

St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter 2016 Annual Report

Overview

In its third year, the St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter (hereafter the Chapter) continued the work of growing the organization by coordinating archives-related events; promoting communication between students, student groups, and local professional organizations; providing opportunities for professional development, recruitment, and outreach; encouraging participation in professional archival events and conferences; and developing ideas for integration into the wider academic and local communities. Accomplishments include sponsorship of an LIS resume/cover letter workshop and job seekers' panel, participation in professional development activities, and completion of phase one of a digitization and archiving project for a local women's art journal.

Officers

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Jennifer Riestenberg

Deb Torres¹
Elaine Young

Activities

January 2016

- Chapter members promote the SAA Chapter at spring orientation, encourage new students to consider the archival profession, and promote upcoming events.

February 2016

- The Chapter votes to establish the position of Student Governance Organization (SGO) Liaison to be the official representative at meetings for the SAA Chapter and its officers.
- Sara Butterfass is elected vice president after the graduation in December of Allison Spies, the previous vice president.
- The Chapter plans an LIS-focused resume and interviewing workshop, along with potential fundraising and community outreach opportunities.

March 2016

- Fifteen students tour the corporate archives at Target Headquarters in downtown Minneapolis with archivist Michele Pollard.
- The Chapter partners with the Progressive Librarians Guild (PLG) chapter at St. Catherine University to host a pizza/cataloging party at the East Side Freedom Library in Saint Paul to promote their Hmong collection and archives.

April 2016

- The Chapter hosts its first annual LIS resume/cover letter workshop and job seekers' panel. The event is open to all MLIS students and groups, and thirteen students attend.
- The Chapter begins work on phase one of digitizing and archiving the twenty-four volumes of the Women's Art Resources of Minnesota (WARM) Journal, to be housed in the institutional repository for St. Catherine University, as well as harvested into the Digital Public Library of America.

May 2016

- Officers for the following academic year are elected.
- The Chapter holds its second annual historically accurate costume party to celebrate the end of the academic year and to honor graduating members.

July 2016

- The Chapter establishes a WordPress site, <https://stkatessaa.wordpress.com>, as an official means of communication and system of record for the organization.

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August 2016

- The Chapter meets in preparation for the fall semester to finalize work to be done on the WordPress website and plan events through the end of the year.
- Chapter members promote the SAA Chapter at fall orientation, encourage new students to consider the archival profession, and promote upcoming events for the fall semester.

September 2016

- Sixteen students tour the St. Catherine University archives.

October 2016

- The Chapter hosts its second annual Archives 101 panel with four local archivists (including a St. Catherine University alumna), open to all MLIS students interested in learning more about archives. Fourteen students attend.
- The Chapter Board begins preliminary planning for January joint MLIS student group bowling event by promoting and seeking sponsorship from student groups and local professional LIS organizations.

November 2016

- Five students attend the Twin Cities Archives Round Table (TCART) 5th Annual Minnesota Archives Symposium (“Archives in Conversation”) at the Elmer L. Andersen Library on the University of Minnesota campus. One panel session focusing on the early career experiences of young professionals featured four SAA Chapter alumni.
- The Chapter completes work on phase one of digitizing and archiving the WARM Journals, logging a combined total of sixty student hours spent gathering contributor information and indexing the journals.

December 2016

- The Chapter hosts an LIS-themed movie night with a showing of the 1957 film *Desk Set*. The event was open to MLIS students, faculty, and staff. Eight students attend.
- The Chapter organizes a joint tour of the Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) archives and library with the St. Kate’s Special Library Association (SLA) chapter. Twenty students attend.
- The Chapter Board finalizes planning for January joint MLIS student group bowling event, and secures sponsorship from the SLA, PLG, and American Library Association (ALA) student groups; the Friends of the St. Catherine University Libraries; TCART; and the SLA Minnesota Chapter.

In addition to the above activities, the Chapter regularly promotes job listings, scholarship opportunities, and local professional events through email, social media, the MLIS program blog, on-campus marketing, and by encouraging faculty members 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 a forum to share their experiences.