

St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter

2020 Annual Report

12/28/2020

Overview

In its seventh 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.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic all activities that the chapter historically does in person was moved online to protect its members and follow university and state protocols. Meetings, social hours, tours, and events were all held in virtual settings once closures started in the beginning of the year and will remain virtual until St. Catherine University and the State of Minnesota deem it safe to gather in person.

Chapter members attended and presented at a number of conferences in 2020:

- Society of American Archivists Archives*Records 2020 (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: Rachel Farnham (r***3@stkate.edu)¹

Vice President: Rose Winter (r***r@stkate.edu)²

Secretary: Daniel (Dan) Sustacek (d***0@stkate.edu)³

Treasurer: Alyson Glass (a***s@stkate.edu)⁴

Media Relations: Michele Hagen (m***0@stkate.edu)⁵

SGO Liaison: Rachel Farnham (r***3@stkate.edu)

Faculty Advisor: Molly Hazelton (mdhazelton@stkate.edu)⁶; Heather Carroll (hacarroll@stkate.edu)⁷

Incoming Officers

Vice President: Liz Anderson (l***9@stkate.edu)⁸

Treasurer: Marcie Killian (m***5@stkate.edu)⁹

Media Relations: Joanna Hunt (j***7@stkate.edu)¹⁰

Student Members

Emily Ahern

Liz Anderson

Laura Bell

Rebecca Brown¹¹

Yharnet Browne

Laura Chandler

Georgia Cook

Kaytee Estall

Rachel Farnham*

Amelia Foster*

Erin Gingrich

¹ Elected May 2020

² Elected May 2020

³ Elected December 2018

⁴ Elected December 2019

⁵ Elected May 2020

⁶ January - May 2020

⁷ Became advisor Fall 2020

⁸ Elected December 2020

⁹ Elected December 2020

¹⁰ Elected December 2020

¹¹ Vice President May 2019 - May 2020

Alyson Glass
Thomas (“TJ”) Guiney¹²
Tiamat Gustafson
Michele Hagen*
Joanna Hunt
Kari Jagusch
Elizabeth Johnson*
Katherine Johnson
Rachel Johnson
Katherine Laak
Myanna Lansing
Patrick Mach
Aubrey Mullenix*
Anna Olson
Siri Raasch
Dan Sustacek*
Mark Verdin
Ashley Walker*¹³
Rose Winter

Faculty Support

Heather Carroll¹⁴
Molly Hazelton¹⁵
Deb Torres¹⁶

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

Events and Activities

January 2020

- An officer meeting was held on January 6th to conduct preliminary planning for spring semester.
- SAA officers attended new student orientation on January 29th to promote SAA Student Chapter.

February 2020

¹² Media Relations Officer May 2018 - May 2020

¹³ President May 2019 - May 2020

¹⁴ Became advisor June 2020

¹⁵ Advisor until May 2020

¹⁶ Assistant Program Director; Retired May 2020

- The Chapter hosted a tour at the Science Museum of Minnesota on February 14th. Nineteen (19) students attended.

March 2020

- Tours of the Minnesota Twins archive, the Mimi Holmes Art Collection at the University of Minnesota, and St. Catherine University's archives were scheduled but cancelled due to COVID-19 closures.
- Speed Networking event scheduled but cancelled due to COVID-19 closures.
- Chapter held a regular in-person meeting, but no other events transpired during the transition period.

April 2020

- The Chapter hosted on April 25th an archivist panel with a question and answer session. Panelists included archivists from the Walker Art Center, the Convent of Visitation School, and the Minnesota Historical Society. In addition, the book and paper conservator from the Minnesota Historical Society participated in the panel. Eighteen (18) students, two (2) former students, and Assistant Program Director Deb Torres attended.

May 2020

- The Chapter hosted a Netflix Party watch of *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* on May 1st. This event included informal discussion of the depiction of archives in the movie. Ten (10) St. Catherine University students and one (1) student from the University of Wisconsin attended in addition to Assistant Program Director Deb Torres.
- The Chapter hosted a virtual resume workshop, employing the knowledge and advice of Deb Torres and Molly Hazelton as resume editors. The event took place from May 1st through May 15th. Four (4) students participated.
- Spring elections took place on schedule. The new officers are as follows:
 - President: Rachel Farnham
 - Vice President: Rose Winter
 - Media Relations Officer: Laura Chandler
- The Chapter hosted a virtual end-of-semester Jackbox game night on May 20th. Eight (8) students attended.
- Officers attended a virtual new student orientation on May 21st to advertise the chapter and recruit new members.

June 2020

- Officers met virtually to hand off responsibilities.

July 2020

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

August 2020

- An officer meeting was held on August 27th to conduct preliminary planning for fall semester.

September 2020

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

October 2020

- The Chapter virtually attended a tour at the University of California, Riverside Special Collections and University Archives on October 5th. They showcased several collections and ended with a question-and-answer session. Six (6) St. Catherine University students attended.
- The Chapter completed the first part of its community project with the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire's James Newman Clark Crowd Sourced Transcription Project. The project consisted of students transcribing the field notes, diaries, and correspondence of the amateur ornithologist, James Newman Clark, whose notes from the 1880s and onwards played a major role in the seminal publication of *Birds of Wisconsin*. The community project was hosted virtually on October 24th over the platform Online Town. A total of six (6) St. Catherine University students participated in the event.

November 2020

- The Chapter concluded its community project with the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire's James Newman Clark Crowd Sourced Transcription Project. The project was hosted virtually over Google Meet on November 14th. A total of five (5) St. Catherine University students participated in the event.
- The Chapter hosted on November 21st an archivist new professionals' panel with a question and answer session. Panelists were archivists that had graduated from their programs within the past five (5) years. The panelists included archivists from Macalester College, George Mason University, and the University of North Dakota. A total of twenty (20) St. Catherine University students attended as well as the Chapter's faculty advisor Heather Carroll.

December 2020

- The Chapter hosted a Netflix Party watch of *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* on December 12th via the platform Teleparty. This event included informal discussion of the depiction of archives and artifact management in the movie. Eight (8) St. Catherine University students attended.
- Fall elections took place on schedule. The new officers are as follows:

- Vice President: Liz Anderson
- Treasurer: Marcie Killian
- Media Relations Officer: Joanna Hunt