

Society of American Archivists University of Texas - Student Chapter Annual Report 2015

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.

2015 Officers:

Megan Moltrup, President – mm74842@utexas.edu
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Ayshea Khan, Events Chair - aysheak@utexas.edu
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Faculty advisor:

Dr. Ciaran Trace, Assistant Professor, School of Information, The University of Texas at Austin

In 2015, SAA-UT hosted the following events:

- Academy of Certified Archivists certification exam presentation – March 2015
- SAA-UT general meeting and UT safety presentation – March 2015
- SAA-UT general meeting and happy hour – April 2014
- SAA-UT Spring Potluck – April 2014
- End of semester happy hour, co-hosted with AMIA – May 2015
- SAA Annual Meeting Student Chapter Round Table – August 2015, Cleveland, OH (organized by SAA-UT President, Megan Moltrup)
- iSchool Orientation Tabling – August 2015
- Tour of the Briscoe Center for American History – August 2015
- Welcome Back general meeting – September 2015
- Welcome Back happy hour – September 2015
- SAA-UT Fall Potluck – October 2015
- Dr. Shelley Sweeney international archives lecture – October 2015
- Dr. David Gracy Texas Archives' War talk – October 2015
- Resume Workshop - November 2015
- End of Semester general meeting and happy hour – December 2015

Our Events Chair, Ayshea Khan, was instrumental in organizing this schedule of activities.

A highlight of the year was attending the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH—four of our officers were able to attend, and our President, Megan Moltrup organized and chaired an SAA student chapter officers' roundtable during the conference, which was attended by 40 current officers.

Thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer, Kathryn Dennett, we successfully applied for funding from the UT Student Government, totaling \$140. We applied these funds towards promotions for the Dr. Gracy talk, specifically the printing of SAA-UT-designed posters and fliers.

All records created during the course of the board's activities are to be archived, electronic records will be archived using DSpace with assistance from Dr. Pat Galloway, 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. These tasks were charged to Vice-President, Rachel Nellis and Secretary, Michael Rodney.

We also 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. SAA-UT currently has 334 Twitter followers (@saautx) and 246 followers on Facebook. Our Webmaster, Arely Alejandro, also organized a summer blog series, following the officers at their summer internships.

Members in good standing as of Fall 2015 were:

Abdirahman, Haian
Alejandro, Arely
Bliss, David,
Buchanan, Sarah
Carbujal, Itza
Carson, Anna
Chevallier Elyse
Dennett, Kathryn
Dzienkowski, Ali
Goodale, Ian
Heath, Abbie
Khan, Ayshea
Khan, Nicolette
Kindseth, Tim
Koehlert, Nikole
McLeod, Amanda
Moloney, Justina
Moltrup, Megan
Nellis, Rachel
O'Meara, Caroline
Paull, Crystal
Rainey, Hannah
Rodney, Michael
Stenftenagel, Chris
Taylor, Elizabeth