

SJSU SAASC

Annual Report, 2018 – 2019

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Introduction

The San José State University Society of American Archivists Student Chapter (SAASC) is pleased to submit to the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Executive Council the 2018-2019 Annual Report on this year's activities.

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Members

The following is a list of the SAASC members for the 2018-2019 academic year. The list is comprised of students enrolled in SAASC's group site on Canvas, the SJSU iSchool's online learning portal, who are also individual members of SAA. We have 115 people enrolled in our group site on Canvas, and 30 of those individuals are both students and individual members of SAA.

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Summary of Events

Note: All web events were held via Zoom.

(2018) Fall Semester

September 5, 2018

Annual Members Meeting

The Executive Committee presented a program designed to help students understand the mission of SAASC and the benefits of getting involved. The program included information on membership in the student chapter as well as the national organization; an overview of upcoming events for the year; and information about SAASC's team structure and how students can be a part.

September 21, 2018

[TOUR] A Visit to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)

SJSU students enjoyed a tour of LACMA's library and archives. Archivist, Jessica Gambling and Head of Research Libraries and Archives, Alexis Curry, gave a fun and informative talk on the nature of LACMA's operations and holdings. Ms. Gambling was especially informative about the installment and development of LACMA's archival program over the last 8 years, with special emphasis on the nature of working in a museum archive. The event included the opportunity to ask questions and discuss in general some of the issues and concerns of the archival profession, and concluded with access to browse the museum's exhibits.

October 3, 2018

[WEB EVENT] The Archivist as Author: A Conversation with Lynn Downey

Former Levi Strauss & Co corporate historian Lynn Downey shared her experiences as both a published author and an archivist. She provided insights on her writing process and how her background in archives influences her writing.

October, 2018

[TWITTER EVENT] Archives Month

October is designated by SAA as Archives Month. Our celebration of this month-long event began on October 3, when we led student participation in the #AskAnArchivist event via Twitter. During the rest of the month, our social media team, led by SAASC's Secretary Anna Belle Rosen, presented a Twitter series on interesting and obscure archival institutions and collections. Ten institutions were chosen and highlighted throughout the month.

November 10, 2018

[TOUR] A Visit to the San Diego Zoo Global Library & Archives

SAASC and SLASC, along with the SLA San Diego chapter, visited the San Diego Zoo Global Library & Archives, located on the SD Zoo's Safari Park campus in Escondido, California. Following the visit to the library and archives, participants enjoyed a private tour of the new "Walkabout" exhibit at the Safari Park!

November 23, 2018

[WEB EVENT] Get Mentored: How to Take Advantage of SAA's Mentorship Program

In this web event, several guests joined us for a panel discussion about SAA's Mentoring Program. We heard from current mentors and proteges about their experiences with the SAA Mentoring Program and how it can help your career planning. We also heard from Alison Clemens and Jennifer Motszko, Co-Chairs of the Mentoring Program Subcommittee, about how the program works and how students can sign up. This event was full of great information and advice on the mentorship program in general, but also on the importance of networking for professional development.

2019 (Spring Semester)

February 5, 2019

[WEB EVENT] Everything You Need to Know About the ACA Exam

In this web event, Dr. Mott Linn, Head of Collections at the Robert H. Goddard Library at Clark University and past President of the Academy of Certified Archivists, discussed what it means to be a certified archivist and how to prepare for the certified archivist exam offered by the ACA. This event offered a ton of information about how questions for the exam are constructed (including a couple of sample questions!) and the application process for becoming a certified archivist.

February 26, 2019

[WEB EVENT] Business Archives: A View From the Field

An online event featured eight archivists working in the field of business archives. We learned what they do, how they do it, and heard recommendations for students who are interested in pursuing similar careers.

March 19, 2019

[WEB EVENT] Leaders Wanted: How and Why to Get Involved In Student Organizations

SAASC organized and hosted this event for SJSU's iSchool student organizations. The presentation helped students understand the benefits and duties of leadership in professional associations and student groups, and provided an opportunity for each group to announce its upcoming elections and explain the process for students to nominate themselves or a fellow student for a position a leadership committee.

March 25, 2019

[TOUR] A Visit to Cal Poly Pomona's Special Collections & University Archives

Students were given a tour of Cal Poly Pomona's University Library, including a special tour of the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Library, the Special Collections, and the University Archives. Students were given the opportunity to learn about how a university special collections department prioritizes resources to best serve the needs of the needs of the department. Several opportunities were also provided to ask questions about academic library operations, special collections operations and archival processing issues.

April 12, 2019

[TOUR] A Visit to the Huntington

Students were led on a behind-the-scenes tour of Munger Research Library. The tour included a visit into reading rooms and storage spaces. The tour also included a show-and-tell session with several collections curators, where Huntington staff discussed some of the challenges and delights of processing object, manuscript and book collections. Students had a chance to ask questions and interact with the staff and were given advice on professional development.

Archeota

In 2018 – 2019, SAASC successfully released the eighth and ninth issues of *Archeota* (Volume 4, Issue 2; and Volume 5, Issue 1), the official student publication of the SJSU Society of American Archivists Student Chapter.

Jennifer Castle, SAASC's previous Chair, continued her duties as Managing Editor for *Archeota* during the production of the Fall 2018 issue while also training the new Chair and incoming Managing Editor, Sarah Thornton. After Castle graduated in December 2018, Thornton took over management for the spring issue.

A focus on promotion for the publication in early 2019 led to the successful solicitation of several excellent feature articles, resulting in an increase in content and a larger publication than previous issues.

Archeota's most recent and former issues can be viewed here:

<http://sjsusaasc.weebly.com/archeota.html>