



# Congressional Papers Roundtable

## NEWSLETTER

Society of American Archivists

Summer 2013

### CPR Elections

#### From the Chair: SAA New Orleans

By Leigh McWhite

August is closer than you think! I hope you are all making plans to wind your way south to New Orleans where the temperature will be sweltering, the music will move you,

and the dining is absolutely extraordinary. CPR will sponsor a full day of programming on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our host will be the [Historic New Orleans Collection](#) which has made available a wonderful meeting space for us in their [Williams Research Center](#).

Hollinger/Metal Edge and the W.R. Poage Legislative Library at Baylor University are sponsoring our Early Bird Breakfast as well as box lunches for the first 45 registrants. Be sure to express your grati-

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The Nominating and Elections Committee is pleased to announce 2013 slate of candidates for Vice Chair-Chair Elect and Steering Committee for the Congressional Papers Roundtable (CPR). All the candidates have diverse back-grounds and professional contexts, but they all have significant experience with congressional papers and professional engagement. If you require additional information about any of the candidates, please contact them directly. Voting for the election will be electronic and will occur via the Society of American Archivists Web site. SAA staff will make online ballots accessible to CPR members during the first week of July. Voting will be open for at least two weeks. The Nominating and Elections Committee will announce more specific dates via the listserv as they become available from SAA. The candidate profiles and statements as well as the general election timetable will be available on the CPR Web site. The Nominating and Elections Committee will announce the election results as soon as SAA makes them available to us. Finally, the Nominating and Elections Committee wishes to thank all the candidates for agreeing to run for office.

#### 2013 CPR Nominating and Elections Committee

Ben Rogers, Chair

Katherine Fleming

Mary Anne Hamblen

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tude to Ben Rogers at Baylor and stop by the Hollinger/Metal Edge exhibit space to share your thanks with Bob Henderson. Latecomers will need to write a check for \$10 for their box lunch, so return that registration form as quickly as possible.

The Program Committee (Burt Altman, Betsy Pittman, Walter Ray, and yours truly) have worked hard to put together an educational program that will also meets a few of our group's strategic goals.

## PROGRAM

Ever drawn a blank or fumbled a conversational opportunity to impress upon others the value of congressional collections? **Session One** assembles a Dream Team of experienced archivists who will demonstrate and discuss their tactics for advocacy in "The Elevator Speech."

Betsy Pittman will moderate an open discussion in **Session Two** on deeds of gift for congressional collections. This is an issue that pops up perennially on our discussion list. Bring your boilerplate deed of gift, questions, stories, and solutions.

**Session Three** will explore political advocacy. Panelists will include a member of [SAA's Government Affairs Working Group](#) (GAWG) and a noted speaker on archival advocacy.

Our **final session** will consider the process of making available online facsimiles of non-digital material in congressional collections. Panelists will discuss points to consider when undertaking a digital collection, such as selection, access, copyright, and collaboration.

Following the programs will be the CPR Business meeting with updates from officers, committees, task forces, and organizational representatives. Contact me if you wish to add anything to the agenda. More details on the schedule, programs, and locale appear later in the newsletter... as well as a copy of the conference registration

form which is due July 15th.

Kudos to all CPR members who are participating in SAA conference sessions! Check out the descriptions and timing of all the programs later in this issue, and make plans to support your CPR colleagues by turning up in the audience. I am pleased to say that SAA accepted both the proposal submitted by our Steering Committee as well as the proposal that earned our second endorsement.

And finally, the online voting poll will open soon for the 2013-2014 Chair-elect as well as two new members of the Steering Committee. Take the time to read the enclosed candidate statements and then respond to the email notification by submitting your vote. Thank you to all who agreed to run for office. CPR would not be the active organization it is without the commitment and interest of the members who serve in office or volunteer. If you have an interest in more active participation, please contact chair-elect Betsy Pittman at [Betsy.Pittman@lib.uconn.edu](mailto:Betsy.Pittman@lib.uconn.edu).



## SAA SESSIONS BY CPR MEMBERS

Please support the following sessions which include fellow CPR members. (The session information was obtained from the preliminary program and should be confirmed in the final program to ensure there have been no last minute changes.)

**Session 102,  
Thursday August 15,  
10:00-11:30 AM**

**HURRICANE KATRINA: DISASTER RECOVERY AND DOCUMENTATION IN ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS**

Hurricane Katrina serves as a prism for examining a variety of archival issues. Subjects discussed include disaster recovery inside an affected repository; development of a large-scale digital collection preserving firsthand accounts, images, blogs, and podcasts; and management of constituent case files in congressional papers.

**Leigh McWhite, PhD, Chair**

University of Mississippi  
*Katrina Case Files in Congressional Papers: Preservation Access Restrictions and Research Opportunities*

**Leon C. Miller, CA**

Tulane University, Louisiana Research Collection  
*Congress, Consultants, and Catastrophes: Katrina Reflections*

**Brad Davis**

United States Senate, State Director for U.S. Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi  
*Working on Behalf of Gulf Coast Constituents: A Senator's Office in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina*

**Sheila Brennan**

Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University  
*Using Online Collection Methods to Save the Stories from Katrina and Rita in the Hurricane Digital Memory Bank*

**Brenda S. Gunn, CA, Commentator**

The University of Texas at Austin

**Session 710,  
Saturday August 17,  
9:45-11:15 AM**

**THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL: DOCUMENTING SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE PAPERS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Elected officials often support issues related to social movements, such as feminism, civil rights, and LGBT issues, and these movements are often documented in the papers of elected officials. In addition, elected individuals frequently devote themselves to a movement that is personally relevant to their own lives. Are these collections "personal papers" or "political papers"—or are the lines blurred? Presenters examine the value and importance of elected officials' papers in developing rich and diverse collections related to social movements.

**L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin, Chair and Commentator**

University of Delaware, Manuscripts and Archives Department

**Elizabeth A. Novara**

University of Maryland, Special Collections  
*Documenting Feminist Movements in the Papers of Maryland Women State Legislators*

**Brian Keough**

University of Albany, SUNY, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives  
*The Ownership and Value of Elected Officials' Papers for the Study of the Civil Rights Movement*

**Danelle Moon**

San Jose State University, Special Collections and Archives  
*The Convergence of Feminism, LGBT Grassroots Activism, and the Evangelical Community in San Jose Politics*

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## **Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Congressional Papers Roundtable**

*The chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and the immediate past chair serve as officers of the roundtable. Only individual members of SAA and the Congressional Papers Roundtable may hold these positions. The officers make a commitment for three years to serve one year each as vice-chair/chair-elect, chair, and immediate past chair. Each is expected to attend the annual meeting.*

## **Candidates (one vacancy, one candidate):**

### **ROBERT P. SPINDLER**

**Title:** University Archivist and Head, Archives & Special Collections

**Institution:** Arizona State University Libraries

**Education:** BA and MA History, Boston University; MS, Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, concentration in archives management

**Contact Information:** (h) 480 838-4468 (w) 480 965-9277; spindlers1@cox.net; <http://www.public.asu.edu/~spindler/>

*Robert received his bachelor's and master's degrees in American History from Boston University and his Master of Science from the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science. He was formerly Project Archivist at the Peabody Museum of Salem, Massachusetts, and has served as a professional consultant to the Polaroid Corporate Archives, the Regents of the University of California, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the Maine Maritime Museum, and the Milton H. Erickson Foundation. Mr. Spindler is Distinguished Fellow of the Society of American Archivists and a past chair of their 2012 Annual Meeting Program Committee, Nominations Committee, Committee on Archival Information Exchange and Description Section.*

*In 1998 he was one of fifteen archivists awarded SAA's C. F. W. Coker Prize for his participation in the international development team for the Encoded Archival Description (EAD) Tag Library. He has presented and published regularly on archival description, electronic records preservation, and internet ethics issues.*

### **Experience with Congressional papers:**

From 1988-1996 as Curator of Manuscripts I directed arrangement and description for the Department of Archives and Manuscripts, including a project to rehouse and redescribe 850 linear feet of Senator Carl T. Hayden Papers. I also participated in the closure of U.S. Representative John "Jay" Rhodes' local office and in a major fundraising event celebrating our "U.S. Congressional Research Collection" in that period. Part of that event included brief interviews with several congressional staff members and solicitations of papers from key staff members, like Roy Elson. Since becoming department administrator in 1996, I developed working relationships with Congressman John Rhodes and Eldon Rudd and organized a collaborative online exhibit and digital library project with ASU's public history program regarding Congressman

John Rhodes. Recently I acquired the records of Congressman Harry Mitchell, and our program accepted responsibility for the Senator Barry Goldwater and Senator Paul Fannin Papers from the Arizona Historical Foundation. I am currently directing a records survey project for additional Paul Fannin Papers and I am actively engaged in agreement negotiations, appraisal and physical acquisition of the Senator John McCain Papers. We currently preserve and make accessible the papers of thirteen members of Congress from Arizona.

### **What do you bring to the CPR Steering committee?**

While I am a relative newcomer to the Roundtable and the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress, I have extensive experience in various levels of governance for the Society of American Archivists and I am the immediate past Program Committee co-chair. My knowledge of SAA could facilitate advancing the CPR agenda within that organization.

### **What would you like CPR to do in the next 3-5 years?**

I would like to see CPR leverage electronic publication opportunities within and outside SAA to make the process and products of scholarship in congressional collections more visible to the SAA membership and the general public. I would like CPR to make explicit and accessible the best practices we have available regarding efficient appraisal, acquisition, description and preservation of congressional electronic records. I would like CPR to have at least one formal program session accepted for the SAA Annual Meeting each year.

## **Steering Committee 2013-2014, Congressional Papers Roundtable**

*The Steering Committee directs and coordinates activities of the roundtable and approves appointments made by the chair if vacancies occur.*

### **Candidates (two vacancies, four candidates):**

#### **GARY CHAFFEE**

**Title:** Archivist, Barbara Jordan Archives

**Institution:** Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

**Education:** BA, English, University of Wyoming, 2008; MLIS, University of Kentucky 2010

*Gary received his B.A. in English from the University of Wyoming and his Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science. Since 2010, he has been the archivist for the Barbara Jordan Papers at Texas Southern University and is currently the interim coordinator for Special Collections at the Robert J. Terry Library at TSU. He has been a member of the Society of American Archivists, the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress, and currently serves on several library committees at his home institution. His most recent publication, *Preserving Transience: Ballet and Modern Dance Archives* was published by Libri in 2011.*

**Experience with Congressional papers:**

As the graduate assistant for the Public Policy Archives at the University of Kentucky, I performed preservation work on the Earle C. Clements Papers from 2009-2010. Since 2010, I've been responsible for the processing of the Barbara Jordan Papers at Texas Southern University, including the creation of a finding aid and digitization and preservation of the audiovisual components of the collection. Advocacy and outreach for Jordan Papers includes creation of physical and digital exhibits, presentations and implementation of social media. Additionally, we are currently in the process of acquiring the papers of former Texas House member Al Edwards. I am a member of the CPR's Diversity Task Force, and a member of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress.

**What do you bring to the CPR Steering committee?**

I feel that the archives we serve are, at the base level, a collaborative effort; I feel the CPR should be a collaborative effort as well. I am very much a team player and good listener. And as an archivist in an academic institution, every day I see the importance of educating our communities, our students, and our funding agencies on the importance of Congressional archives as a way to understand our political processes and systems—and it's an education that is critical to spark the interest of the future potential archivists that will need to take our places someday.

**What would you like CPR to do in the next 3-5 years?**

I definitely see a need for more outreach to continue to build interest in the CPR—not only for our membership numbers but as a way to advocate for collections that tend, in my humble opinion, to be marginalized. To that end, I would also like to see a specialized workshop available through SAA's Continuing Professional Education program for dealing with Public Policy archives; the CPR membership knows the challenges we face as archivists of these types of collections, and it would be nice to have something available for those archivists who are suddenly saddled with a Congressional collection for which they have little or no processing experience. Lastly, there has been talk of a possible “rebranding” for the CPR in the past year or so; I feel this would be a positive move for the Roundtable to explore as a way to not only stir interest in potential new members, but to re-spark the interest in the Roundtable for some of our veteran members.

**AUDREY MCKANNA COLEMAN**

**Title:** Senior Archivist

**Institution:** Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas

**Education:** BA, Spanish, University of Kansas; MA Museum Studies with History concentration, University of Kansas

*Audrey McKanna Coleman was recently named Senior Archivist at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas. Coleman heads a staff of professional archivists, museum professionals, and students, and looks forward to furthering the development of a robust digital, physical, and interactive community presence for the Dole Archive collections. Along with other Institute leaders, Coleman will also participate in the strategic development of Institute programming and resources.*

*Audrey received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas in Lawrence,*

*Kansas (KU). She was formerly Coordinator of Manuscript Processing at the Spencer Research Library, and Assistant Curator of Visual Resources, History of Art Department, all at KU. Ms. Coleman's active record of professional service includes terms as Senior Co-Chair of the Kansas City Area Archivists and, currently, as Co-Chair of the Midwest Archives Conference Local Arrangements committee for MAC 2014. Her diverse professional background reflects an interest in interdisciplinary studies, humanities, and the synergy of library, archives, and museum collections.*

### **Experience with Congressional papers:**

I'm relatively new to my position (August 2012) and to the management of Congressional papers. However, the collection I manage is large (1700 linear feet of paper materials, in addition to A/V formats and objects) and documents a 35-year political career. The Dole Archive, which I lead, is comprised of library, archival, and museum collections, as well as a permanent exhibit gallery and temporary exhibit space. My professional experience (in archives, libraries, museums, and visual resources) reflects the same diversity and as such is a little nontraditional for this sub-field.

### **What do you bring to the CPR Steering committee?**

Enthusiasm and a fresh perspective, as well as nearly 10 years of professional leadership experience at the local and regional levels. I like to talk theory but also like to get things done – developing manageable and sensible solutions to multifaceted practical problems. I enjoy meeting new people and learning new things. I see our archival material as very much “alive” and relevant to the interests of nearly everyone; there is so much “voice” in even the most routine documents and I love demonstrating that fact for our visiting public (non-academic researchers).

### **What would you like CPR to do in the next 3-5 years?**

I'd like to give special support to our members who work in facilities under financial strain (which, it seems we all are in one form or another). How can we best demonstrate our value as service and a resource to our resource allocators? How can we maintain or reintroduce lost/low priority functions in manageable ways? What works, what doesn't, and what new approaches might be tried?

## **BRIAN KEOUGH**

**Title:** Head, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives

**Institution:** University at Albany, SUNY

**Education:** Master of Arts, History, University at Albany, SUNY; Master of Library Science - Concentration in Archival Administration, University at Albany, SUNY; Bachelor of Arts, American History, West Chester University, West Chester, PA

*Since 2001, Brian Keough has served as Head of M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University at Albany, SUNY. Keough received a Bachelor of History from West Chester University, and master's degrees in American History and Information Science & Policy from the University at Albany, SUNY. He was formerly archivist at the Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Archive & Collection (HWAC), and archivist at the Schenectady Museum's General Electric Archive. He has presented papers at MARAC and SAA conferences, and was the chair of the SAA Congressional Papers Roundtable, 2009-2010.*

**Experience with Congressional papers:**

Currently, I manage the New York Modern Political Archive at the University at Albany, SUNY. The New York Modern Political Archive contains 27 collections of former members of New York's Congressional delegation, and 46 collections of former New York State legislators. My main responsibility is to acquire political collections for the New York Modern Political Archive, and oversee processing, reference and outreach services. Our most recent acquisition was the papers of U.S. Congressman Maurice Hinchey, who served in the New York State Assembly from 1974-1992, and in Congress from 1992-2012. At the 2013 SAA conference in New Orleans, I am presenting a paper, "The Ownership and Value of Elected Officials' Papers for the Study of the Civil Rights Movement."

**What do you bring to the CPR Steering committee?**

As a Steering Committee member, I would bring my enthusiasm and concern for the preservation and accessibility of congressional collections. I have worked with political papers for over 15 years, and gained considerable experience dealing with the papers of individuals elected to local, state, and federal office. I previously had the honor of serving on the Congressional Papers Roundtable Steering Committee from 2006-2010, including a term as the CPR Vice Chair/Chair, 2009-2010. I am familiar with the people and activities of CPR, and I am privileged to have the opportunity to serve on the Steering Committee again.

**What would you like CPR to do in the next 3-5 years?**

During the next 3-5 years, I would like to see CPR share information about approaches to managing electronic records. I am also interested in increasing outreach to members of Congress, who could support funding for Congressional Papers and state research centers. Furthermore, I would encourage initiatives that promote diversity within CPR and SAA, try to forge links with related SAA Roundtables, and reach out to archivists who are new to congressional papers.

**RENNA TUTEN**

**Title:** Public Services Coordinator

**Institution:** University of Georgia Russell Special Collections Libraries

**Education:** BA, Art History, University of Georgia; MA, Southern Studies, University of Mississippi; MLIS, University of South Carolina

**Experience with Congressional papers:**

From 2006 to 2011, I worked for the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies as first an Assistant Outreach Archivist, which consisted of developing programming and exhibits centered on the department's collections, and later as a Processing Archivist. This position consisted of working on collections of both congressional and gubernatorial papers as well as working in reference and in acquisitions. Currently, my work as the Public Services Coordinator involves facilitating user access and providing reference for not only the Russell Library political collections but two other special collections departments.

**What do you bring to the CPR Steering committee?**

My experience working with congressional papers, both old and new, has given me a healthy respect for the ways in which record keeping has changed and what impact electronic records brings in terms of public access to the public record. Also, my current work in a public services

setting has allowed me to do more extensive reference work involving political papers; this has resulted in my being more passionate about implementing best practices in terms of arrangement and description.

### **What would you like CPR to do in the next 3-5 years?**

Working with the public constantly reminds me that outreach and advocacy are two elements of our work that are still very important so that the public knows what we do and how it affects them as citizens with rights to access public records; thus, outreach and advocacy efforts are paramount. CPR is an extremely collegial group that has a wonderful rapport among its members and it would be a boon to work with the new SNAP (Students and New Archives Professionals) Roundtable to showcase what we do. Partnering with other roundtables with overlapping subject focus – for instance, Privacy and Confidentiality, Military Archives, or Women’s Collections - for programs and surveys would be beneficial to all involved.

## **Advocacy Task Force Needs Your Help!**

Help us make a “Resource Kit for Advocacy” a reality. Send us suggestions, ideas, links, and materials that inspire you

Do you know about an interesting case study concerning advocacy? We are looking for resources that would help CPR members build constituencies, craft messages effectively, communicate with the media more adroitly, and solicit Congressional papers confidently.

Do you have a flier, sign, poster, quotation, or other item that you have used at your repository to advertise the benefits of congressional collections, to connect people with holdings, to encourage an engaged citizenship, or to promote democracy? Do you have links to your exhibits and programs for Congress Week?

Your suggestions, ideas, links, and inspiration will make this kit as useful and relevant as possible.

The Advocacy Task Force looks forward to hearing from you. Send your ideas, suggestions, materials, and links to any of the members listed below.

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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2013

**Date:** Wednesday, 14 August 2013

**Location:** Historic New Orleans Collection in the Williams Research Center on 410 Chartres Street

**8:30-9:00 Early Bird Breakfast**

Sponsored by Bob Henderson of Hollinger/Metal Edge & the W.R. Poage Legislative Library at Baylor University

**9:00-9:15 Welcome and Brief Remarks**

Leigh McWhite

**9:15-10:15 Session One:  
“The Elevator Speech”**

Advocacy is something archivists of congressional papers must be prepared to do at any time with an array of audiences, including institutional administrators, potential collection and monetary donors, researchers, and the media. Garner tips for quick conversational outreach while watching real-life scenarios followed by a panel discussion.

**Panelists:** Herb Hartsook (University of South Carolina); Brian Keough (University of Albany, SUNY); Jill Severn (University of Georgia); Jeff Thomas (Ohio State University); and Sheryl B. Vogt (University of Georgia)

**Moderator:** Leigh McWhite

**10:15-10:30 Break**

**10:30-11:30 Session Two:  
Open Discussion on Deeds of Gift**

Deeds of gift provide an outline of expectations for both the donor and the archives. It can be difficult having this conversation with a Member of Congress, whether you have a long standing relationship with the office or not. This session offers an opportunity to share your experiences with others on a range of issues associated with the transfer of papers to a repository. Everyone is encouraged to bring examples of their deed and join the discussion of common problems, unusual circumstances, disappointments, and successes associated with the process.

**Moderator:** Betsy Pittman

**11:40-12:00 Tour of Historic New Orleans Collection Archive (optional)**

**12:00-1:00 Lunch**

Sponsored by Bob Henderson of Hollinger/Metal Edge

- 1:00-2:00**     **Session Three:**  
**Political Advocacy**  
Because we manage congressional collections, CPR members are more familiar than most archivists with the ins and outs of lobbying, but how effective are we at converting that knowledge for the benefit of our profession and our repositories? A panel of leading experts will discuss strategies, resources, and advocacy relationships.  
**Panelists:** Frank Boles (SAA's Government Affairs Working Group); and Kathleen Roe (New York State Archives).  
**Moderator:** Katherine Fleming
- 2:00-3:00**     **Session Four:**  
**Digitizing Congressional Collections**  
Digital collections enable repositories to reach a global audience, but congressional papers are complex in nature and massive in scale. What are the desired outcomes? What is the selection process? What are the copyright and access issues involved? And how do you undertake such a large project!  
**Panelists:** Burt Altman (Florida State University); Joe Fisher (UMASS Lowell); Jim Havron (Middle Tennessee State); and Tony Sampas (UMASS Lowell).  
**Moderator:** Walter Ray
- 3:00-3:15**     **Break**
- 3:15-4:45**     **CPR Business Meeting and Reports**
- Welcome and Report from CPR Chair -- Leigh McWhite**
- SAA Council Representative – Bill Landis**
- Committee and Task Force Reports:**
- Nomination and Election Committee – Ben Rogers**
  - Papers of Departing Members – Betsy Pittman**
  - Electronic Records Committee – Jan Zastrow**
  - Advocacy Task Force – TBD**
  - Diversity Task Force – TBD**
- Reports from Organizational Representatives:**
- Association of Centers for the Study of Congress – Sheryl Vogt**
  - Center for Legislative Archives, NARA – Matt Fulgham**
  - Senate Historical Office – Karen Paul**
  - Office of Art & Archives, U.S. House of Representatives – Robin Reeder**
- Welcome and Words from New Chair – Betsy Pittman**
- Announcements**



# CPR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Will there be a group leaving to walk to the CPR meeting from the SAA Conference Hotel?**

Yes, CPR representatives will meet attendees in the Hillton New Orleans Riverside hotel lobby entrance on Poydras Street to walk to the Historic New Orleans Collection's Williams Research Center on 410 Chartres Street. Estimated walking time: 12 minutes.

## **What is the registration deadline for the CPR pre-conference program?**

Registration must be received by 15 July 2013. Receipts and confirmation of registration will be sent electronically to those who register.

## **Do I need to register for the CPR Business Meeting?**

Although not required, it would be helpful if you indicate whether you plan to attend the CPR Business Meeting on the conference registration form and submit it.

## **Is it okay to attend only a portion of the program?**

Yes, it is fine to attend part of the program. Please be courteous to speakers and plan to arrive and depart at the beginning or end of the sessions if possible. Be sure to register if you plan to attend any part of the program.

## **Are there options for my dietary needs?**

Yes, we will offer vegetarian box lunches for those who request them.

## **Is there an emergency phone number I can call on the day of the event if I get lost, or need to get a message to a member of CPR?**

Yes, your registration confirmation will include a contact number to use in case of an emergency on the day of the conference.

## **Where can I find answers to questions not addressed above?**

For any additional questions, please contact Leigh McWhite at 662-915-1850 or [slm-cwhit@olemiss.edu](mailto:slm-cwhit@olemiss.edu)



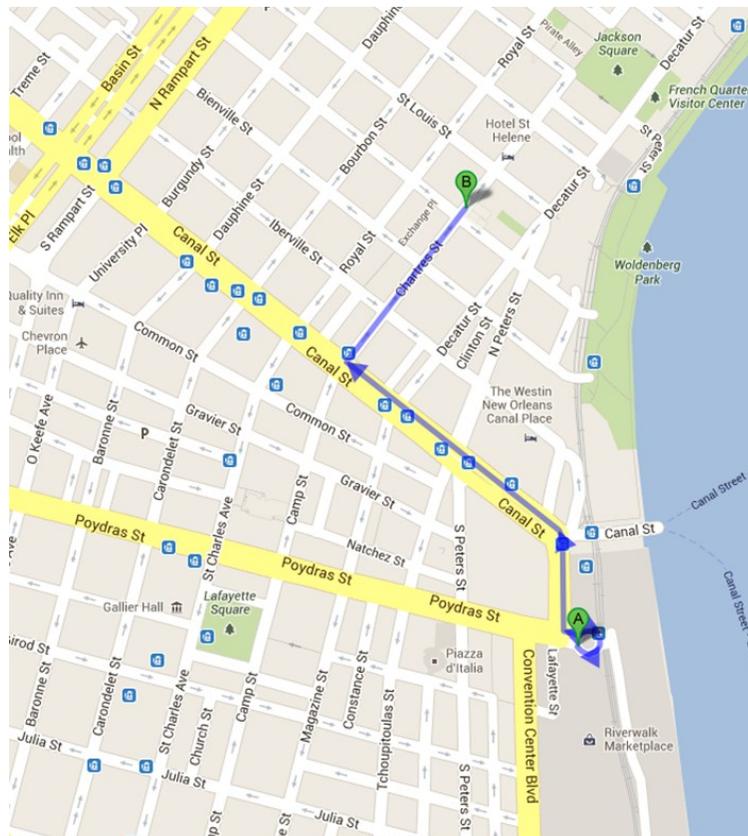
# CPR LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

All CPR Conference events will take place at the Historic New Orleans Collection’s Williams Research Center on 410 Chartres Street.

Walking Directions from SAA Conference Hotel to CPR Conference:

- Head west (away from the river) on Poydras Street toward Convention Center Boulevard.
- Turn right onto Convention Center Boulevard.
- Slightly left onto Canal Street.
- Turn right onto Chartres Street.
- The Historic New Orleans Collection’s Williams Research Building will be on the right just after passing Conti Street.

The walk is .7 miles and will take approximately 10-12 minutes.



**Deadline: July 15, 2013**



# CPR REGISTRATION 2013

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Name (as you wish it to appear on your name tag – please print!)

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Institution or Affiliation (please print!)

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Email address

### Please check all the sessions/activities you plan to attend.

- 8:30-5:00 I plan to attend all the events.
- 8:30-9:00 Early Bird Breakfast
- 9:15-10:15 Session One: “The Elevator Speech”
- 10:30-11:30 Session Two: Open Discussion on Deeds of Gift
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 Session Three: Digitizing Congressional Collections
- 2:00-3:00 Session Four: Political Advocacy
- 3:15-4:30 CPR Business Meeting

### Lunch Options

**The box lunch for the first 45 registrants is free** courtesy of Bob Henderson of Hollinger/Metal Edge. Latecomers will need to pay \$10. Make checks payable to: **Leigh McWhite** and mail with registration form.

- Yes, I wish to order a box lunch (3 classic sandwich options, chips, cookie, and drink)
- I am a vegetarian       I am a vegan
- I do not wish to order a box lunch

**Completed registration forms can be emailed to: [slmcwhit@olemiss.edu](mailto:slmcwhit@olemiss.edu), or mailed to: Leigh McWhite, Archives & Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library, University, MS 38655**

## Association of Centers for the Study of Congress invites CPR to join in Celebration of “Congress Week,” April 7-12, 2014

The Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) is sponsoring its fourth annual Congress Week with a theme to mark the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Congress. ACSC invites CPR and its members to join in this landmark celebration. The central goal of Congress Week is to foster the study of the U.S. House and Senate, and to promote a wider appreciation for the vital role the legislative branch plays in our representative democracy. Beginning in 2014, Congress Week will move from September to the first week in April, to commemorate the dates in 1789 when the House and Senate achieved their first quorums.

The 1st United States Congress met from March 4, 1789 to March 4, 1791, first at Federal Hall in New York City and later at Congress Hall in Philadelphia. Of note, there were no political parties in this Congress. Members were grouped informally into Pro-Administration or Anti-Administration factions, based on an analysis of their voting record. The Pro-Administration group, composed of diverse factions that favored a robust federal administration, held a majority in both legislative chambers. Of special interest, this Congress passed An Act to provide for the safe-keeping of the Acts, Records and Seal of the United States, and for other purposes.

It is the intent of ACSC to promote a greater understanding of the Legislative branch of government – critical in the checks and balances outlined in the Constitution. Congress, often the object of scorn, distrust, and low scores in opinion polls, is also misunderstood by the American electorate. To encourage citizens toward a more comprehensive understanding of this complex government body and its responsibilities, the ACSC identifies themes for Congress Week that invite exploration, discovery, and discussion. The 2014 celebration will build on successful observations of this national initiative from 2010 through 2012, marked around the country with programs includ-

ing public lectures, film series, exhibits, deliberative forums, and appearances by current and former Senators and Representatives.

Many ACSC member institutions and institutions represented by CPR members hold the papers of key U.S. Senators and Representatives, as well as their oral histories and related memorabilia. In keeping with the notion that “all politics is local,” ACSC encourages you to tailor Congress Week events to your own unique resources and audiences. This coordinated effort at public programming will highlight not only the functions, relationships, structures, and limitations of the largest elected body in the land but also your institution and its holdings. If public programming is not part of your work, you can easily celebrate by hanging a Congress Week poster in your office or Reading Room.

New ACSC President Frank Mackaman, director of the Dirksen Center, will name the 2014 Congress Week Task Force this summer. More information about the 2014 theme and its areas of focus plus opportunities for collaboration is forthcoming. Make plans to join us in this national initiative to explore the challenges and possibilities of representative government, discover the history that lives in our collections, and discuss the issues that have and continue to concern us as a nation.

-Sheryl Vogt

<http://www.congresscenters.org/>



*(The Capitol viewed from Pennsylvania Avenue. Photo courtesy of Tammi Kim.)*

## Association of Centers for the Study of Congress Annual Meeting 2013: A Report on the Sessions

The Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) held its tenth annual meeting May 8-10, 2013, at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C.. Meeting sessions addressed issues of research trends in congressional holdings, social media and digital archiving, policy forums for public programming, and outreach to members of Congress and researcher communities. As has become the custom, former members of Congress participated in a popular panel to discuss preservation of their papers and access to their collections.



*(National Archives and Records Administration building, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C., site of the 2013 ACSC annual meeting. Photo courtesy of Tammi Kim.)*

Dr. Julian Zelizer, professor of history and public affairs at Princeton University and a leading scholar on the history of Congress, delivered the keynote address for the conference. Zelizer, who is known for his engaging historiographies, discussed the changing role of congressional collections in support of scholarship on American political history. He argued that the story of Congress has been absent from much of twentieth-century American history due to historians' infatuation with power wielded by the executive

branch of our government. Congressional history was overlooked until the Watergate scandal (1972-1974), which highlighted abuse of presidential power and piqued public interest in restoring balance between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

Congressional history continues this revival as scholars integrate the institution into broader studies of U.S. social history, policy development, congressional reform, and diplomatic history. In the 1950s-1960s—considered by some as the heyday of American political history with contributions by authors such as William Leuchtenburg or William Manchester—the presidency and the White House was the focus of many scholars. It was easier for historians to construct engaging narratives about individual presidents as dynamic leaders than to provide an overarching picture of the large legislative body with its many distinct personalities and multi-faceted interest groups.

Zelizer cited the popularization of social history, away from the previous focus on political elites, along with the 1960s disillusion with American foreign policy in the Vietnam War as other factors drawing historians to research in congressional collections. The work was not without challenges, however: too many collections, complicated structure in the sources, too many fragmented perspectives to piece together, and voluminous and often backlogged collections.

Further, historians have found congressional collections as primary source material to be more difficult to access because the collections are located in disparate geographic locations, and repositories do not always offer travel grants to researchers in the same way that presidential libraries have.

However, scholars are increasingly interested in studying the legislative branch as they seek to understand the role of public policy in shaping American life and social relationships. Historians

and political scientists recognize congressional collections as rich sources to explore histories of numerous issues, such as race, gender, and the environment. Congressional records document policy, organizational reform, and diplomacy, especially for the enduring topics of taxes, social security, Medicare, and political culture in government. Zelizer said that scholars are discovering how congressional collections and individual members can be used to explore the larger trends of a time period, and that political scientists are using historical data from these collections to support their arguments.

To promote use of congressional collections, Zelizer recommended digitizing materials in a topical way. He suggested that historians might help select focused source material for digitization with a goal to reach younger scholars and students; involving professors in selective digitization might encourage those professors to use digitized materials in the classroom. He noted that graduate students, who are required to read broadly in their field, might be particularly effective in collaborative selection of sources. At the same time, Zelizer prioritized online access to more thorough archival collection descriptions over digitization projects; i.e., he emphasized the importance of creating better online finding aids over digital collections. He said that he, as a historian, wants to know first and foremost what the sources are, where they are, and whether they might yield something of use to his area of interest. Zelizer noted that better archival description would help push the historical questions that need to be asked.

In discussion with the audience, Zelizer commented on the potential of source material from district offices and contemporary electronic records from constituent services as ways to exploit new research data. He commented on the wealth of data now available to political scientists, who are combining quantitative and qualitative research to “bring records to life.” Finally, Zelizer championed the usefulness of oral histo-

ries to explain the undocumented decision making behind so much of what happens in legislation and policy.

Zelizer continued on the Wednesday schedule to moderate a panel of former members of Congress who talked about their experiences with repositories as they transitioned out of elected life. Congressmen Chet Edwards (D-TX), Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), and Vic Snyder (D-AR) emphasized the importance of reaching out to members early in their careers to help them begin archiving their materials and thinking about where they will donate their papers. Kolbe described a very personal experience that led to his appreciation for the importance of preserving historical sources: as a youth, he was a self-described Civil War buff. Kolbe was stunned and crest-fallen to learn that his own grandmother had destroyed family love letters and correspondence from two of his ancestors, a woman and her husband, during the period of the young man’s imprisonment at Andersonville during the Civil War. Kolbe described a few of the historic events that took place during his terms in Congress—the Challenger explosion, fall of the Berlin Wall, NAFTA, impeachment of Clinton, the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, 9/11—and said he knew that he needed to find a home for the “astonishing amount of stuff” generated in his office.

Edwards said that repositories must develop strong personal relationships with the members and show they are able and willing to take good care of the papers. Edwards spoke candidly about deciding *not* to donate his papers to his alma mater after discovering that another member’s papers at the institution remained unprocessed for 30 years. Each panelist discussed the problem of members not giving money to repositories to help with processing costs. Alluding to the varied records platforms used in Congress, Vic Snyder expressed concern that both the House and Senate are losing e-records “because nothing works together.” Snyder made several thought-provoking suggestions to improve rec-

ords preservation: the House and Senate rules committees should find money to support records management and archival preservation plans for members' papers; ACSC should partner with the Association of Former Members of Congress (AFMC) to advocate "early and often" preservation planning discussions with sitting members; members should require their electronic records vendors to include copies of proprietary software to accompany e-records passed along to archival repositories.

After the ACSC business meeting on Thursday, a panel of center members led a policy forum to demonstrate programming techniques learned from ACSC's partnership with the Kettering Foundation. Jill Severn and Jan Levinson (Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia), Brother Rogers (Stennis Center for Public Service at Mississippi State), Debra Davendonis-Todd (W.R. Poage Legislative Library, Baylor University), and Lori Schwartz (South Carolina Political Collections, University of South Carolina) coordinated the session. After surveys, interviews, and focus groups, the team prepared a topical guide on "The Great Divide: How Can We Work Across Our Differences to move American Forward?" Severn and Levinson laid the ground rules and moderated a very successful forum.

Two Senate committee archivists presented case studies of archiving social media. Katie Delacenserie, archivist for the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and Anu Kasarabada, Democratic archivist for the Judiciary Committee, discussed the historical value of social media posts for understanding constituent correspondence and relationships and networks of influence. Both have worked to archive multiple platforms, but Twitter and Facebook are most commonly used by members and committees. Archiving these sites enables researchers to analyze demographics, how the public understands their role, and relationships between users.

Historians discussed their own experiences with conducting research in congressional collections. Peter Shulman, assistant professor of history at Case Western University, was the inaugural recipient of the Legislative Archives Fellowship, which allowed him to conduct research at the U.S. National Archives Center for Legislative Archives for his latest publication on geo-politics in the 19<sup>th</sup> to early-20<sup>th</sup> century. Pascal Massinon, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, discussed his experiences with conducting research on Senate and House Judiciary Committee records for his dissertation. Todd Purdum, editor for *Vanity Fair*, described his research ventures at NARA presidential libraries for his book on the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Each panelist talked about challenges of having to go through multiple documents in large congressional collections with limited research time. Each also vocalized that if they had to rank priorities for repositories, they would place creating detailed finding aids over digitization projects.

Archivists from the Center for Legislative Archives, Senate Historical Office, and House Office of History, Art, and Archives gave an important report on their collaboration to identify, collect, and preserve official records of Congress and to share metadata across accession and description systems. This ground-breaking work between the records creators, Congressional archivists, and CLA (where the records are archived at NARA) is the result of recommendations from the CLA Task Force on the Next-Generation Finding Aid Project. Jacqui Ferri (CLA's new digital description archivist) and Brandon Hirsch (IT specialist at CLA) gave an inspiring overview of their efforts to minimize redundant records description tasks by repurposing metadata, to employ standardized and structured description, and to update legacy finding aids to align old data with newly created records for new acquisitions. The infrastructure that they are creating will absorb new accessions from the House and Senate, pre-

pare for a future custom search interface for congressional records, support contributions to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), and anticipate developments for Encoded Archival Description and linked data. *Ultimately*, the work of the Next-Generation Finding Aid Project will support the vision of a congressional research portal that is a dream held by archivists and scholars in the field.

“The Two Alisons” (A. White from the Senate and A. Trulock from the House) reported on the use of Archivists Toolkit to capture metadata at the point of accessioning committee records for transfer to CLA. Committees are active users of their records and frequently call back boxes or files transferred to CLA, a need that has motivated willingness to help create more thorough records documentation in the accession and transfer process. Senate archivists developed a template for metadata capture and trained committee archivists to use DACS (Describing Archives: a Content Standard), keywords, and named identities for the benefit of all parties. As in the Senate, the House archivists have developed training and guidelines for electronic records to capture descriptive, technical, and administrative metadata. In the discussion after the panel, audience members were clearly inspired by the Senate archivists’ description templates for committee records. Archivists wondered if similar training and tools might help members’ office staff complete more useful and complete metadata for records transferred to Suitland or directly to repositories.

In the final session of the conference, five panelists talked about using social media to expand access to collections and build new audiences. Two of the panelists, Natalie Rocchio (Center for Legislative Archives) and Jeannie Chen (Office of Presidential Libraries), are current NARA employees who talked about using Twitter and Tumblr. Julia Collins Howington, ACSC member for the Moakley Archive and Institute in Boston, talked about use of social media such as Twitter

and Facebook to promote public programming. Lori Schwartz, ACSC member from the South Carolina Political Collections at the University of South Carolina, talked about how they use blogging and Facebook to promote collections. Dominic McDevitt-Parks, coordinator for Wikimedia and former Wikipedian in Residence for NARA, talked about how archivists should consider Wikipedia part of their core archival work as part of the GLAM Wiki Project (Galleries Libraries Archives Museums) to preserve cultural heritage organizations. McDevitt-Parks also provided useful advice on establishing credibility with the community of editors and reviewers who monitor wiki contributions.

This tenth anniversary of ACSC marked the end of two terms from Sheryl Vogt (Russell Library) as president of the association, a period that met many goals. She is succeeded by Frank Mackaman, director of the Dirksen Congressional Center in Pekin, Illinois, a stalwart leader in modern congressional collections management and congressional research. The 2014 ACSC annual meeting will be hosted by the South Carolina Political Collections in Columbia, where director Herb Hartsook and his staff will welcome members to their new Ernest Holling Special Collections Library, which opened in 2010. (See <http://library.sc.edu/scpc/>)

*-Danielle Emerling, Tammi Kim, and  
Rebecca Johnson Melvin  
University of Delaware Library*

# INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

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## University of Massachusetts Dartmouth



The Claire T. Carney Library at UMass Dartmouth is pleased to announce that former Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank has donated his personal papers to the Archives and Special Collections. The majority of the collection documents his U.S. congressional career, 1980-2012, including records from

his district offices in Newton, Taunton and New Bedford.

National issues covered include financial reform, gay rights, the housing crisis, immigration reform, military spending, and environmental protection. Congressman Frank served on the Financial Services Committee from 2003 to 2012, and as its chairman from 2007. During this time he oversaw passage of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 4173), better known as the Dodd-Frank bill. Local issues in the collection include fishing regulation, commuter rail, immigration and the environment.

Records of his many electoral campaigns for the U.S. House of Representatives, 1980-2010 include the hard-fought win over Republican Margaret Heckler in the 4<sup>th</sup> district in 1982. The collection also includes material on legislation he sponsored between 1973 and 1980 when he served in the Massachusetts State Legislature. Received in December 2012 and January 2013, the collection, in its current, unprocessed form, totals 640 linear feet.

Plans are in the works to outfit a special reading room/exhibit area in the newly-renovated library, and a climate-controlled storage annex adjacent

to the current University Archives and Portuguese-American Archives shared storage room. Also in the plans for this collection is hiring a full-time project archivist to process the collection and identify selected records for digitization. For information, contact Judy Farrar at [jfarrar@umassd.edu](mailto:jfarrar@umassd.edu).

*-Judy Farrar*

## University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas at San Antonio has been selected by former U.S. Rep. Charles A. “Charlie” Gonzalez to receive his congressional papers as part of the UTSA Libraries Special Collections.



Gonzalez’s collection consists of constituent correspondence, speeches, videotapes of interviews, press releases, electronic data, and legislative files relating to appropriations, energy, housing, labor, transportation and social security. The materials will be made available to congressional scholars, students and researchers interested in examining his impact during his 14 years in Congress.

“As a proud San Antonian, I can’t think of a better place than UTSA to offer my congressional papers as a resource for generations of students and scholars,” said Gonzalez. “I’m pleased that my legacy as a public servant of the citizens of San Antonio and Texas will now be widely accessible.”

“Representative Gonzalez’s congressional papers help to document important chapters in the histories of San Antonio, Texas, congressional policy-making, and Latino politics,” said UTSA President Ricardo Romo. “They will provide research-

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ers in multiple disciplines—including political science, public administration, and history—with irreplaceable information about the evolving relationship between the people of San Antonio and their government. Acquisitions of this caliber play a role in the university's ascent to Tier One research status."

During his seven terms in Congress, Gonzalez served on the Financial Services, Small Business, Homeland Security, House Administration, Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce committees. He chaired the Task Force to determine the winner of the contested Florida Congressional District 13 election. From 2011 to 2012, he served as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. Gonzalez's congressional legacy will have lasting national importance, according to UTSA political science professor Walter Wilson. "Congressman Gonzalez's influence, both as a representative of his constituents in San Antonio, and on major national issues like immigration reform, will be visible for years to come. And just as his leadership will have lasting impacts, this archive will have enduring relevance for scholars," Wilson said.

Gonzalez's papers will be housed within the university's Special Collections, which houses treasures such as rare books, company archives, photographs, and other one-of-a-kind historical items documenting the people, history, life, and literature of San Antonio and South Texas. Strengths of the collections include architecture and urban development, San Antonio authors, Mexican cookery, women and women's history, Mexican-American activism, and the Texas-Mexico border region.

"Our efforts to acquire, preserve and digitize unique materials support the scholarly work of students for generations to come," said Mark Shelstad, head of Special Collections at UTSA Libraries. "We are proud to preserve Congressman Gonzalez's legacy and to sustain the university's teaching, research, and outreach mission." Visitors to the UTSA Libraries website are able

to use the [finding aid](#) to access details about Rep. Gonzalez's papers.

*-Mark Shelstad*

## University of West Georgia

The Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections opened the Bob Barr Congressional Papers this spring at the end of a two and a half year processing project. A reception to mark the opening of the papers of the former U.S. Congressman was held May 15 at Ingram Library at the University of West Georgia.



Barr served four terms from 1995 to 2003 representing the 7th District. During his tenure, he was a senior member of the Judiciary Committee, vice chair of the Government Reform Committee, and member of the Committees on Financial Services and Veterans Affairs. His collection comprises 799 boxes or 301 linear feet. A PDF version of his finding aid can be found here: <http://libguides.westga.edu/content.php?pid=33218&sid=272238>

One of Barr's lasting legacies came from his activities on the Judiciary Committee in developing a case against President Clinton for impeachable offenses. More recently, Barr was spotlighted as the author of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which is now being reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Barr donated his Congressional papers to the Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections in 2010. He recently announced his intention to run for the Congressional seat vacated by Dr. Phil Gingrey this year.

For more information, contact Suzanne K. Durham, Head of Special Collections, at [sdurham@westga.edu](mailto:sdurham@westga.edu) or 678-839-5350.

*-Suzanne Durham*

## The Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Archives

The Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Archives is excited to announce that The Robert C. Byrd Congressional Papers Collection is now open for research. After three years of processing, more than 1300 linear feet have been opened. The collection has a finding aid that is approximately 700 pages long, describes the records down to the folder level, and is available online as a searchable PDF.

The Byrd CLS has conducted 18 Oral History interviews as part of its Byrd Legacy project and the transcripts are also being posted online as they are finalized. We continue our efforts in Social Media Outreach with our Identifriday program which enlists the aid of community members to identify constituents in our photograph collections.

Finally, we'd like to welcome Jay Wyatt, our new Director of Programs and Research, to the staff of the Byrd CLS.

-Marc Levitt

## University of Pittsburgh



The Archives Service Center (ASC) of University of Pittsburgh is excited to announce the acquisition of the congressional papers of the late John "Jack" P.

Murtha. Murtha was a Democrat and served 34 consecutive years (1974-2010) as representative for Pennsylvania's 12<sup>th</sup> congressional district. Just before his death in 2010, he was named the longest-serving Congressman in the state of Pennsylvania. He passed away due to complications from gall bladder surgery.

Prior to taking his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, he was a Marine Corps officer, at-

tained a degree in economics from the University of Pittsburgh and performed graduate studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He remained in the Marine Forces Reserve and volunteered to serve in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1967, which would make him the first veteran of that war to serve in the U.S. House. In 1969 he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania House, and then went on to win the 1974 special election to replace the late Rep. John Saylor.

He has been praised for his dedicated efforts in revitalizing his flood-crippled home base of Johnstown, PA, and his district, which was depressed due to the decline of the mining and steel industries. As a skillful deal maker and a long-time member of the House Appropriations Committee, he directed funds into his district to create many jobs in healthcare, tourism, and technology. Murtha has also been a strong supporter of health-care initiatives such as the National Marrow Donor Program, improvements in care for wounded soldiers, and research into cures and treatment for Type 1 Diabetes, Black Lung, and AIDS.

With his expertise in military and international affairs, Murtha served a total of 18 years on the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, holding rank between 1995 and 2007. He was selected to be a delegate for several diplomatic and inspection missions to foreign countries throughout his tenure, which he describes in his 2003 memoir, *From Vietnam to 9/11: On the Front Lines of National Security*. In 2005, he received a great deal of attention when he called for the withdrawal of armed forces in Iraq. Murtha has also addressed equipment shortfalls for soldiers, including a case in 2009 when he took action to correct a problem with Army camouflage.

ASC is happy for the return of Emily Hikes as the dedicated archivist to process the collection of around 1,200 linear feet of manuscript and A/V materials, as well as a large amount of memorabilia. Ms. Hikes earned her MLIS from Pitt in 2011, with a specialization in archives and

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preservation and worked at the ASC as a graduate assistant during that time.

-Emily Hikes

## Ohio State University



The Ohio Congressional Archives announces the opening to researchers of the papers of former Congressman William M. McCulloch. McCulloch, a 1925 graduate of the Ohio State University College of Law, represented the 4th Ohio Congressional District from

1947 to 1973.

From January 1959 until his retirement, William McCulloch served as the ranking Republican member on the House Judiciary Committee. During the 1960s, McCulloch used his position on the committee to introduce major crime bills, including the Electronic Surveillance Control Act of the 1967 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. In addition, he took an active interest in Electoral College reform, legislative reapportionment, and in legislation aimed to strengthen the federal judiciary. A staunch supporter of desegregation and civil rights, McCulloch's tenure on the committee is best known for his pivotal influence in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In July 1967, in recognition of McCulloch's expertise in race relations and his commitment to strong anti-crime laws, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed McCulloch to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (Kerner Commission). The president charged the 11-member commission with investigating the causes of the race riots afflicting the nation over the previous three years and to provide recommendations to prevent future riots. Following the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and

Robert F. Kennedy in 1968, President Johnson again called upon McCulloch, this time to serve on the Presidential Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence (Eisenhower Commission).

A constitutional lawyer, the following quote best illustrates William McCulloch's political philosophy. It is an excerpt from his floor statement on October 12, 1971 supporting passage of the Equal Rights Amendment as amended by the House Judiciary Committee.

*We are a nation of many people and views. In such a nation, the prime purpose of a legislator, from wherever he may come, is to accommodate the interests, desires, wants, and needs of all our citizens. To alienate some in order to satisfy others is not only a disservice to those we alienate, but a violation of the principles of our Republic. Lawmaking is the reconciliation of divergent views. In a democratic society like ours, the purpose of representative government is to soften tension – reduce strife – while enabling groups and individuals to more nearly obtain the kind of life they wish to live.*

*The function of Congress is not to convert the will of the majority into law, rather its function is to hammer out on the anvil of public debate a compromise between polar positions acceptable to a majority.*

William M. McCulloch died in Washington, DC on February 22, 1980. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The William M. McCulloch Papers consists of forty-five cubic feet of manuscripts, photographs, and artifacts compiled by McCulloch's office during his twenty-six years in the U.S. Congress. The finding aid for the collection is located online at [www.go.osu.edu/oca-mcculloch](http://www.go.osu.edu/oca-mcculloch). For further information contact Jeff Thomas at [thomas.1082@osu.edu](mailto:thomas.1082@osu.edu) or 614 688-8429.

-Jeff Thomas

## Middle Tennessee State University

The Albert Gore Research Center at Middle Tennessee State University ([gorecenter.mtsu.edu](http://gorecenter.mtsu.edu)) is pleased to announce that the first series of the Congressman Jim Cooper Papers has been processed and is available for research. Processing of the Congressman Bart Gordon Papers will begin in June thanks to the generosity of Congressman Gordon's donation for this purpose. We are also nearing the end of the final processing of previously-closed casework in Senator Albert Gore, Sr.'s Papers, making these available for the first time as the rolling wall of privacy time limits moves forward. Finally, in cooperation with the MTSU information technology division we have made great strides in recreating an interface that allows access and search functions for the Intranet Quorum (IQ) database of constituent communications and casework that came with the Bart Gordon Papers donation in 2011. Those institutions with IQ datasets are encouraged to contact AGRC director Dr. Jim Williams ([jim.williams@mtsu.edu](mailto:jim.williams@mtsu.edu)) as he attempts to form a consortium of institutions that can share and refine this technology in the future.

-Jim Williams

## University of Kansas

### ***Dole Institute to Celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

The Dole Institute of Politics will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! Festivities will be kicked off on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Senator Dole's birthday, with a community party. Dole Archive and Special Collections contributions will include an exhibit featuring the Senator's accomplishments in the last 10 years, a digital exhibit showcasing photos from the Dole Institute's robust public programs, and a collecting effort aimed at the papers of "Dole Alumni."

### ***Dole Archive Awards Research Fellowship***

The Dole Archive has awarded its 2013-14 Research Fellowship, a \$2,500 award which supports substantial contributions to the study of Congress, politics, or policy issues on a national

or international scale. This year's fellow is Patrick Sandman, a doctoral student studying American history at the University of Oxford. His thesis, "Bringing Congress Back In: Watergate and the Politics of Institutional Change," examines the cultural changes in Congress during the 1960s and its relationship with President Nixon.

We also awarded two travel grants, which are meant to defray the travel costs associated with conducting research in the Dole Archive. Travel grants have been awarded to Patrick Oluwole Ojo, a doctoral student at Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, for his project, "Comparative Study of United States' Support for Democracy in Nigeria and South Africa," and Neal Allen, an assistant professor of political science at Wichita State University, for his project, "Successfully Navigating the Politics of Race in the 1950s and 1960s: Future Congressional Leaders and Civil and Voting Rights Legislation."

The Research Fellowship and travel grants are made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Dole Institute.

-Sarah D'Antonio