

# **Society of American Archivists University of Texas - Student Chapter Annual Report 2018**

The Society of American Archivists – University of Texas at Austin Student Chapter (SAA-UT) is an organization of students at the School of Information. Our mission, as outlined by the national organization, is to introduce and integrate new archivists into the profession, provide additional focus for students to discuss archival issues, and promote archival interests within the University, academic departments, and the public at large. Throughout the academic year, we invite guest speakers, arrange archival education events, and organize trips to area repositories as a way of expanding our education beyond the classroom. SAA-UT is proud to be one of the original cohorts of SAA student chapters, having been founded in 1993.

## **2018 Officers:**

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## **Faculty advisor:**

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## **In 2018, SAA-UT hosted the following events:**

- Student Organizations Welcome Meeting—January 18, 2018
- SAA-UT Welcome Back Meeting—January 26, 2018
- SAA-UT Harry Ransom Center Vaudeville Exhibit Opening Talk—February 9, 2018
- SAA-UT General Meeting and Career Talk with Beth Hallmark—February 19, 2018
- SAA-UT Tour of the Briscoe Center—February 23, 2018
- SAA-UT General Meeting—March 20, 2018
- SAA-UT GoNightclubbing—March 28, 2018
- SAA-UT Harry Ransom Center Tour—April 17, 2018
- SAA-UT General Meeting—April 18, 2018
- SAA-UT Texas After Violence Project Tour—April 27, 2018
- SAA-UT Potluck—May 12, 2018
- SAA-UT Happy Hour—August 23, 2018
- Student Organization Kick-Off—Septemeber 5, 2018
- SAA-UT General Meeting—September 21, 2018
- SAA-UT Archivists Pannel Q and A—October 6, 2018
- SAA-UT General Meeting—October 26, 2018
- SAA-UT Potluck and General Meeting—November 10, 2018

## **Year in Review:**

This was another great year for SAA-UT. We continued to maintain our chapter's listserv, which allows us to share news, opportunities, and chapter events with our wide network of students, faculty, alumni, and friends. We also continued to utilize social media to not only reach out to our current members, but alumni and others in the Austin community. Our Webmaster, Rodrigo Leal, was especially active this year, promoting our social media presence to reach a wider audience for SAA-UT/iSchool events. For instance, one of our most successful and popular events was the GoNightclubbing event in March. For this event, we hosted two women who were active in the New York City Punk scene in the 1970s. They screened archival footage at the Austin Film Society and gave a talk at the iSchool about their experiences documenting and archiving these unique materials. Because of the event's wide appeal and our advertising, nearly forty students and other members of the Austin community attended.

We made a conscious effort to have regular officer meetings every two weeks to plan events or, at the very least, check in with one another. Additionally, we had a table at the Spring and Fall orientations and hosted one general meeting a month to increase our visibility and engagement among iSchool students.

Other notable activities include our very successful 40 for Forty fundraising campaign in April, 2018; the volunteer opportunities with the Texas After Violent Project as organized by Aems Emswiler; and our continued effort to archive our digital records in DSpace with the help of Dr. Patricia Galloway and her Digital Archiving class. Additionally, our President and Vice President attended and presented a poster at the SAA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. on July 31-August 6, 2018.

All board members made personal commitments to spearhead communication and coordination of specific events throughout the year as we increased community engagement with local partners and other campus groups like AMIA, SASI and ALA. For instance, we encouraged our members to get involved with ALA/TLA's Inside Books Project and attend talks like "Breaking Library Silos" on February 8, 2018 or the Zine Demo Workshop on April 14, 2018. Our goal is to bring more collaboration between organizations and provide professional development opportunities to SAA-UT membership.

All records created during the course of the board's activities are to be archived, electronic records will be archived using DSpace at the UT iSchool. Paper records and ephemera are to be deposited with the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, which serves as the official repository of the SAA-UT archives.

## **Members in good standing as of Fall 2018:**

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Elizabeth Buchannan

Erin Shook

Alison Brislin

Alyssa Anderson

Bethany Radcliff  
Brady Cox  
Sara Jorgenson  
Drew Roberson  
Danielle Barazza  
Rodrigo Leal  
Aems Emswiler  
Jennifer Follen  
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