

# Society of American Archivists, University of Washington Chapter

## Annual Report

### 2014-2015

#### **Mission**

It shall be the purpose of this organization to explore and promote archives and archival preservation under the guidelines put forth by the Society of American Archivists.

#### **Goals and Achievements**

The SAA UW chapter had experienced a downturn in activity the previous year, and the 2014-2015 officers sought to revitalize the organization. Through a combination of educational and social events, the organization reintroduced itself to the UW Information School.

The chapter launched a new blog at <https://saauw.wordpress.com/> where we promoted content such as job listings, event write-ups, promoting local history events, and thesis project highlights. We also committed to a more regular schedule of social media interaction on our Facebook page, including promoting blog posts, articles on archives in the news, managing event RSVPs, and sharing jobs.

The incoming officers will continue this goal of increasing interaction with open meetings and activities with the greater Seattle archival community.

#### **Programming**

September 2014

##### All iSchool Fair

SAA-UW hosted a table at the All iSchool Fair during orientation week to welcome new students and provide them information about our organization.

##### SLA/SAA Information Lunch

The student chapters of SAA and SLA co-hosted an informational lunch to provide information about planned events for the upcoming year.

##### SAA Happy Hour

SAA-UW hosted a get-together at the historic College Inn Pub to meet the new cohort and answer questions about the organization.

October 2014

##### 12th Annual Home Movie Day

SAA-UW organized a group of members to attend a Home Movie Day screening organized by the UW Libraries' Film Archivist. This event allowed students the opportunity to get acquainted with a specialist practitioner from our own library.

November 2014

King County Archives Tour

SAA-UW members were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the King County Archives, where they met County Archivist Carol Shenk.

NARA Puget Sound Branch Archives Tour

As part of our government archives month, we did a second government archives tour at the National Archives Puget Sound branch.

January 2015

Film and discussion – History Cafe: Grays Harbor Happenings

SAA-UW organized a group of members to attend this history discussion group sponsored by MOHAI, SPL, and HistoryLink.org.

February 2015

UW Ethnomusicology Archives Tour

SAA-UW members were taken on a tour of a little-known special collection on campus.

Seattle Municipal Archives Tour

SAA-UW members were treated to a tour of the Seattle Municipal Archives with City Archivist Scott Cline. This event was so in demand it was repeated later in the year.

**Elections**

Outgoing officers of 2014-2015:

Co-Chairs - Amanda Demeter and Elizabeth Farrell

Secretary/Webmaster - Lizzie Strumolo

Publicity Officer - Stefanie Ramsay

Distance Liaison - Suzanne Ledoux

Incoming officers of 2015-2016:

Co-Chairs - Rachel Kopel and Greta Pittenger

Secretary/Webmaster - Emily Thompson

Publicity Officer - Kate Hanske

Distance Liaison - Rachel Blume

