

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS
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Events

Orientation

Participated in the University of Michigan School of Information (UMSI) orientation where we met with new students interested in joining the group, talked with them about events planned for the upcoming school year, and provided a sign-up sheet for people to get emails about news and events.

Revised Chapter Constitution

To confirm university and SAA requirements, and after feedback from students, we revised our student chapter constitution. We updated our internal procedures manual accordingly.

Tour of Preservation Department

We organized a half-day tour of the University Library's preservation and conservation department, chaperoned by the head of preservation. Staff demonstrated book binding and repair, chemical treatments, scanning of texts and images, and digital archiving.

Town Hall Meetings

A meeting of the officers that is open to all students who are interested in joining the group or who have suggestions for upcoming events and activities. This year, we held 1-2 a semester, meeting in a classroom at UMSI.

Happy Hours

Our happy hour where students gather to hang out and discuss internships and classes. This event takes place 3-4 times a semester, sometimes in conjunction with the Metro Detroit Archivists League (MEDAL).

Trivia Nights

Students network and practice their spontaneous information retrieval at our monthly trivia nights.

Archives Blitz at Center for the Education of Women (as a part of UMSI Service Week)

Students volunteered at the University of Michigan's Center for the Education of Women (CEW) to appraise, process, and organize a historic collection of CEW photos and some published materials. This event was organized as subevent of UMSI Service Week, which is a week-long event where UMSI students, faculty, staff, and alumni volunteer with local organizations on a variety of information or not related projects.

Archives Career Panels (co-sponsored by the UMSI Career Development Office)

We held two lunchtime sessions—one with alumni and one with second year students—during which students could hear from a panel to explore careers, how to land archives positions or internships, what coursework could be of interest, and learn networking skills.

Programming for Archivists Panel

We held a panel on the intersection of computer programming and archives. Professionals from the field discussed their backgrounds and skills, described how they use programming in their jobs, and fielded questions from students. This was a great opportunity to hear from archives professionals on programming and technical skills related to their jobs, and help students determine what courses they might take.

Resume Review with the Metro Detroit Archivists League with Networking Happy Hour

We partnered with the Metro Detroit Archivists League to host a resume review workshop. MEDAL brought in professionals in the field to review current students' resumes and cover letters. They also provided feedback regarding internships and the job search. After the event there was a networking happy hour in downtown Ann Arbor.

QuasiCon 2018 (co-sponsored by the University of Michigan ALA student chapter)

For the first time, we co-sponsored the 2018 UMSI Quasi-Con, a student un-conference focuses on current topics in libraries and archives. This year's theme was Discovery and Distortion. QuasiCon combined traditional conference elements, such as panel discussions, presentations and keynote speakers, with un-conference elements such as breakout sessions and demonstrations.

Archives Blitz at the USGS Great Lakes Science Center

Students volunteered to assist in a metadata rescue project to support the quality checking of data in a long term dataset consisting of Chironomid Specimens. This project allow students to get hands-on work at what information and records management looks like at a science institution, as students worked with the glass slides of larvae, pupae and adult specimens, the metadata database, toured the facilities, and liased with the scientist who created the collection. In addition, SAA members were able to help preserve a collection in need.