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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues:

It's December already, and four months since our August meeting in Austin. They've been busy months for the Section, and things will only get busier.

A few quick updates: in Austin, we welcomed a new Vice Chair, Tamar Chute (The Ohio State University) and a new SAA Council liaison, Tom Frusciano (Rutgers University). Since then, Heather Briston (University of Oregon) and Kevin Glick (Yale University) have joined our steering committee. Six session proposals were submitted to the steering committee for our consideration for endorsement. We recommended two (the maximum number allowed) to the Program Committee, and I'm happy to report that both of the sessions we endorsed were accepted.

At the Austin meeting, I presented three modest goals for the coming year which I believe will better position our Section for increased collaboration both within the C&UA group and with our SAA counterparts. The first goal is to conduct a review of our Section bylaws in the context of more recent SAA Guidelines for Sections.

- **SAA Guidelines:** http://www.archivists.org/governance/handbook/section9.asp#guidelines_sections
- **C&UA Bylaws:** <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/cnu/cubylaws.pdf>

There are some small but important discrepancies between the two documents which have significant impact on our operations. Our current bylaws, for example, call for a Section chair and vice chair, elected on alternate years, each serving a two year term. SAA's guidelines call for a chair/chair-elect system, along the lines of SAA's presidential elections. Other discrepancies have to do with appointments vs. elections. These small conflicts unnecessarily complicate life for an incoming chair, who needs to hit the ground running and is confronted with contradictory information. Any changes to the Section bylaws are voted on by the Section membership.

New guidelines call for implementation of electronic voting. Our second goal for the year is to position ourselves for the transition to online voting in the coming year.

Our third goal is to conduct an assessment of how our Section website and our Section newsletter work in tandem, determine if there are ways we could communicate more effectively, and develop recommendations for any changes.

I have asked our steering committee members to lead these initiatives, beginning with a review of the relevant documents, including a comment phase for member input, and concluding with recommendations for each of the initiatives. Recommendations will be shared with the membership in advance of the annual meeting in Washington DC in 2010. There will be a variety of ways to participate in these initiatives, either through comments to the Section listserv, participation in surveys developed to solicit feedback, or by contacting the steering committee members and officers directly to share your thoughts.

The small group leading the bylaws review consists of Kevin Glick, Heather Briston, Rachel Vagts. The small group leading the website and newsletter review is Jay Gaidmore, Maria Estorino, and Chris Prom. Tamar Chute will lead the effort to position ourselves for electronic voting. Please contact any of us with your thoughts and suggestions.

Finally, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our newsletter editor, Chris Laico, our webmaster, Claude Zachary, our outgoing vice chair John Bolcer and outgoing steering committee members, John Ansley and Mike Strom. You are a pleasure to work with.

Best wishes for a happy and warm holiday season,

Beth

Beth Kaplan
Chair, College & University Archives Section (2008-2010)
Society of American Archivists

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Date: November 1, 2009

Name of Section/Roundtable: College and University Archives Section

Officers:

Chair:	Elisabeth Kaplan, University of Minnesota	8/30/2008-8/14/2010
Vice-Chair:	Tamar Chute, The Ohio State University	8/15/2009-9/01/2011

Steering Committee:

Heather Briston, University of Oregon	8/15/2009-9/01/2012
Kevin Glick, Yale University	8/15/2009-9/01/2012
Christopher Prom, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	8/30/2008-9/01/2011
Jay Gaidmore, Brown University	8/30/2008-9/01/2011
Rachel Vagts, Luther College	9/01/2007-8/14/2010
Maria Estorino, University of Miami	9/01/2007-8/14/2010

Report from annual meeting:

- Number of attendees: 125
- Election results:
 - Vice Chair candidates Tamar Chute and Kevin Glick. Chute was elected.
- **Summary of meeting activities:**
 1. In addition to the business meeting and announcements from the Program Committee liaison, Council liaison, and announcements from the floor. Kaplan described goals for the coming year. Goals were established in consultation with the section steering committee. Goal 1: realign section bylaws to be consistent with SAA's guidelines for Section bylaws. Goal 2: position the section for transition to electronic voting. Goal 3: review Section website and Section newsletter for potential revisions to format or content.
 2. Program:
 - Susanne Belovari presented on our international counterpart, the Section of University and Research Institution Archives of the International Council on Archives (ICA-SUV).
 - Beth Joffrion from NEH and Mahnaz Ghaznavi from NHPRC presented on funding opportunities for academic archives. Several section members provided a panel discussion of grants they have received from NEH and NHPRC.

New projects/activities: (*See, Goals at 1, above*).

(*Submitted by Elisabeth Kaplan, Section Chair 2008-2010.*)

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES
College & University Archives Section
Austin, Texas
August 13, 2009, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Attendance: 125

Welcome: Beth Kaplan, Section chair

- Kaplan called the meeting to order.
- Announced that two handouts were distributed, an agenda and candidate statements for Vice Chair election.

Approval of the 2008 Meeting Minutes:

- Kaplan called for a vote to approve the 2008 minutes, as published in *The Academic Archivist* winter 2009 issue. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Announcements:

- Sue Hodson, SAA Council Liaison, reviewed the actions taken at the last SAA Council meeting and introduced Tom Frusciano, incoming Council Representative to the C&UA Section.

- Tara Laver, Representative from the 2010 Program Committee, encouraged proposals from C&UA Section members and endorsement of a maximum of two proposals from the C&UA Section.
- Kate Bowers, section member, announced the publication of *Thesaurus for Use in College and University Archives*, available as an e-publication on the SAA website.
- Corey Nimer, section member, announced publication of *The Interactive Archivist: Case Studies in Utilizing Web 2.0 to Improve the Archival Experience*, available as an e-publication on the SAA website.

Reports:

- Beth Kaplan, section chair, reported that two slots on the Section Steering Committee would be available. Kaplan described initiatives for the coming year.
- Report of the Newsletter editor, (Beth Kaplan for Chris Laico): announcing publication of most recent issue of *The Academic Archivist* and calling for potential content for the next issue.

Election of Vice Chair for 2009-2011:

- Candidates:
 - Tamar Chute, The Ohio State University
 - Kevin Glick, Yale University

Program:

- International Council on Archives – Section on University and Research Institution Archives (ICA/SUC).
 - Presenter: Susanne Belovari (Tufts University Archives)

Belovari presented on our international counterpart, the Section of University and Research Institution Archives of the International Council on Archives (ICA-SUV). She told the story of ICA's organizational roots and described the development of the academic archives section. She also distributed pamphlets (in multiple languages) for those interested in learning more about ICA and opportunities for participation. The virtual pamphlet can be accessed at the ICA-SUV home page, which is hosted by the archives at the University of Illinois <http://www.library.illinois.edu/ica-suv/>. For more information on ICA-SUV and how you might get involved, please contact either Susanne at susanne.belovari@tufts.edu or Megan Sniffin-Marinoff, our representative to the membership committee, at megan@hulmail.harvard.edu.

- Grant Opportunities for College and University Archives
 - Presentation 1: Beth Joffrion, National Endowment for the Humanities.
 - Presentation 2: Mahnaz Ghaznavi, National Historical Publications and Records Commission.
 - Panel discussion: Janet Carleton (Ohio University); Jay Gaidmore (Brown University); Erik Nordberg (Michigan Technological University); David

Null (University of Wisconsin, Madison); Sean Quimby (Syracuse University)

Presenters described their respective programs with particular attention to opportunities for academic archives. Panel of recent recipients of grants spoke very briefly.

Naming of new Vice Chair:

- Tamar Chute was elected as incoming Vice Chair.

Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned late and presenters stayed to continue the conversation with attendees.

(Submitted by Elisabeth Kaplan, Section Chair 2008-2010.)

IN THE NEWS

Kentucky: New Online Resource Launched at the University of Kentucky Archives

The University Archives, University of Kentucky Libraries, announces the creation of a new online resource. Explore UK, <http://exploreuk.uky.edu>, which aims to preserve the memory of the institution and make university history more readily available. The University Archives collaborated with Digital Programs to expand the availability of historic items frequently requested by researchers, alumni, current students and faculty for the new online resource.

Explore UK brings together textual and visual records that can be browsed or keyword searched, it links to our flickr and Facebook pages, and allows for users to comment on photographs. Currently, the site offers more than 30,000 university related images, Board of Trustees minutes, yearbooks, and an expanded athletics section.

(Submitted by Deirdre Scaggs, University Archivist, University Archives, University of Kentucky Libraries, Lexington, KY.)

Massachusetts: Wheaton College Archives & Special Collections Launches New Website

The Marion B. Gebbie Archives and Special Collections at Wheaton College is pleased to announce the launch of its new website. The revamped website provides more opportunities for users to interact with collections through pages such as the “Unidentified Photograph Challenge” (See, <http://blogs.wheatoncollege.edu/photo-challenge/>).



“Unidentified Photograph Challenge”

The website, in turn, offers a venue for highlighting some of the most interesting collections and also presents information about Wheaton College’s rich history through the “Online Exhibits” section (*See*, <http://wheatoncollege.edu/archives/exhibits/>). The website caters to several different user groups and provides a variety of resources focusing on using primary sources for educational and research purposes. The new website can be found at: <http://www.wheatoncollege.edu/archives>.

(Submitted by Deanna Hauck, Associate Archivist, Marion B. Gebbie Archives & Special Collections, Wheaton College, Norton, MA)

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