

St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter

2017 Annual Report

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Overview

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

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

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

During 2017, the Chapter continued work on its 2016 community project: cataloging and digitizing the collection of WARM (Women's Art Registry of Minnesota) journals. A new community project was started, cataloging 50 linear feet of mail art for the Minnesota Center for Book Arts (MCBA), but was put on hold because MCBA is currently going through administrative changes.

The Chapter also established two new MLIS events: an LIS Community Mixer and an ePortfolio Info Session. These events have since been handed over to the Student Governance Organization (SGO) to organize given their overall program-wide appeal.

Chapter members attended and presented at a variety of conferences in 2017:

- 2017 St. Catherine University MLIS Summit¹ (Saint Paul, MN)
- Film Librarians Conference (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2017 Midwest Archives Conference Spring Meeting (Omaha, NE)
- 2017 Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) Conference² (Iowa City, IA)
- Minnesota Library Association (MLA) 2017 Annual Conference (Rochester, MN)
- 6th Annual Minnesota Archives Symposium, hosted by the Twin Cities Archives Round Table (TCART)³ (Minneapolis, MN)

¹ Members presented.

² Members presented.

³ Member presented.

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](#)

Membership

Current Officers

President: Heather Carroll

Vice President: Ann Arntson⁵

Secretary: Nicholas Riordan⁶

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Media Relations: Trish Vaillancourt

SGO Liaison: Deb Eschweiler

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Student Members

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Nick Riordan

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Faculty Support

Molly Hazelton

Deb Torres¹²

⁴ Vice President, January-May 2017; Co-Chair May-December 2017; President, December 2017

⁵ Vice President, December 2017

⁶ Secretary, December 2017

⁷ SGO Liaison, January-May 2017; graduated May 2017

⁸ President, January-May 2017; graduated May 2017

⁹ Media Relations, January-May 2017; Co-Chair, May-December 2017; graduated December 2017

¹⁰ Student with the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee's MLIS online program

¹¹ Secretary, January-December 2017; graduated December 2017

¹² Assistant Program Director, MLIS program

Events/Activities

January 2017

- Chapter members promote the SAA Student Chapter at spring orientation, encouraging new students to consider the archival profession and to attend upcoming events.
- The Chapter continues planning the LIS Community Mixer by reaching out to other St. Catherine University MLIS students groups and local LIS professional organizations.

February 2017

- With assistance from LIS professional organization sponsors and other St. Catherine University MLIS student groups, the Chapter hosts the LIS Community Mixer at St. Thomas University. More than fifty (50) LIS professionals and St. Catherine University MLIS students, faculty, and staff attend.¹³
- The Chapter hosts a tour of the General Mills Archives led by the Corporate Archivist, who is a St. Catherine University MLIS alumna and former Chapter president. Nine (9) students attend.

March 2017

- The Chapter hosts *Censorship: Then Is Now*, an LIS-themed movie night with a presentation about censorship and a screening of the 1956 film *Storm Center*. The event was open to MLIS students, faculty, and staff. Seven (7) students attend.
- The Chapter, along with the ALA chapter, co-hosts its second annual LIS resume/cover letter workshop and job seekers' panel. The event is open to all MLIS students and groups. Eighteen (18) students attend.
- Chapter members present about the WARM digitization project to the program's cataloging course to drum up interest and encourage students to get involved.
- The Chapter begins work on a new community project: cataloging 50 linear feet of mail at the MCBA.

April 2017

- The Chapter hosts an ePortfolio Info Session with faculty members to help graduating students prepare their ePortfolios for faculty review as required for graduation. Twenty-two (22) students attend.¹⁴
- Two chapter members represent MLIS students on the interview committee in the search for the new St. Catherine University MLIS Program Director.

May 2017

- Officers for the 2017-18 academic year are elected.
- Five (5) Chapter members present posters at the St. Catherine University MLIS Summit.
- The Chapter holds its third annual end-of-academic year Historically Accurate Costume Party to celebrate the end of the academic year and to honor graduating members. Eleven (11) students attend.

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June 2017

- Chapter members promote the SAA Student Chapter at summer orientation, encouraging new students to consider the archival profession and to attend upcoming events.
- Chapter representatives present about the Chapter's progress in its WARM digitization project at the 2017 RBMS Conference in Iowa City, Iowa.

July 2017

- With the SLA student group, the Chapter co-hosts a summer social hour for students to meet and touch base between semesters. Fourteen (14) students attend.

August 2017

- Chapter members promote the SAA Student Chapter at fall orientation, encouraging new students to consider the archival profession and to attend upcoming events.

September 2017

- The Chapter hosts a tour of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet archives (the original Sisters founded the university in 1905). Nine (9) students attend.

October 2017

- The Chapter hosts its third annual Archives 101 panel with four local archivists (including a St. Catherine University MLIS program alumna), open to all MLIS students. Thirteen (13) students attend.

November 2017

- Chapter officers participate in face-to-face meetings with the ALA re-accreditation external review panel.
- New officers are elected to finish the terms of graduating officers (for Vice President and Secretary).

December 2017

- The Chapter hosts a New Professionals Brown Bag Lunch meeting/panel with recent graduates working in archives. Nineteen (19) students attend.
- The Chapter hosts an LIS-themed movie night, screening *The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians Through Film* (2007). The event is open to all MLIS students, faculty, and staff. Five (5) students attend.