of the reading room and vault as well as a showcase of collections of the archivist's choosing. The event ended with a Q & A session with the archivist. Twelve (12) St. Catherine University students were in attendance.

April 2021

- The Chapter hosted an archive professionals panel on April 16th with a question and answer session. Panelists were archivists who have been in the field for five (5) or more years. The panelists included archivists from the Minnesota Public Radio (MPR), the

⁸ Secretary December 2018 - May 2021

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, and the General Mills archive. Twelve (12) St. Catherine University students were in attendance.

- The Chapter hosted a resume workshop on April 30th with open dialogue and discussion with panelists and students about general resume and cover letter tips as well as industry-specific advice. The panelists were comprised of the St. Catherine University Career Development Vice President and the Career and Special Development Manager. The other two panelists were hiring managers for the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) and the University of Ohio Archives. Fifteen (15) St. Catherine University students were in attendance.

May 2021

- The Chapter hosted a Netflix Watch Party of *The First Line* on May 21st via the platform Teleparty. This event included an informal discussion of ethics around the repatriation of cultural artifacts to their country of origin, especially focusing on the role of the British Museum. Eight (8) St. Catherine University students attended.
- Officers attended a virtual new student orientation on May 20th to advertise the chapter and recruit new members.
- Spring elections took place on schedule. The new officers are as follows:
 - President: Daniel (Dan) Sustacek
 - Secretary: Aly Skoglund
- Incoming and outgoing Presidents met virtually to hand off responsibilities.

June 2021

- No events or meetings were held during the month of June.

July 2021

- No events or meetings were held during the month of July.

August 2021

- An officer meeting was held on August 26th to conduct preliminary planning for the fall semester.
- Officers attended a virtual new student orientation on August 30th to advertise the chapter and recruit new members.

September 2021

- The Chapter held a regular in-person meeting, but no other events transpired.

October 2021

- The Chapter held a virtual transcription and tagging session on October 16. Students registered for Citizen Archivist Missions on the National Archives website and performed tagging and transcription activities for World War II records, specifically the European Name Index to the Series "Case Files, 1944-1949." The transcription involved index cards that contained the name of an individual, a case number, and a summary of information from the case. The session was held over Google Meet and attended by four (4) St. Catherine University students.
- A tour of the Hennepin County Libraries was organized by Heather Carroll for the Preservation Management class on October 29, but members of the Chapter not enrolled in that class were also invited to attend. The first half of the tour focused on Special Collections, while the second focused on preservation and conservation activities. A total of four (4) St. Catherine University students outside of the Preservation Management class participated in the event.

November 2021

- Several members of the Chapter attended the 9th Annual Minnesota Archives Symposium held by The Twin Cities Archives Roundtable (TCART) on November 1st. Chapter member Rachel (David) Johnson gave a poster presentation on scrapbook preservation as part of the event.
- The Chapter held a face-to-face community project session at the American Craft Council on November 13. Students processed several collections of archival materials, including records and marketing materials from the Art Jewelry Forum. A total of six (6) St. Catherine University students participated in the event.

December 2021

- The Chapter hosted a new professionals' panel with a question and answer session on December 1st. All panelists had completed MLIS degrees within the past five (5) years and were currently working in archives-related positions. The panelists represented organizations such as WuXi AppTec, the Hennepin Medical History Center, and Aldis Systems, Inc. A total of ten (10) St. Catherine University Students attended the panel.
- Fall elections took place on schedule. The new officers are as follows:
 - Media Relations Officer: Rachel (David) Johnson