



Congressional Papers Roundtable

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CPR at SAA 2014

A Message from the Chair:

By Rob Spindler

Greetings colleagues! Once again I want to express my thanks to each of you for your confidence in me, and to Betsy Pittman for her bold leadership over the past year. CPR is an exceptional group and I'm very proud to be joined in our good work by an amazing Steering Committee, our hard working Electronic Records and Diversity committees and newsletter staff. I encourage each of you to communicate your interests and concerns to any member of our leadership, and to thank them for the work they do on our behalf.

We're at an interesting time in the world of political collections as technology marches on and debate over fundamental issues of government rages in the blogosphere and on Main Street. I believe the key issue is the relative power and financing of federal, state, county and municipal governments. This debate leads me to believe political collections are more important than ever. Future schol-

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By Betsy Pittman

On August 13, 2014, 80 Congressional Papers Roundtable members and guests met in a meeting room of the Capitol Visitors Center (CVC) for the daylong annual pre-conference meeting. The day was divided into three topical areas: oral history, a review of the results from the Roundtable's most recent electronic records survey and a presentation and discussion of the largest electronic dataset most repositories receive, produced by what are variously called "Correspondence Management Systems" (CMS) in the House, and "Constituent Services Systems" (CSS) in the Senate.

Andrea L'Hommedieu (University of South Carolina) and Donald Ritchie (Senate History Office) provided the attendees with a thorough presentation outlining the significance of oral history in documenting congressional careers as well as the details of planning, budgeting and conducting oral history programs. Both speakers have extensive practical experience in working with congressional offices and repositories to document individuals, and Congress in general, through oral/video history projects and the audience took advantage of having experts present to answer their questions. L'Hommedieu's Power Point slides are available on the CPR/SAA microsite.

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ars and citizens across the nation will want to know who made the decisions we see in the headlines, and especially why those decisions were made by their representatives.

This rebalancing of federal and local power should lead us to think about CPR and its mission. Over the last year CPR has had useful discussions about changing our name to something that clearly includes advocacy and preservation for the records of state legislators and advocacy organizations. Our Diversity Committee led an energetic discussion of issues around the name change at the CPR business meeting in Washington, and Steering Committee has had earnest discussion online since then. My opinion, which some Steering Committee members share at this moment, is that a name change may be premature and that a reconsideration of CPR's bylaws might be a more appropriate first step that **could** lead to a name change for CPR. While I cannot commit to a path on this issue today because Steering Committee discussion is continuing, I'm confident any of us would be pleased to hear your opinions. I hope you will contact us very soon since we may assemble a Task Force to examine our bylaws and to consider whether an expanded CPR scope is necessary and appropriate.

Meanwhile Steering Committee is planning an engaging CPR Day pre-conference program for the SAA Annual Meeting in Cleveland. Given the disparity we often see between the scale of congressional collections and the resources available, I suggested that we convene panels on two topics: funding advocacy for congressional collections and electronic records preservation advocacy. We are also considering a panel regarding state legislators' papers and advocacy organization records that I hope will inform our work regarding potential changes to our bylaws. If you have suggestions for speakers on these topics or other suggestions for useful panels please don't hesitate to contact me or any Steering Committee member.

I wish you all the best in the forthcoming Holiday Season, and in your efforts to advance the good work of archives and congressional collections!

Report from the House of Representatives

By Heather Bourk

We have 12 long-term Members – with 10 or more terms of service – leaving the House this year, representing a combined 384 years of service. We've approached these and all departing Members offering records assistance and are participating in the transition briefings for departing Members. We also anticipate a large influx of Committee records as the Congress winds down.

In addition to in-person consultations with Committee staff and Member offices, our outreach efforts have expanded to include offering records management courses through the House Learning Center. Since the initial class in July 2013, we've taught five Committee classes and six Member classes, presenting to 50 staffers.

In the past year we also updated our Records Management Manual for Members, which was last edited in 2006. Highlights include: more detailed guidance on managing electronic records and clearer description of the difference between official records and Member papers.

At the request of the Advisory Committee, we worked with the Office of the Clerk and the Committee on House Administration to open up a dialogue with CMS vendors about a solution for obtaining useable data out of these systems. Thanks to Jan Zastrow for putting together a great discussion about this in the afternoon sessions on Wednesday. We appreciate the feedback we've received from CPR members and look forward to further collaboration with you and the vendors as we work toward a solution.

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Members of the CPR Electronic Records Committee presented the overall findings of the most recent survey of members' holdings of electronic records and discussed their analysis and findings with the group. Although the response was small, it is evident that members are looking to CPR for assistance and guidance in tackling the "Big Data" of congressional collections.

The Electronic Records Committee also provided the pre-conference attendees with an expertly guided presentation of one of the more popular CMS/CSS systems in use on the Hill, Intranet Quorum, affectionately known as "IQ". Robert "Bob" Reeves, Deputy Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, introduced Lockheed Martin's IQ representatives Chris Hart and George Gollery. Bob also briefly discussed an exciting collaborative pilot project with Chris and George before turning over the floor for a hands-on demonstration of the IQ product and its functionalities in congressional offices. For many of the attendees it was the first opportunity to view in action one of the most significant proprietary electronic management systems, and its resultant dataset, in any congressional office.

After answering numerous questions from the audience and listening to suggestions on how repositories might best receive these large datasets, the last presentation of the afternoon allowed the attendees to hear from their peers who have begun to address issues surrounding acquisition, processing and researcher access to CSS data obtained by congressional repositories as part of Members' personal papers and how they are working to make it accessible. The presenters included Marc Levitt (Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies), Jim Williams (Albert Gore Research Center), Daniel Bennett (consultant for the Byrd Center) and Doug Harris, political scientist at Loyola University, Baltimore. Following the presentation, the audience followed up on multiple points with specific questions regarding data, access and sustainability of software, experiences with exported data, research potential of data and other related topics.

The day wrapped up with a tour through the CVC Exhibit Hall to see original records incorporated into the Aspirations part of the exhibit and original artifacts in the exhibit on the history of Congress and the Capitol. The tour was conducted by Kenneth Kato, the Associate Historian in the Office of the House Historian and a member of the original exhibit content team.

WANTED: Electronic Records Case Studies, Policies & Workflows

The CPR Electronic Records Committee invites submissions of case studies and institutional policies and workflows related to electronic records for inclusion on the ERC's resources webpage. These resources are posted in order to help guide institutions as they develop their own policies and workflows.

Examples of case studies and policies are available on the ERC's resources page: <http://bit.ly/Zqk95J>.

To submit a resource, please contact Katie Delacenserie (Katie.Delacenserie@hsgac.senate.gov) or Anu Kasarabada (Anu.Kasarabada@judiciary-dem.senate.gov)

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A new staff member joined us in July. Michelle Strizever was hired to manage the House photo collection, including: cataloging images, conducting photo research and responding to permissions requests.

Staff member Alison Trulock recently attended a documentary editing class, which she will use to enhance House record related content on our website. We want to move toward using House documents as part of a larger narrative, rather than as stand-alone documents. Traffic on our site has doubled since we launched, so this is a great place to showcase House documents. Alison also sat for the certified archivists' exam and was informed several weeks ago that she passed.

Agenda
Congressional Papers Roundtable Business Meeting
August 15, 2014 4:00p.m—5:30p.m.

Welcome	Betsy Pittman
Introduction of Jamie Roth as SAA liaison	
Congressional Roll Call Photograph Collection presentation Kristen Sosinski, Library of Congress, provided a detailed presentation about the work they've done in processing and making accessible the <i>Congressional Quarterly</i> and <i>Roll Call</i> photograph collection. (See article on page 6)	Kristen Sosinski
Diversity report/discussion (See article on pages 7-10)	Janet Bunde
Electronic records (See article on page 10-11)	Jan Zastrow
House of Representatives (See article on pages 2-3)	Heather Bourk
Senate (See article on page 12-13)	Karen D. Paul
Center for Legislative Archives	Matt Fulghum
Association of Centers for the Study of Congress At the May 2014 annual meeting, the 50 individual and institutional members of ACSC heard the following reports: 1. ACSC awarded a total of five grants to fund research at member institutions and graduate student travel.	Sheryl Vogt

2. A plan to address ACSC's long-term sustainability by investing prudently in additional programs and member benefits
3. A "branding" plan for Congress Week
4. Increases in funding amounts for the current grants programs
5. Continued support for Phase 2 of the Kettering Foundation project
6. Evaluation of ACSC's social media and Web presence

Chair's Report

When requested or vacancies occurred, appointments to positions were made. No pre-conference or conference session proposals were submitted for review and endorsement from CPR for the 2014 program. Letters went out, in collaboration with ACSC Chair, to repositories accepting congressional collections whose institutions or staff were not members of CPR or ACSC outlining the assistance both organizations could provide.

Betsy Pittman

Incoming Chair

Rob Spindler

Adjourn





Senator Timothy Wirth reads an issue of Roll Call, July 18, 1991. Photo by Maureen Keating. (Roll Call 1991-439)

***CQ Roll Call* Photograph Collection Now Available: Kristen Sosinski's SAA Presentation** By Brett Carnell

Looking for a picture of Spiderman in Congress? For photos of kitty cats attacking U.S. Representatives? Or on the more serious side, for photos of U.S. House and Senate proceedings, press conferences and life on Capitol Hill?

At the SAA Annual Meeting in August, Kristen Sosinski from the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division had the answers. She presented an informative briefing on the newly available *CQ Roll Call* photograph collection. The *Roll Call* photo morgue covers the years 1987 to 2000 and is a rich source for images related to Congress and Capitol Hill. It includes portraits of Members and staff, press conferences, political campaigns, committee hearings and meetings, social events, general scenes of day to day life on Capitol Hill and visits by foreign heads of state and celebrities.

The Library of Congress acquired the archive as a gift from the Economist Group in 2011. The donor graciously dedicated its intellectual property rights to the public domain meaning that photographs made by *CQ Roll Call* staff photographers are free from copyright restrictions. This facilitates use of the archive for published scholarship on Congress.

Kristen discussed the challenges of processing a large photo morgue. Hundreds of thousands of negatives had to be matched to contact sheets, labeled and housed. Missing contact sheets had to be generated by scanning the negatives. Descriptions had to be drafted for each contact sheet using uniform terms and conventions. Congress members and their staff's appearance changed over thirteen years covered by the archive so identification was sometimes tricky.

The Roll Call morgue consists of 10,381 contact sheets (approximately 280,000 images) arranged chronologically. Catalog records for each contact sheet will soon be searchable through the LC Prints and Photographs Online Catalog (<http://loc.gov/pictures>). The actual contact sheets are available for chronological browsing in the Prints and Photographs Reading Room. The negatives, used to fill photo orders, are stored in the Library's state-of-the-art cold storage facilities.



Spiderman perches on the staircase rail next to Representative Dale Kildee, February 20, 1992. Photo by Maureen Keating. (Roll Call 1992-106)



Representative Peter Kostmayer is attacked by kittens Earl and Huey in his office, June 26, 1991. Photo by Jamie Howren. (Roll Call 1991-397)

Interim Report of the Diversity Task Force August 15, 2014

Diversity Task Force Members: Janet Bunde (Co-Chair), Tammi Kim (Co-Chair), Elizabeth Slomba (Co-Chair).

Desired Outcome #1:

CPR will assess the diversity of its membership by reviewing SAA's statement on Diversity and the points regarding what diversity encompasses through identity, community, professional and geographical factors.

Actions taken:

1) CPR website

Members of the TF reviewed the current CPR website and considered its utility to current and potential CPR members and the message it sends to potential members about the work of the Roundtable. The website contains a lot of good information about the business of the section (newsletters, task force reports, annual reports, etc.). However, the site does not advertise well the inclusiveness of the Roundtable, or showcase the vast wealth of information and advice that the section can offer members and non-members.

Next steps: The TF would like to work with the CPR web editor to consider ways to make the site more open and friendly to attract new members and those who ordinarily would not consider themselves congressional papers archivists but have responsibilities for these types of collections. We suggest a more dynamic approach that would be attractive to non-members and encourage membership and connections, especially for those who aren't able to attend the conference in person.

2) CPR membership

Members of the TF reviewed the roster of CPR members/list participants (hereafter, the "roster") available through the CPR website to consider the diversity of our membership in terms of geography and institutional affiliation. Based on the reported affiliations contained in this roster, 57% of members/participants (182) are affiliated with institutions of higher education, 19% (60) with historical societies or local/state/national government institutions, and 5% (16) with other types of institutions. (19%, or 61 members/participants, did not list an institutional affiliation.) In addition, of reported institutional affiliations, four states are not represented.

It's not clear from the CPR website how the roster is created or how frequently it is updated. In reviewing the roster, some duplicate entries exist.

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Next steps:

- a) Create an updated membership/list participant roster that more accurately reflects our membership.
- b) To attract and maintain an active and engaged membership that reflects both the diversity of institutions with Congressional and political collections and the profession at large, the CPR may wish to create a formal membership plan for promoting the value and benefits of CPR membership. The creation of this plan may necessitate a revision to the CPR bylaws, possibly including the designation of a Steering Committee representative dedicated to membership issues.

3) CPR name change

Based on the results of a membership survey conducted in 2012-2013, and on discussions held at the 2012 CPR meeting, TF members will facilitate a discussion about changing the name of the roundtable to reflect the diversity of collections acquired by members' repositories. This discussion will take place at the annual meeting and over the CPR member listserv.

Next steps: Should the discussion point toward a name change, the TF will convene a special committee to make changes to the bylaws.

4) Allied SAA roundtables/sections

The TF considered allied roundtables, sections, and other SAA groups that the CPR should work more closely with. These include (but are not limited to): Archives & Archivists of Color Roundtable, SAA's Diversity Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Archives Roundtable, Lesbian & Gay Archives Roundtable (LAGAR), Native American Archives Roundtable, Students and New Archives Professionals (SNAP) Roundtable and Women's Collections Roundtable. The TF reviewed the 2014 SAA Annual Meeting schedule to determine when these roundtables, sections and groups meet and whether TF members could join these meetings; unfortunately, many of these meetings are scheduled opposite the CPR pre-conference meeting and/or the CPR business meeting.

Next steps:

- a) As the annual conference schedule allows, the TF recommends that we designate a representative from CPR to attend section/roundtable meetings and present on what CPR does and the benefits of membership. We should, in turn, welcome presentations from representatives of these groups as well.
- b) CPR should consider alternate methods of reaching out to these allied groups. These methods may include cross-posting website or newsletter content of interest to these groups.
- c) CPR should consider collaborating with section/roundtables to plan and coordinate potential joint programs and/or lectures during SAA. Other opportunities to work with other roundtables could include collaborating on issue guides and/or case studies.

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Desired Outcome #2:

CPR will encourage collection policies that promote acquisition of diverse collections.

To build on the results of the 2012-2013 survey on the types of collections that member repositories acquire, the TF proposes conducting a second member survey that seeks to pinpoint the types of collections that repositories wish to acquire.

Next steps:

- a) The Diversity TF should consider collaborating with other CPR TFs to consider ways to provide training on how to acquire different types of collections. The TF will refer CPR members to Karen Dawley Paul's 1992 "Report of the Congressional Archivists Roundtable Task Force on Congressional Documentation" for examples of broader collecting policies mandated by Congress.
- b) If much of political advocacy is now taking place of social media, then providing guidance on how to collect Twitter or Livestream accounts might encourage the acquisition of diverse collections. The Diversity TF may want to consider partnering with the CPR Electronic Records Committee or SAA's Web Archiving Roundtable to compile best practices and procedures.
- c) The TF will draft and disseminate a second survey, as described above, to CPR membership during the 2014-2015 year and share the results of the survey at the 2015 CPR annual meeting.

Desired Outcome #3:

Users whom archivists serve will reflect the evolving diversity of society.

The TF has reviewed a draft survey, composed by former TF co-chair Mary Anne Hamblen, designed to collect information on the types of research being conducted by users of collections in a cross-section of political papers repositories as part of the work on this outcome. The TF would like to postpone the distribution and analysis of this survey to 2015-2016, with results to be reported at the 2016 CPR member meeting.

The TF also reviewed examples of CPR members who had conducted outreach programs that targeted new and diverse audiences. In reviewing these examples, some of which were presented at this year's Association of Centers for the Study of Congress meeting, the TF considered the utility of producing an outreach guide composed of case studies submitted by members that would allow members to share with one another and, hopefully, with a broader public the myriad efforts to connect diverse audiences with the congressional collections in our repositories.

To this end, the TF feels that the diversity of users of congressional papers reflects the changing diversity of users of archives and special collections. The TF is particularly interested in seeing how K-12 students, civic organizations, special interest groups and other users outside of traditional users of archives use congressional papers (e.g., League of Women Voters, veterans, etc.). The TF is

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also interested in seeing how non-humanities based disciplines within the academy, such as political scientists, public policy and journalism students may use congressional papers.

Next steps:

- a) CPR should consider publishing (in the newsletter, on the website or via some other method) a series of case studies of outreach projects at members' institutions.

**Annual Report of the Congressional
Papers Roundtable
Electronic Records Committee
August 15, 2014**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Electronic Records Committee members this year included Katie Delacenserie, Danielle Emerling, Adriane Hanson, Brandon Hirsch, Anu Kasarabada, Laura Litwer, and Rob Spindler and myself as co-chairs. A big thank you to the ERC Team for their truly astounding work!

I'm delighted to report that all the members will be continuing with me as well as Marc Levitt, our new Vice-Chair/Chair Elect as my co-chair—welcome, Marc! And while we hate to lose Rob, we congratulate him as he ascends to the heights of leadership as our new CPR Chair. Thanks so much, Rob, for your direction and guidance; it's been a pleasure working with you this year!

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2013-2014 we accomplished all of our planned goals and more. We:

Organized CPR Day Sessions

The committee worked diligently to put together the two afternoon sessions for "CPR Day" this past

Wednesday, Aug. 13. The first was a presentation about CMS/CSS systems, notably a walkthrough of Lockheed Martin's market-share product Intranet Quorum—commonly known as "IQ"—by Chris Hart and George Gollery. Bob Reeves, Deputy Clerk for the U.S. House of Representatives, spoke about his pilot project to develop an Access database to make the CMS data usable outside the proprietary system (and hopefully in repositories once a Member leaves office).

The second session was a Roundtable Discussion of issues surrounding acquisition, processing and researcher access to CMS/CSS data obtained by congressional repositories as part of Members' personal papers. Marc Levitt, director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies; Daniel Bennett, consultant for the Byrd Center; and Jim Williams, archivist at the Albert Gore Research Center, gave presentations on their efforts to make CSS data usable in archival environments. Dr. Doug Harris, associate professor in political science at Loyola University and frequent user of congressional papers, gave his perspectives as a researcher using electronic records.

Conducted an Electronic Records Survey

Danielle Emerling, Adriane Hanson and Laura Litwer conducted a survey to better understand the types of

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electronic records that Roundtable members are working with and the kinds of policies, strategies and tools they are using to manage those records. The survey was sent to the CPR and ACSC listservs between February and April 2014, and 19 responses were received. Danielle and Laura presented on the survey during the CPR Day meeting and a report of the results is available on the CPR Electronic Records Committee web page. The team plans to publish an article in *Archival Outlook* on the results of the survey.

Published Articles

Danielle published a case study in the Fall 2013 CPR newsletter on accessioning and appraising the electronic records of the Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman papers at the University of Delaware Library, and in the Spring 2014 newsletter she wrote another case study on arranging, describing and providing access to the electronic records of that same collection.

Updated the Website

The Electronic Records Committee made several updates and improvements to the committee's web page this year. First and foremost, we changed the title of the group from 'Electronic Records Taskforce' to 'Electronic Records *Committee*'—as our Roundtable had voted to make the Electronic Records group a standing committee at last year's business meeting. We also revised the committee description to better reflect our roles and responsibilities within CPR.

In addition, we added more resources to assist institutions in various phases of managing archival electronic records. Of particular note is the committee's 2014 Electronic Records Survey mentioned above. We also added new sample policy and workflow documents from several congressional repositories. These sample documents include donor survey and submission forms and guidelines for acquisition, ap-

praisal and processing. We hope to continue adding sample materials from Roundtable members on an ongoing basis.

Finally, we updated all hyperlinks on the committee's webpage, including those located in the List of Resources, to make sure they were still active and accurate. We also discussed the issue of posting case studies on the website and made proposals to the Steering Committee to do so in the coming year.

Thanks again to everyone for their enthusiastic participation and amazing contributions and we look forward to an even better year in 2014-2015!

On behalf of the Committee,

Jan

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Co-Chair, Electronic Records Committee

Report from the Senate

By Karen Paul

Committee Electronic Records Accessioning and Processing Update

Deputy Archivist Elisabeth Butler heads up our office effort to capture, describe and transfer electronic records for eight Senate Committees.

Archivist Matt Stahl has joined the Commerce Committee. Archivist Katie Smith, who interned in our office five years ago, has joined the Budget Committee. Archivist Dina Mazina has joined the Senate Finance Committee.

NOTABLE ACCESSIONS (OPEN)

109th Senate Committee Hearing Videos.

- Total Volume: 1,574.81 GB
- Numbers of DVDs: 849 DVDs
- Numbers of Senate Committees: 10 Committees

Social Media Archiving – We recommend that offices archive their social media communications and have been evaluating capture tools with the Technology Assessment Group. The working group evaluated 6 and selected 3 as best meeting archiving needs. Currently in contracting process. (ArchiveIt, Hanzo, Archive Social)

Office Archives Toolkit. Went into its 3rd edition with three new tools: Records Management for Shared Drives, Sensitive and Classified Information Management and Preserving Electronic Records Over Time.

We currently have 7 members retiring at the end of the Congress, and to date 5 have selected a repository.

Completed 2nd phase of description project in January headed by Deputy Archivist Alison White. The accession form is used for all types of records, both textual and electronic, and we are pleased at how well we can handle electronic record description within Archivists Toolkit and how we now can link accessions using these Name and Subject records. Staff in the archivists office do some additional data entry in order to capture and create records for significant Contributors, People, Organizations, Topics, titles of Legislation, Geographic terms and Document and File types. The backend of our form captures the information in xml and we then perform an xslt transformation using a stylesheet. The form generates robust metadata that will remain part of the description of these materials from now on.

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New Records Policy Guidance

Working closely with committee and members' Sys Admins and Senate SAA Enterprise Process staff, we developed new guidance aimed at retrieving lost and deleted files.

Training and Outreach

1. "Catching Up and Keeping Up" was the theme of our Winter Brown Bag Meeting which focused on ways offices can get caught up with archiving tasks and presented tips for keeping up, particularly with technology changes.
2. In April we celebrated Congress Week, founded by the ACSC 5 years ago as a way to celebrate the history and records of Congress. Our presentation was *Congress at 225 Years: Where it all Began*. C-SPAN 3 covered this and it can be viewed on the C-SPAN archive at: c-span.org.
3. Robin Reeder and I hosted a Treasures of Congress Archives Open House for new members and their families in December.
4. Historians presented a series of lectures on the Civil Rights Act of 1964- also covered by C-SPAN.

Big news is that the National Archives is running out of storage space, and we are engaged in developing both short and long-term plans for the Center for Legislative Archives.

Now Online: Back Issues of *Provenance* and *Georgia Archive*¹

When I took over as the editor of *Provenance: Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists* in January 2012, the idea of putting back issues online was an ongoing project. In 2002, *Provenance* published Linda Matthews' (former editor of *Georgia Archive*) proposal for an electronic journal, including these select points:

- “Electronic publishing would enhance the recognition and readership of *Provenance* by making it more visible and useful to readers throughout the world, likely increasing the number of submissions for publication.
- The full text of the journal from its first to current issues could be made fully searchable online.
- Users would be able to print those articles of immediate use without having to give shelf space to the whole issue or many issues. The Society of Georgia Archivists could be in the forefront of the archives world in making its journal accessible to a worldwide audience and searchable through the Web.”²

Matthews noted that when David B. Gracy II founded *Georgia Archive* in 1972, “archivists had little professional literature beyond *American Archivist*.”³ Now, all past issues of *Georgia Archive* (1972-1982) and *Provenance* (1982-2013) are available online: <http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/provenance/>. Browsing the 60 issues shows advancements in technology, trends, ideas, practices, and theories that are core to the archival profession.

There is a wealth of knowledge published in these journals in the past 42 years that contribute greatly to archival scholarship. There are several articles written about congressional papers, including Faye Phillips' “Harper’s Ferry Revisited: The Role of Congressional Staff Archivists in Implementing the Congressional Papers Project” (1988), Mary Boccaccio’s “Processing and Maintaining a Congressional Record” (1992),

Cary Osborne’s “Case Files: A Congressional Archivist’s Dilemma” (2012), L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin’s “Appraisal of Senator John Williams’s Papers” (1992), William M. Moss’s “Documentation Strategies for the National Legislature” (1985), and James Edward Cross’s “The Science of Deduction: Dating and Identifying Photographs in Twentieth Century Political Collections” (1988).

As of October 22, 2014, there were nearly 14,000 views and downloads. I am thrilled to see such a high interest and I know that both *Provenance* and *Georgia Archive* will be instrumental in future education and scholarship.

Cheryl Oestreicher
Editor, *Provenance, Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists*
Head, Special Collections and Archives, Boise State University

¹ A version of this article originally appeared in the July/August 2014 issue of *Archival Outlook*.

² Linda Matthews, “Bringing *Provenance* to a Wider Audience,” *Provenance* 20 (2002): 18.

³ *Ibid*, 15.

INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

Northern Kentucky University

Steely Library's Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter University Archives is pleased to announce the hire of a Political Papers Processing Archivist to process the U.S. Senator Jim Bunning Political Papers. The department welcomes archivist Lynn Moulton from sunny South Florida where she previously worked at Everglades National Park as part of a national project to reduce National Park Service archival backlogs.

James Paul David "Jim" Bunning, although perhaps better known nationally as a Major League Baseball Hall-of-Famer, had a substantial second career representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in Congress. He served for five terms as a Kentucky 4th District Representative in the U.S. House, where he championed regional infrastructure projects, worked to strengthen Social Security and fought for a conservative Federal fiscal policy. He went on to serve an additional twelve years in the U.S. Senate, where he sat on the powerful Finance Committee, was a proponent of stronger penalties for steroid use in professional sports and an ongoing champion of seniors' rights. The Bunning Papers cover both his House (1987-1998) and Senate (1999-2010) terms, and also include a modest selection of memorabilia from his baseball career that was displayed in his Senate office. This collection, once opened to the public in January 2021, will complement the papers of U.S. 4th District Representatives Gene Snyder (1967-1987) and Ken Lucas (1999-2005) already held by Steely Library.

- Lynn Moulton

New Mexico State University

On September 16, 2014, the New Mexico State University Library formally opened and dedicated the renovated Senator Pete V. Domenici Archives Space on the second floor of Branson Li-

brary. The new space houses both the New Mexico State University Library's Political Papers Archives and its Special Collections. Speakers at the opening included former Senator Domenici, University President Garrey Carruthers, Dean of the Library Elizabeth Titus, and Laurence Creider, the Head of the Department of Archives and Special Collections. Following the opening ceremony, guests were invited to take tours of the newly renovated space and to examine a new wall display featuring photographs from the Domenici papers.

The opening itself was part of a week-long celebration of Senator Domenici and his contributions to the state of New Mexico that also included the dedication of Pete V. Domenici Hall on campus and the 2014 Domenici Public Policy Conference. The Conference featured lectures from several public officials and dignitaries, including former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, former Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez and New Mexico Attorney General Gary King.

The Pete V. Domenici Papers are currently being processed by the staff of New Mexico State University's Political Papers Archives and portions of the collection are projected to be open to researchers beginning in the spring of 2015.

- Adam Heien

The Ohio State University

Civil Rights Exhibit

On Saturday, September 13, 2014, the Ohio State University Libraries opened the exhibit *Remembering the Act: Archival Reflections on Civil Rights* to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. As viewed through the lens of library Special Collections, the exhibit explores the historical and cultural ramifications of the landmark federal bill that prohibited discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or

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national origin. In particular, it offers little-known insights about William M. McCulloch, the Ohio politician who was instrumental in passing the legislation through Congress.



The exhibit provides an overview of the Civil Rights Movement and a frank appraisal of the prevailing racial inequalities faced by minority residents of Columbus, Ohio, and African-American students at The Ohio State University in the decades prior to the bill's enactment. Also featured are never before exhibited photographs of the March 21-25, 1965, civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Taken by freelance photographer and Ohio native Allen

Zak the photographs offer compelling and vivid portraits of the people involved in the march.



On display in the Thompson Library Gallery until January 4, 2015, an online version of the exhibit is available at www.go.osu.edu/civilrights.

McCulloch Papers

In conjunction with the exhibit, the William M. McCulloch Papers website now offers researchers an online sampling of the constituent issue mail received by Congressman McCulloch's office from 1961 to 1972. Totalling 775 letters, the sampling documents the wide range of opinions held by McCulloch's constituents about the significant legislative and social issues of this turbulent time period. Sorted into PDF format folders by topic, with names and street addresses redacted for confidentiality purposes, the letters cover 14 public policy issues from abortion to welfare,

including civil rights, education, Medicare, school prayer and the Vietnam War. Paired with many letters is a carbon copy of the reply letter sent out by Congressman McCulloch.

The letters are available through the William M. McCulloch Papers website at www.go.osu.edu/oca-mcculloch-issuemail.

- Jeff Thomas

The University of Georgia



The University of Georgia Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies

is among the recipients of the third annual Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. Director Sheryl B. Vogt accepted the award from Gov. Nathan Deal in a ceremony at the state Capitol.

The commendation recognizes the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies as "an invaluable resource for scholars all around the world. For 40 years this esteemed academic institution has chronicled Georgia's political and social story, preserving our historical foundations for the next generation of government and educational leaders to learn from."

A center for research and study of the modern American political system, the library's original mission was to collect and preserve materials that document the life and career of the late Richard B. Russell, U.S. senator from Georgia from 1933 to 1971. With particular emphasis on the role of Georgia and the U.S. Congress, current collection development and programming focus on the dynamic relationship of politics, policy and culture, generated wherever public interest intersects with government.

The Russell Library, housed at the Richard B. Russell Building Special Collections Libraries, was among 13 citizens and organizations recognized for their contributions to innovation and growth of the state's civic and cultural vitality. The awards were presented in partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts and Georgia Humanities Council.

- Sheryl Vogt

The University of Kansas

It's been an eventful summer and fall for the Dole Archive & Special Collections at the Dole Institute of Politics! We've been busy hosting students, researchers, and programs – and, of course, documenting Senator Dole's Thank You Tour through all of Kansas' counties.

Four groups from the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence visited the Dole Institute over the summer for tours and various activities. From making American flags to political buttons, a good time was had by all! Eight classes participating in the First-Year Experience program at KU have visited us since the beginning of September. We introduced the freshman to our resources and primary sources around themes found in the [KU Common Book](#), *The Center of Everything*, by Laura Moriarty.

In perhaps our biggest undertaking yet, we hosted 200 7th graders (in two groups of 100) from a Lawrence middle school in October, as part of a larger project about civic engagement. The Dole Archives staff guided the students through stations focusing on Senator Dole's biography and primary sources.



In conjunction with the 2015 National History Day theme, *Leadership and Legacy in History*, the Dole Ar-

chives released [new online modules](#) featuring primary source documents from our collections. New topics featured include animal rights as well as biographical materials related to former Senators Nancy Kassebaum and Bob Dole and former President George H.W. Bush. We have already helped a few students with preliminary research for the projects, and are looking forward to awarding the Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize in the spring.

Over the summer the Dole Archives hosted two prominent researchers. Ryan Whalen, one of our travel grant recipients, visited in July from Northwestern University for his project, "The History of the Bayh-Dole Act's March-In Rights and the Future of their Use." In August journalist Sasha Issenberg came to do research into the legislative machinations surrounding the Defense of Marriage Act, which Senator Dole co-sponsored in 1996. His book is scheduled for publication in 2016. While he was in residence, Issenberg participated in an afternoon program with Senior Archivist Audrey Coleman for Friends of the Dole Institute.



Coinciding with American Archives Month, the Dole Institute held the program, "Your Story, His Story, the Legacy: the 1974

Dole-Roy Senate Race," commemorating the 40th anniversary of the hard-fought Senate race between Senator Dole and Congressman Bill Roy. The program, an interview with Dave Owen, Dole's 1974 campaign coordinator, and Bill Roy, Jr., son of Rep. Roy, combined images of archival documents and vintage footage from campaign advertisements.

Throughout the spring, summer and fall the Dole Archives has been overflowing with gifts related to Senator Dole's Thank You Tour of Kansas. If you haven't been following as closely as we

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have, the Senator has been visiting all 105 counties in our state in order to say thank you to the people who have supported him throughout the years.

We also have a few new collections of note that are now accessible online. In late July we celebrated the official online release of [The Dole Institute Oral History Project](#), a collection of 72 interviews conducted by historians Richard Norton Smith and Brien R. Williams, documenting the life

and career of former Senator Dole.

Full audio, video, in-

indexed and keyword searchable transcripts, as well as audio podcasts, are available online for this content. We have also recently completed scanning of nearly 600 [VIP Letters](#) that were sent to Dole from notable public figures, including U.S. Presidents, Members of Congress, foreign officials and other distinguished persons.



The Dole Archives staff has been busy with professional development activities as well. Education and Interpretation Specialist Kristine Schenk received a scholarship to attend this year's Mountain-Plains Museum Association Conference in Aspen, Colorado, where she presented on the panel, *A Tough Climb: Creating an Exhibit with No Museum Artifacts*. Digital Archivist Erin Wolfe reviewed the book *Linked Data for Libraries, Archives and Museums* (Seth van Hooiland and Ruben Verborgh, ALA Editions, 2014) for the upcoming issue of the *Archival Issues* journal. Archives staff also presented at Kansas Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable's (GODORT) meeting in June on our work with History Day.

- Sarah D'Antonio

Arizona State University

Where's Barry? TBT's Celebrate Presidential Campaign



Goldwater and President Eisenhower at Gettysburg, September 21, 1964.

Each Thursday this fall Arizona State University posted rare candid color photographs from Senator Barry Goldwater's legendary 1964 campaign for President in its Facebook

page under the title Where Barry? TBT's! The posted photographs featured campaign events from the week and sometimes the day exactly 50 years ago, and they were tweeted by Arizona Republican political science reporter Dan Nowicki and by the ASU Libraries.

Each week Arizona Collection curator Rob Spindler reviewed folders of campaign photos filed by city and date, selected the best for uploading to the ASU Digital Repository, and chose three or four especially interesting moments for the Facebook posting. The ASU Digital Repository presents high quality scans made from 35mm transparencies that can be downloaded for creative uses. Of particular interest was the series of photos documenting production of a Goldwater campaign film with President Eisenhower, shot at his farm at Gettysburg in September 1964.



Senator and Mrs. Goldwater at Mason City, Iowa, September 24, 1964

The University Archives, Arizona State University Facebook page is located here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ASUARCHIVES>

The ASU Digital Repository page is available here: <http://repository.asu.edu/collections/208#>

- Rob Spindler

Boise State University

Boise State University's Special Collections and Archives is pleased to announce that the [Bethine Church Papers](#) are processed and available for research.



Lady Bird Johnson and Bethine Church

The wife of Idaho's U.S. Senator (1956-1980) Frank Church, Bethine was born into a politically active family and remained a prominent figure in Idaho politics throughout her life. In partnership with her husband, she earned the nickname of "Idaho's third senator." She was actively in-

involved in Frank Church's four campaigns for the senate and his campaign for the presidency in 1976. Bethine later claimed the founding of the Sawtooth Society and the Frank Church Institute at Boise State as her proudest accomplishments. She died on Dec. 21, 2013, at the age of 90.

The Bethine Church Papers document her numerous projects and leadership roles in political, social and civic organizations spanning more than six decades. Materials include correspondence, newspaper and magazine articles, speeches, memorabilia, photographs, scrapbooks and audio and video recordings.

At approximately 800 linear feet, the [Frank Church Papers](#) comprise the largest and most frequently accessed collection in Boise State's Special Collections and Archives. [The Frank and Bethine Church Digital Collection](#) features select documents from their papers. For more information, please contact archives@boisestate.edu.

- Gwyn Hervochon

Baylor University

W. R. Poage Legislative Library Center Celebrates 35th Anniversary

The W. R. Poage Legislative Library Center at Baylor University celebrated its 35th anniversary with a gala luncheon on Friday, October 17, 2014. The luncheon was held at the new \$266 million McLane Stadium on the Baylor campus. More than 100 guests attended the event that began with a tour of the stadium. Special guests on the program included Robert H. Duke, author of the recently published *LBJ and Grassroots Federalism: Congressman Bob Poage, Race, and Change in Texas*, who sang a self-composed song based on the book. Much of Dr. Duke's research was conducted in the Poage Library as well as Baylor's Texas Collection. In addition, Mattie Mae McKee spoke briefly about her recently published book, *In the Shadow of the Greats*, chronicling her 21 years in Washington, DC working for three Congressmen and two Senators. A generous benefactor bought enough books for every attendee to receive a copy, which Ms. McKee was happy to inscribe.

Renowned archivist and University of Texas at Austin Governor Bill Daniel Professor Emeritus in Archival Enterprise, David B. Gracy II, delivered the keynote address. Dr. Gracy challenged, inspired and delighted the attendees. He demonstrated that the seat of government was the place where the documents of that government are housed. Illustrating his point was Texas' own Archives War when Sam Houston tried to relocate the capitol of the Republic of Texas from Austin to Houston by having his supporters steal the archives. The plot was foiled and the documents were returned to Austin where they and the capitol remain to this day.

Frank Mackaman, president of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) and director of The Dirksen Center in Pekin, IL, was present to bring congratulatory remarks on behalf of the ACSC. Other ACSC members were present representing their institutions including Burt Altman of Florida State University, Audrey Cole-

man of The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas, Herb Hartsook from the University of South Carolina, and William “Brother” Rogers from the Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership in Starkville, MS. Additionally, Craig Metz, a partner with Nelson Mullins Law Firm in Washington, D.C., and former chief-of-staff for South Carolina Floyd Spence and later counsel for Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina was present to regale us



Burt Altman, Brother Rogers, Audrey Coleman, Debbie Davendonis-Todd, Craig Metz, Herb Hartsook and Bill Hair on the field of McLane Stadium (Oct. 17, 2014)

with colorful stories from his experiences.

Poage Library Director Ben Rogers was MC for the festivities and honored Skip and Sarah Dowdy with a plaque for their generosity and family endowment established for Poage interns. Skip and Fowler West serve as co-chairs of The Standing Committee, the friends support arm of Poage Library. Earlier in the meeting Fowler brought an update and report of the work of The Standing Committee.

The meeting concluded with a surprise for Ben. Lyndon and Kay Olson of Waco announced the creation of an endowment for Poage Library and named the endowment for Ben Rogers, citing his 25 years of service to Baylor and the Poage Legislative Library. The new endowment will support outreach efforts.

- *Bill Hair*