

**University of Michigan Society of American Archivists  
Student Chapter  
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**University of Michigan  
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## Events

### Meet and Greet

For our first event of the academic year, we led a joint information session with the American Library Association student chapter to welcome new students interested in libraries and archives to the University of Michigan School of Information and to explain the purpose of our respective chapters. We discussed our planned events for the fall semester and provided a sign-up sheet for students who wished to join our mailing list.

### Archive Blitz at the Washtenaw County Historical Society (WCHS)

Students volunteered for morning and afternoon shifts working at the Washtenaw County Historical Society. Projects included creating inventories of newspapers from their archives, creating inventories of administrative records from their office, and helping the WCHS in their plans to create a Research Center by conducting research into what considerations they would need to take into account for such an initiative.

### Archivists in Different Environments Panel

Four archivists from the metro Detroit area volunteered to sit on a panel and discuss the similarities and differences between working in archives environments such as museums, universities, and online database companies. The panelists also discussed their career trajectories and shared professional advice with students.

### Tour of the University of Michigan's Video Game Archive

The staff of the Video Game Archive showed students around the facility and discussed aspects of their work such as day-to-day operation, collection development, and preservation concerns for both the equipment and the materials.

### MEDAL + MAC Mixer

At the Annual meeting Midwest Archives Conference in Detroit, students met up with members of the Metro Detroit Archivists League and the SAA student chapter of Wayne State University for dinner and drinks.

### Q & A Lunch with Steven Booth

The Bentley Historical Library invited Steven Booth, an archivist of the Barack Obama Presidential Library, to give a lecture for local archivists and librarians. In partnership, our chapter organized and funded a student lunch. At this lunch, our members had the opportunity to ask career and archive-related questions to Booth. The lunch was our most attended event of the year.

### Job and Internship Application Jam Session

Students gathered on a weekend afternoon to work on and help one another with job and internship applications. Students shared coffee, bagels, and resume tips while working on cover letters and searching for jobs.

#### Design Jam with LETSI

In partnership with LETSI, the Learning and Education Technology at the School of Information student organization, we organized a design jam with Gale-Cengage. The Gale Primary Sources team was working on redesigning Archives Unbound, an archival product that contains 300+ micro-archives in a single interface. Our members helped reimagine a modern, user-friendly interface that would effectively communicate the diverse historical content available and how to navigate, explore, and interrogate the content.

#### QuasiCon

Student officers coordinated with the student chapter of the American Library Association to present an unconference. The event featured, among others, a student poster presentations, a workshop on agile design, and a networking event in which students mingled with professionals from across the library and archives fields. After the conference, attendees convened at a local establishment where SAA hosted a happy hour.

#### Archival Blitz, UNESCO: Put a World of Pictures in Words

We organized an evening event for our members to transcribe captions as part of the UNESCO: Put a World of Pictures in Words project. One of our members had an interest in this project, and suggested it for a blitz. In addition to transcription of captions, we also created metadata to ensure the discoverability of these photographs in the future.

#### Happy Hours

Students get together on a monthly basis at a local establishment to socialize. Occasionally local archivists are invited to join.