

St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter 2015 Annual Report

Overview

In its second year, the St. Catherine University SAA Student Chapter continued laying the groundwork for a successful and growing organization by focusing on planning, recruitment and outreach, and ideas for integration into the wider academic and local communities. Students continued to be enthusiastic about the group and enjoyed the opportunity to form new connections and chart a course for the chapter. Accomplishments include sponsorship of a professional development panel and a local archives tour, participation in professional development activities such as the Minnesota Archives Symposium and the SAA Annual Meeting, as well as a visit and talk from incoming SAA president Dennis Meissner in April.

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Kate Thomson

Activities

February 2015

- The Chapter works on events for the spring semester, including ideas for a community outreach project for the coming year.
- The Chapter extends an invitation to incoming SAA president Dennis Meissner to speak to the group in April.

March 2015

- Chapter members hold an open house to heighten visibility of the SAA chapter in the MLIS community at St. Catherine University, and to recruit new members.

April 2015

- Dennis Meissner delivers a talk to the Chapter about the current state of the archives profession, new directions, and advice on professional development.
- Officers are elected.

May 2015

- The Chapter holds a historically accurate costume party to celebrate both the end of the academic year and to honor graduating members.
- The Chapter meets informally to debrief on the past year and plan for the summer.

June 2015

- The Chapter holds an info session for interested students on the SAA annual meeting in Washington DC with the MLIS program director Deb Torres.

July 2015

- The Chapter holds an informal meeting and happy hour to discuss event planning for the fall.

August 2015

- Four members attend the SAA annual meeting in Cleveland, OH.
- A Chapter member presents on the SAA Student Chapter at fall orientation for incoming MLIS students.

September 2015

- Members tour the Baaken Museum and Archives in Minneapolis.
- Fundraising committee is established.

October 2015

- The Chapter hosts an Archives 101 panel with four local archivists, with an invitation to anyone interested in pursuing a career as an archivist.

November 2015

- Several members attend the TCART 4th Annual Minnesota Archives Symposium at the Minnesota History Center. The theme of the meeting is digitization and outreach.
- The Chapter works on event planning for the Spring semester.

December 2015

- Chapter members gather for a holiday celebration, extending invitations to the wider MLIS community, as well as to local archivists and organizations.