

ABOUT LACCHA

The Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Archives (LACCHA) Roundtable serves as a forum for discussing and advising on issues related to the management and preservation of archival materials originating from the Latin American and Caribbean area and housed in U.S. repositories and also those created by diaspora groups who come from these regions and are living in the United States.

LACCHA SESSIONS AT ARCHIVES*RECORDS / DC 2010

SPECIAL PANEL SESSION

Co-sponsored by SAA's LACCHA and
Human Rights Archives Roundtables
Wednesday, August 11, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Silence No More! Archives Threatened by Political Instability in Central America

War and political violence destabilize and endanger the foundations of civil society, including documentary heritage. The recent perilous conditions in Honduras and elsewhere in Latin America may seem remote and removed from the experience of archivists in the United States, but the threat to the inviolability of the archival record is universal. This panel, focusing on Central America, will provide a forum to discuss ways to support and protect documentary heritage in unstable times.

SESSION 309

Friday, August 13, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Minding the Information Gap: Research Outreach Programs in Caribbean Government Archives

The Caribbean's fragmented colonial history has fostered an information gap in government archives. Researchers seeking to document local history perspectives must fill this gap with narratives and commentary expressed in native voices but there are access and knowledge barriers to conducting complex research using primary documents. Archivists from three Caribbean nations reveal successful strategies for "minding the gap," showcasing creative outreach programs to generate increased interest in and local use of government archives by researchers.

SESSION 709

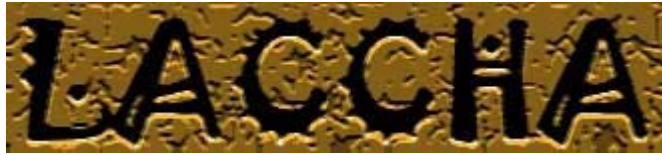
Saturday, August 14, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Insular Records for the Unincorporated: Archiving the Historical Record of U.S. Territories

Ownership, custodianship, care and access issues are core considerations for territorial recordkeepers of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the former Panama Canal Zone. Strategically located in regions of acute political interest, these possessions have a subsumed cultural patrimony that is undervalued and underutilized by researchers and often ignored by officials. Federal, territorial, and cultural heritage professionals share the unique and often daunting challenges of locating, identifying and managing archival records of U.S. Territories.

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ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 7, 2008



SAA Roundtable Meetings II
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
3:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.

Annual Meeting AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (Lugo)
2. Guest Speaker

Digitization Goals and Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean

**Tim Law, Imaging and Production Manager
Caribbean and Latin America
FamilySearch.org**

Tim Law is Imaging and Production Manager (Caribbean and Latin America) for the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU), aka FamilySearch, the research and document preservation arm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Since 1938, GSU has been microfilming vital records from all corners of the globe, making them available to church members and the public through its Family History Centers worldwide. More than 2.4 million reels of vital records have been microfilmed to-date. In 1999, GSU's FamilySearch Web site was launched, making many of these records more accessible than ever. In its first six months in operation, www.FamilySearch.org online databases containing 640 million names received over 1.5 billion hits, and its scope and usage continues to grow.

For the past several years, GSU has gradually ceased its microfilming operations worldwide, and new resources are now being added in digital format. The FamilySearch Record Search Pilot project consists of indexed and scanned images of newly captured records and converted images from its older microfilm records. These digital resources are key resources for researchers, social scientists and historians and are being made available to the public at no charge.

Every year vital records in Latin America and the Caribbean are lost to the devastating effects of heat, humidity, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanos, sub-standard storage conditions and political instability. For many countries in the region, preservation funding sources are scarce and there is limited access to technical training for digitization projects. By forging collaborations with government archives, churches and historical societies, FamilySearch's regional digitization services are making a difference by providing affordable access to and preserving the intellectual content of records.

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Agenda (continued)

Business Meeting

3. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting of August 12, 2009
4. Reports
 - a. Senior/Junior Co-Chairs (Lugo/Stawski)
 - b. Newsletter Editor (Lenstra/Yanez)
 - c. Webmaster (Ramos)
 - d. Liaisons
5. LACCHA Projects
 - a. LANIC (Ramos)
 - b. SAA Diversity Committee and Statement (Estorino)
 - c. American Archivist (Stawski)
6. 2010 Electronic Voting Results: Co-Chair 2010-2012
7. Volunteer Appointments
 - a. Newsletter Editor
 - b. Newsletter Assistant Editor
 - c. Webmaster
 - d. Liaisons
 - i. Archivists and Archives of Color R/T (SAA AAC)
 - ii. International Archival Affairs R/T (SAA IAA)
 - iii. International Council on Archives (ICA)
 - iv. Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM)
 - v. ALA International Relations R/T (ALA IRRT)
 - vi. Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)
 - vii. CARBICA (Caribbean regional branch of ICA)
 - viii. IFLA Section on Latin America and Caribbean (IFLA-LAC)
 - ix. Other groups/orgs
8. General Announcements
9. Adjourn

**LACCHA CALENDAR
2010 - 2011**

August 31, 2010

DEADLINE: File SAA Leader Roster Update Form

September 15-October 15, 2010

National Hispanic Heritage Month

October 1, 2010

SAA 2011 Session Proposals

<http://www2.archivists.org/conference/chicago2011/archives-360-2011-call-for-program-proposals> .

October 1-31, 2010

Archives Month!

October 10, 2010

TENTATIVE DEADLINE: SAA 2011

Roundtable Session Proposal Endorsements

November 10, 2010

DEADLINE: File LACCHA 2008-2009 Annual Report with SAA Council and Council Liaison

November 15, 2010

TENTATIVE DEADLINE: Articles for Volume 3 Winter issue of "Memoria" (LACCHA's newsletter)

February 1-28, 2011

Black History Month

May 16, 2011

TENTATIVE DEADLINE: Articles for Volume 3 Summer issue of "Memoria" (LACCHA's newsletter)

June 1-30, 2011

Caribbean-American Heritage Month

July 2011

LACCHA Roundtable Electronic Elections

August 22-27, 2011

ARCHIVES 360°

SAA 2011 Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency

Chicago, Illinois

Take a good look around at SAA and its role as a professional organization, at the archives profession and its intersections with other professions and domains, and at ourselves as professionals in an evolving global information environment. (Includes LACCHA Annual Meeting—date/time TBA)

www.archivists.org/conference/

**SAA@75: THEN, NOW, WOW!
Society of American Archivists (SAA)
celebrates its 75th Anniversary
at Chicago in 2011!**

LACCHA LINKS

- LACCHA Web site

<http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/laccha/>

- LACCHA Listserv

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- LACCHA Blog

<http://laccha.blogspot.com/>

- LACCHA on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=46576439045>