



## **Student Chapter of the Society of American Archivists**

*2016-2017 Annual Report*

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### **Introduction**

In the summer of 2016, the officers of ISSA, formally known as Information Studies Student Association, decided to update the name to match the changes in the Information Science Department. ISSA is now known as Information Science Student Association. The University at Albany SCSAA is still a part of the Information Science Student Association (ISSA), along with the Student Chapter of American Library Association (SCALA) and Student Chapter of New York Library Association (SCNYLA). According to ISSA's constitution, three presidents of each chapter, a treasurer, and secretary are part of the executive board. In January of 2016, the webmaster position was created and included in the executive board. The executive board chooses the best dates for monthly meetings, creates fund raising events, shares information on

upcoming conferences, jobs, and internships to ISSA members, and keep in contact with the parent association.

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## **Activities and Events**

Fall 2016

In October, ISSA held their annual Book, Button, and Bake Sale in the main hallway of the downtown campus. One ISSA member in particular, made delicious baked goods which help ISSA turn a profit. The secretary also created new ISSA and IS Department logos to be made into buttons. Members made hundreds of buttons to sell at the bake sale and use for other ISSA events and conferences.

The SCSAA president introduced a new “Preserve” Your Sanity nights (an idea borrowed by another SCSAA chapter). ISSA was able to host three “Preserve” nights. The first was at a local bar in which ISSA members were welcomed to stop by for a beer and relax a little. The second “Preserve” night was during the week of midterms. ISSA opened the student lounge for members to enjoy hot tea, sweet treats, and coloring books. The members were thankful for a night of relaxation! The final “Preserve” night was the end of the semester party hosted by the SCALA president. ISSA members enjoyed a catered meal and desserts made by members.

In September, ISSA members volunteered at the annual Programs Squared Symposium. They helped set up and tear down the event, as well as enjoy the hard work done by the class.

Earlier in the semester, the webmaster merged all student chapter Facebook pages into one ISSA Facebook page. ISSA members agreed that it was easier to find information on a single page rather than three. ISSA still hosts the blog ([howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com](http://howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com)), a Twitter page (@UAlbany\_ISSA), and the new Facebook page (@UAlbanyISSA).

In support of NYLA, ISSA members volunteered to table at the NYLA conference in October. Three ISSA officers created a profile poster featuring upcoming ISSA graduates. These profiles included their major, interests in the field, and current positions/internships. ISSA members who tabled at the NYLA conference collected business cards of local libraries and archivists who were interested in the program and willing to be a future guest speaker. The new ISSA and IS Department button were a big hit at the table!

### Spring 2017

The ISSA officers always encourage new webmasters to try new tactics on our social media platforms, this gives ISSA a fresh look every year. Toward the beginning of the Spring semester, the webmaster created a closed group ISSA Facebook page. This group page allows members to share documents relating to conference, internships, and jobs. Officers are able to create polls and sign-up sheets for events and meetings. While the IS Department is going more online, ISSA is trying to reach out to those online students by opening a new line of collaboration. The ISSA Facebook page is still very active, with daily hashtags for conferences, jobs and internships.

In early March, ISSA members joined librarians of New York in Advocacy Day. This event included hundreds of New York librarians advocate their government representatives in Albany to continue funding public and academic libraries. After Advocacy Day, many of the newer ISSA members were very proud to be involved in such an event.

The ISSA officers decided to make some changes to ISSA to help members balance their busy schedules. One of those changes was making the meetings once a month instead of the usual bi-monthly. This allowed students to schedule in the meetings and boosted attendance. While the Book, Bake and Button sale is successful, the officers decided the event would only be in the fall. Due to the work put into the Resume Workshop, ISSA could not put as much effort into the Spring bake sale as they do for the Fall bake sale.

In April, ISSA hosted their annual Resume Workshop. Two academic librarians, two public librarians, and three archivists from the New York State Archives were excited to be invited as the professionals to look over ISSA members resumes and provide sound advice. While some professionals had attended the workshop last year, other professionals new to the workshop were very happy to be more involved in ISSA as guest speakers and other events.

“Preserve” Your Sanity Night continued into the Spring semester with another tea and coloring event. This time, some members also knitted and read books. While this event seems simple, IS students, who are enrolled full time and work part time, enjoy a night off during midterms. The final “Preserve” event was a picnic potluck at Washington Park in Albany, close to the downtown campus. In order to celebrate the graduating ISSA members, the picnic was held the Sunday after graduation. Graduating ISSA members were able to attend the event and appreciated a going out party.

### **Social Media Statistics 2016-2017**

Howtolibraryschool.wordpress.com visitors to site: 630

ISSA Facebook Page likes: 34

ISSA Facebook Closed Group Members: 13

ISSA Twitter followers: 46