

**Wayne State University Society of American Archivists
Student Chapter**

2021-2022 Annual Report
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General Meetings

- September 14, 2021
- October 12, 2021
- November 9, 2021
- December 14, 2021
- January 18, 2022
- February 8, 2022
- April 12, 2022

Events

American Archives Month

In October of 2021 six events were held to recognize archives month.

- An in-person mixer with SIS groups and MEDAL (Metro Detroit Archivists League).
- Virtual mixer for SIS groups and MEDAL members who were unable to attend the in-person event.
- Presentation by Kim Schroeder (WSU faculty member, Archival Program and SIS Career Advisor) on Optimizing Classes and Projects for Job Applications
- A discussion by Michelle McKinney (WSU SIS alum, Executive Director and Director of Collection at the Detroit Sound Conservancy, Archivist at the Wright Museum) on community archiving and her archival career.
- Robert Browning (SIS Student, Vice-President of Wayne State SAA student chapter, Acting President of the WSU NDSA student chapter) presented *Feeling the Stones as You Cross the River*. This presentation discussed how he conducted his Independent Oral History project featuring people in Wuhan, China who were affected by the initial COVID-19 lockdown.
- A panel of archivists from The Reuther Library gave job interview advice. The archivists were Troy Eller English (Society of Women Engineers Archivist), Mary Wallace (Audiovisual Archivist), Meghan Courtney (Outreach Archivist), and Sarah Lebovitz (Service Employees International Union Archivist).

Panel on Mental Health in the Information Professions

SAA joined with Future Librarians for Inclusivity and Diversity (FLID) to hold a panel discussion on mental health advocacy in the library and information professions. Speakers were Stephanie Rosen, Accessibility Strategist and Librarian for Disability Studies at the University of Michigan Library and Ryan Weisman, an Academic Services Officer at Wayne State University.

Panel Featuring Practicing Archivists

In March, in lieu of a general meeting, four practicing archivists joined us for a panel titled *What do Archivists Do: A Panel Discussion Featuring Different Types of Archives and Their Archivists*. Featured were Andrea Gietzen - Local Government Records Archivist at the Archives of Michigan, Jim Ladd - Records Archivist at the Illinois State

Archives, Julie Herrada - Curator of the Joseph A. Labodie Collection in the Special Collections Research Center at the University of Michigan Library, and Steve Wejroch - Archivist for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Other significant notes

After several months without a bank account due to new university regulations, the treasurer and President were finally able to secure a new account to house the chapter's funds.