

University of Alabama Society of American Archivists Student Chapter

2016 Annual Report

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In the Spring of 2016, SAA continued to work on the SLIS archives and the Book Arts archive projects that were begun in the previous year. We assessed what supplies were needed based on our collective archival knowledge following an assessment of the archives and ordered supplies throughout the semester. Due to the amount of time spent prepping for these projects, the spring semester was devoted to these projects rather than to lectures or events. Working with the student chapters of the American Library Association and the Special Libraries Association, we put together a proposal to purchase a student chapter tablet to use to record meeting minutes, communicate with distance education members, and for member check out to use for recording archives catalog information. As of November 2016, we have not heard the results of our proposal.

Also in collaboration with the ALA student chapter, SAA members took a trip to the University of Alabama's Annex, an on campus library responsible for housing materials that no longer fit with the university collection. The field trip gave us an opportunity to see how a specific kind of special library functions and to meet with those in our field.

In the Fall of 2016, an influx of new students interested in archives led to a larger membership. Aside from Hannah Bowser, who was selected as president at the end of the Spring semester, six new members were nominated into officer positions at the first meeting. These included a new officer position, social media coordinator, in charge of keeping the Twitter and Facebook for the chapter up to date and designing graphic elements for the chapter as needed. While plans were made to continue with the archives project as before, due to renovations being done within the school our supplies were lost and we needed to order more, which only arrived in November. Thus, further work on our archives projects will be completed in the Spring 2017 semester.

Also in the Fall of 2016, multiple events were planned and carried out, including lectures, field trips, and panels. In October, for American Archives Month, four lectures were conducted across disciplines. Dr. Darrin Griffin from the Communications department spoke on archiving deaf culture; Anna Smith of the Charleston Library Society spoke about her institution via Google Hangouts; Jody DeRidder and Alissa Helms of UA's Digital Humanities spoke about digital curations; Sarah Bryant, a recent hire for the Book Arts program, spoke about her experience as a book binder. There was also a panel of student interns discussing their internship experiences, all four of whom were SAA members, and a Halloween party for the entire School of Library and Information Studies. A final event of the semester was a resume panel with a UA SLIS alumnus and a former professor from the program.