

STHC Roundtable meeting
Friday, 8/21/15, 4:30-6:00
Cleveland Convention Center, Exhibit Hall Level, Room 25C

Program Presentations, 4:30-5:30

New Directions and Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships in Preserving the History of the Genetic Engineering and Society Center at NCSU

Eleanor Brown, North Carolina State University

This presentation will focus on innovative approaches to documenting and archiving existing and emerging scientific technologies through video oral histories available on the World Wide Web. In 2014, the multidisciplinary Genetic Engineering and Society Center (GES) established "The History Project." This initiative was conceived to engage and challenge scientists, historians, public policy experts and archivists to actively collaborate, archive and preserve the history of agricultural genetic engineering and biotechnology in a "real time" environment using digital video interviews. The interviews are conducted with leading pioneers, practitioners and those with alternative opinions concerning the impact of agricultural biotechnology on society. "The History Project" builds on a similar video project: the NCSU Libraries' "Computer Simulation Archive" which was established in 2003 with the support of pioneers in the field and associated professional institutes and conferences.

Augmented Exploration of Library Videogame Holdings by Techniques from Computational Linguistics

Glynn Edwards, Stanford University

Large collections often present a challenge for researchers and patrons wishing to locate disparate items that are related in ways not revealed through standard archival discovery methods, or that are too nuanced for any single archivist to consider. For physical software collections this is even more difficult, due to the need to execute software to understand its use and visual appearance. In a joint collaboration between Stanford University Library's Department of Special Collections and UC Santa Cruz's Center for Games and Playable Media, we present GameNet, a tool for exploring the implicit relationships between computer and video game software items in Stanford's Cabrinety Collection on the History of Microcomputing.

Work on this project is being done by the following people at UC Santa Cruz:

Eric Kaltman, PhD Candidate in Computer Science

James Ryan, PhD Student in Computer Science

Timothy Hong, undergraduate student in Computer Science

Noah Wardrip-Fruin, Associate Professor of Computational Media

Using Medical Instruments in Material Culture

Dawne Lucas, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

For the past two semesters, an English composition class has used medical instruments from UNC's Health Sciences Library to complete a material culture blog post assignment. Each student selected one instrument from the Health Sciences Library's collection, and then did

research about the instrument to provide historical context. Outstanding papers were eligible to be posted on the library's website. A close working relationship between the Special Collections Librarian and the English instructor has allowed this assignment to evolve in order to enhance the undergraduate student experience on the health affairs side of campus.

Medical Heritage Library Update

Phoebe Evans Letocha, Collections Management Archivist, Alan Chesney Medical Archives, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions
Steve Novak, Head, Archives and Special Collections, Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library, Columbia University Medical Center

Business Meeting Agenda, 5:30-6:00

Preliminary remarks (Dawne Lucas)

- Approval of 2014 Business Meeting minutes
 - Steve Novak moved and Jodie Klein seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved without objection.

Reports

- Council Representative announcements (Tanya Zanish-Belcher)
 - The deadline for comments on proposed changes to Affinity Groups was extended to September 15, 2015.
 - The proposed dues increase is 3-5% over three years, and member can vote between November 18 and December 11, 2015.
 - Comments on NHPRC's strategic plans are sought by September 1, 2015.
 - Kris Keisling is succeeding Tanya as Council Representative to the STHC roundtable.
- Archival Elements (Liz Phillips)
 - Another good year for *Archival Elements*, with excellent suggestions for articles, and a lot of excitement about potential topics. The issue contains a good mix of health, technology, and natural sciences topics. Liz thanked everyone who contributed, and announced that Joan Echtenkamp Klein will be the new editor.
- STHC website (Polina Ilieva)
 - Web site continues to be updated.
- STHC listserv (Dawne Lucas)
 - There are currently 361 members of the listserv, and the listserv had about 106 messages and replies in the past year.
 - Roundtable members are encouraged to use the listserv to share news and announcements.

Steering Committee and STHC leadership (Dawne Lucas)

- Election results, incoming junior Co-chair
 - Todd Kosmerick is the new junior co-chair for the section.
- The following Steering Committee members are rotating off: newsletter editor Liz Phillips, and committee members Charlotte (Shelley) Erwin, Joan Echtenkamp Klien, Todd Kosmerick, Judith Wiener.
- The following members are joining the Steering Committee: Joan Echtenkamp Klien as newsletter editor, Bethany Anderson, Kimberly Anderson, Andrew Lippert, and Elizabeth Shepard.

Election process and nominations (Dawne Lucas)

- The roundtable began electing the co-chairs a few years ago to comply with SAA guidelines. STHC is the only group in SAA appointing Steering Committee members and needs to amend its bylaws to be in line with SAA guidelines. The roundtable has tried to maintain a balance between science, technology and health care, and a geographic representation on the Steering Committee. Going forward the roundtable hopes to incorporate that balance in future slates.
- Jodi Koste will look at the bylaws and determine what changes need to be made. Because changes will bring the roundtable into conformance they will not need to be voted on by the members.

New business

- Melanie Mueller announced that Joe Anderson is retiring from the American Institute of Physics in November.
- Joan Echtenkamp Klein encouraged everyone to send her articles for *Archival Elements*
- Everyone was encouraged to attend session 501, “What’s in the Box? Caring for Unusual Materials in Collections,” a lightening session with several STHC members presenting.

Program ideas for the 2016 SAA annual meeting

- Joint meeting Council of State Archivists & SAA, Hilton Atlanta, Atlanta, 7/31-8/6/16 (Start submitting: Tuesday, 15 September; submission deadline: 13 November).
- Perhaps someone from the CDC would be willing to present at the business meeting.
- Share ideas for session on the listserv.

Adjourn (6:00)

- Nora Murphy made a motion to adjourn and Tom Rosko seconded.

Meeting Attendees (50)