

2011-2012 Annual Report
University of Denver, Society of American Archivists – Student Chapter

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Chapter Activities:

During the 2011-2012 year, the University of Denver SAA student chapter saw an increase in student involvement and interest. We were able to offer a range of activities for our students and collaborate with other student organizations for professional development opportunities.

SAA Events:

We kicked off the year with a fall speaker series titled Archival Careers. Every other week a new panel discussed a different aspect of archiving. Topics were the Alliance Digital Repository (part of the Colorado Alliance of Academic Libraries), Special Collections, Photo Archivists, Student Internships (two of our students reported on their internships from the previous summer), University Archivists, and the Academy of Certified Archivist. Speakers included local professionals, our university's archivist, and fellow students.

Winter and Spring quarters we toured four local repositories: Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Coors Brewery, Denver Public Library's Western History Department, and the American Heritage Center.

All of our events were well attended. These events and tours brought our students in contact with many of the archival professionals in our community, showcased opportunities in the field, and established a network amongst students, professionals, and DU faculty.

Finally, many of our students are members of our local archival society the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists and as a group we attended both their Fall and Summer meetings. Through SRMA and our University Archivist we learned of the Denver Public Library Western History Department's Ask an Archivist day. Two of our members attended and were able to use their knowledge to assist community members in preservation of personal archives.

Collaborative Events:

SAA is one of seven student organizations in the University of Denver Library and Information Science program. As we are a small program, those events that will benefit all students are run as collaborative events. This year those events included a Back to School event, Resume Workshop, and a new mentorship program.

Many of our students attended the Colleague Connection dinner, an annual event co-sponsored by the Colorado Association of Libraries, the Colorado Association of Law Libraries, the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and the University of Denver Library and Information Science Program.