



Congressional Papers Roundtable

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A Message from the Chair:

By Rob Spindler

Greetings colleagues! If you work in an academic institution as I do, you know that commencement marks the end of a busy semester and a chance to focus on big things like congressional collections. Nevertheless, the work of the Congressional Papers Roundtable continues all year long, and so I want to provide an update on our substantial progress this year.

After looking over the deep file of emails I've collected, I want to highlight the good work of our CPR Steering Committee members, our Diversity and Electronic Records committees and our Newsletter staff. Steering Committee has heard member interest in expanding the scope of CPR but far less interest in renaming our group. Our review of the issues resulted in my recommendation to form a CPR By-Laws Revision Task Force (BLRTF). In my mind evaluation of our scope should occur before we can consider a new name, so any renaming of CPR could or should be a by-product of a decision to expand

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2015 CPR Elections

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2015 slate of candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and three candidates for two positions on the Congressional Papers Roundtable Steering Committee. All the candidates have experience with congressional papers and a commitment to professional service. Please review the candidate information included in this issue of the newsletter in order to make an informed decision.

Voting for the election will take place online and will occur via the Society of American Archivists website. SAA staff will make online ballots accessible to CPR members during the first week of July. The Nominating Committee will issue reminders about the ballot on the CPR discussion list and will announce the election results as soon as SAA makes them available.

Thank you to all the members who submitted nominations and to all the candidates for agreeing to run for office!

2015 CPR Nominating Committee

Betsy Pittman, Chair
Debbie Davendonis-Todd
Laura Litwer

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our scope. The draft charge asks the group to consider these things:

- Revising our Statement of Purpose and/or other By Laws language to attract more diverse CPR membership and collections. The revision should specifically consider:
 - ◊ Expanding the CPR scope to include papers of State Legislators and Advocacy Organizations.
 - ◊ Whether a CPR name change is justified. BLRTF should recommend a specific name change if required.
 - ◊ Language that celebrates our professional and geographic diversity and makes an affirmative statement regarding ethnic diversity.
- Creating a Membership Coordinator position or other relevant permanent body within CPR. The following assignments are illustrative and may constitute a draft charge for such a position/committee rather than recommended By Laws revisions:
 - ◊ Create a Membership Plan
 - ◊ Conduct outreach to the four states not represented in CPR
 - ◊ Conduct outreach to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and to legislators of diverse ethnic origin
 - ◊ Consider a survey regarding Outreach strategies of CPR members' organizations.

I've agreed to chair this Task Force and we have a few volunteers from our leadership. Let me know if you would like to get involved with this important work.

Much of this charge was also the result of a lengthy conversation I had with Diversity chair Janet Bunde, but the specifics regarding affirmative language and actions associated with ethnic diversity are my contributions. While geographic and professional diversity are important to CPR and SAA, I think it is equally important to take specific steps to ensure the papers of ethnically diverse members of congress are preserved, and

for CPR membership to mirror the ethnic diversity of Congress. Given that Diversity had a time limit on their charge and only two remaining members, I felt the best way to advance this important work was to move many of the committee assignments into the By-Laws revision activity so we can organize continuing efforts in these areas. However, I have also asked Steering to extend the life of Diversity's charge so they may pursue a membership survey to document how congressional collections are being used, and establish a new series of outreach case studies using the model developed by the Electronic Records committee. These are refinements or extensions of Diversity's existing agenda.

Our Electronic Records committee has been working to establish a new collection of case studies, the first of which is now present on the CPR website. A second case study was reviewed by Steering committee and approved for uploading and should be visible shortly. The Electronic Records committee is investigating the possibility of creating a separate website linked from the existing SAA/CPR microsite to host more case studies and other useful information, Steering committee has approved the action, in principle. Committee co-chair/ incoming CPR chair Marc Levitt has been very helpful in constructing our exciting CPR pre-conference program, especially the session on Video digitization projects. (A pre-conference program agenda and registration form is enclosed in this newsletter.)

One of the privileges of serving as CPR chair is the opportunity to head our Nominations committee, and immediate past-chair Betsy Pittman has worked hard to create a competitive slate for your consideration. Watch for your chance to select the candidates who will advance the good work of CPR and be sure to vote when the ballot becomes available this summer!

Members can also get involved in CPR by attending our annual Business Meeting at SAA 2015 in Cleveland on Friday August 21st 4:30-6PM. We'll have reports from our colleagues and

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related groups, discussion of the BLRTF charge and a presentation from archivist Matthew Peek entitled *Preserving a Montana Senator's Image: The Lee Metcalf Photograph and Film Collection Project*. See the SAA Annual Meeting schedule for the location and watch the CPR website this summer for the Business Meeting agenda!

Meanwhile, twice each year our Newsletter staff races to their submission and publication deadlines so you can stay informed of CPR's latest developments. While the beautiful and effective presentation of our news is the work of Sarah and Mary's technical skill and artistic eye, the stories they tell are only as good as the ones you and I send them. So please remember to tell your stories in our newsletter and everywhere the history of Congress is considered, analyzed, enjoyed and appreciated!

I hope you'll take a moment to thank a CPR leader near you since we all volunteer to do the good work of our Roundtable. I can't do justice to all our leaders in this short newsletter piece, so let me conclude by affirming that I have been so fortunate to work with a committed and motivated group of colleagues who are willing to serve our valued CPR members. Thanks to each of you! I look forward to seeing our leadership and all our members in Cleveland this August!



Rehashing the ACSC 2015 Annual Meeting

By Jay Wyatt and Jody Brumage, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies

On May 13, 2015, members of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) kicked off the organization's annual meeting in the Archivist's Reception Room at the National Archives in Washington D.C. Outgoing ACSC President, Frank Mackaman (The Dirksen Congressional Center) opened the meeting with welcoming salutations and the introduction of the new ACSC President and Vice-President, Dr. Jay Wyatt (Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies) and Betsy Pittman (Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, University of Connecticut). Dr. Andrew Rich then delivered the annual keynote address, which discussed think tanks and how they influence policy makers and public policy. Afterward, Outreach Supervisor Charles Flanagan demonstrated the Center for Legislative Archives' new "[Bill of Rights](#)" app. Flanagan discussed the development of the app and how NARA plans to broaden its audience by making it available on multiple platforms. ACSC members were then treated to a tour of the "[Spirited Republic: Alcohol in American History](#)" exhibit with NARA Curator Bruce Bustard.

Day two of the meeting featured four panels discussing a broad range of topics related to the archiving and research of congressional records. The opening panel, titled "You've Got a Friend in Me: Passion and Purpose in Congressional

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Collections” featured presentations on innovative approaches to building successful outreach programs. Debra Davendonis-Todd (Bullock Archivist, Baylor Collections of Political Materials) was the moderator. Afterwards, a panel chaired by Dr. Matthew Wasniewski (Historian, U.S. House of Representatives), gave ACSC members the opportunity to discuss the value of congressional records with three former House members: Eva Clayton (D-NC), Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) and Connie Morella (R-MD). Each shared memories and experiences from their political careers. Following lunch, Laura Litwer (Digital Initiatives Archivist, University of South Carolina’s SCPC) moderated a panel titled, “Jump in! Electronic Congressional Records Edition,” which addressed some of the larger problems relating to electronic data that are plaguing archivists working inside the federal government and at repositories that are acquiring digital records with their collections. The day’s final panel featured presentations from Historians Kate Scott (U.S. Senate Historical Office), Carly Goodman (doctoral candidate at Temple University), and Neal Allen (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Wichita State University) that focused broadly on how scholars use congressional collections, and specifically on the increasing



“The Great Society Congress” exhibit panel.

use and utility of constituent correspondence for examining members of Congress and American political culture.

The meeting concluded with two Friday morning panels. The first featured a detailed overview of the development, construction, and launch of the exciting new digital exhibition “[The Great Society Congress](#),” by Jay Wyatt, Danielle Emerling, Hope Grebner, and Debbie Davendonis-Todd. Prior to the start of the meeting’s final panel, which focused on oral history projects relating to the Voting Rights Act, attendees congratulated the panel chair, re-

tiring U.S. Senate Historian Don Ritchie, with a prolonged standing ovation. Don remarked that it was fitting that one of his last official acts as Senate Historian would come in the Archivist’s room, as one of the first events he attended as a member of the Senate Historical Office staff occurred in the very same space. Following lunch, a small group of lingering members who just didn’t want to see the conference end were invited to take a special tour of the Center for Legislative Archives Vault at NARA, led by Congressional Relations Specialist Sharon Fitzpatrick.

As has become the norm, this year’s ACSC annual meeting was fun, engaging, and informative. Next year’s meeting will be held at the new Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston from May 11-13, 2016. We hope to see you there.



ACSC members enjoy the vault tour at the Center for Legislative Archives.



**Pre-Conference Program
Congressional Papers Roundtable
Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 9AM-5PM**

Location: Kelvin Smith Library – Room LL06
Case Western Reserve University, [11055 Euclid Avenue](http://www.case.edu)
Cleveland, OH 44106-7151, (216) 368-3506

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration/Coffee & Pastries |
| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome/Logistics , Robert Spindler, Arizona State University |
| 9:15-10:30 | <p>State Legislators Papers
 Brian Keough, State University of New York, Albany (chair)
 Nancy Lenoil, California State Archives
 “Collecting State Legislator Papers in California”
 Elizabeth A. Novara, University of Maryland
 “Collecting Papers of Women State Legislators”
 Group discussion from the floor re: State Legislators (Brian Keough, facilitator)</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-Noon | <p>Digitizing Obsolete Video Materials
 Marc Levitt, National Naval Aviation Museum (chair)
 Kim Anderson, State Archives of North Carolina
 Maureen Harlow, Public Broadcasting Service
 John Walko, Scenesavers
 Alan Renga, San Diego Air & Space Museum</p> <p>How can we begin to migrate and preserve our obsolete video records? This diverse panel will inform us about preparing for digitizing projects, the (digital) age-old question of balancing archival standards vs. file sizes, and we’ll take a look at some current initiatives underway at a variety of institutions.</p> |
| Noon-1:30 | Lunch (pre-ordered or on your own) |
| 1:30-2:00 | <p>Rethinking Congressional History on the Web through Collaborative Digital Exhibits
 Danielle Emerling, West Virginia University
 Hope Grebner, Drake University</p> |

In April 2015, the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress opened a digital exhibition focusing on the 89th U.S. Congress (1965-1966) and drawing from materials

in congressional collections held by ACSC member organizations. Panelists will discuss how the exhibit project was conceived and developed and highlight the benefits of multi-institutional, collaborative digital projects.

2:00-3:30

Connecting People, Sustaining Programs: Fundraising Strategies for Congressional Collections

Audrey Coleman, Dole Institute of Politics (Moderator)

James E. Fogerty, Consultant, Oral History and Archives

Melissa A. Hubbard, Head of Special Collections & Archives, Case Western Reserve Library

J. Mark Whipper, Director of Library Development, Case Western Reserve Library

Jay Wyatt, Director of Programs & Research, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies

How do you translate goodwill for and popular interest in “history” into sustained financial support for archival collections and programs? Our panelists, from diverse institutions, will share fundraising strategies and perspectives as they relate to capital campaigns, collection development, and collection maintenance.

3:30-3:45

Break

3:45-4:45

Breakout groups identify fundraising strategies and actions for their institutions and report out
(Steering Committee facilitators)

4:45

Wrap up

Congressional Papers Roundtable Pre-Conference

Wednesday August 19, 2015, Room LL06, Kelvin Smith Library
Case Western Reserve University
Pre-Conference Registration

Name: _____

Institution: _____

I will be attending: _____ Morning presentation only
 _____ Afternoon presentation only
 _____ All day

I would like to order a lunch:

_____ **No** (other dining options are available near the library)
_____ **Yes** (Cost \$14, please select one sandwich **OR** one salad below)

Sandwiches (served with kettle chips and cookie or brownie, water or soda):

- _____ **turkey club** (smoked turkey, bacon, caramelized apple mayo, on brioche)
- _____ **chicken salad** (classic house-made chicken salad on croissant)
- _____ **the caprese** (tomatoes, mozzarella, roasted peppers, pesto, balsamic on focaccia)
- _____ **tuna salad** (albacore tuna, cheddar, granny smith apple, baby arugula on ciabatta)
- _____ **roast beef** (roast beef, horseradish aioli, Havarti, watercress on baguette)
- _____ **the Californian** (avocado, Bibb lettuce, plum tomato, mozzarella and lemon aioli on 7-grain bread)
- _____ **the Italian** (local ham, balsamic marinated roasted pepper, shaved onion, arugula, aged provolone and Italian vinaigrette on focaccia)
- _____ **vegetarian delight** (seasonal grilled vegetables, arugula, cucumber, hummus and feta in a pita pocket)

Salads (add your choice of chicken, salmon or tofu, served with a house-made roll and a freshly baked cookie or brownie, water or soda)

- _____ **garden salad** (balsamic vinaigrette)
- _____ **Caesar salad** (romaine hearts, Parmigiano Reggiano and garlic croutons)
- _____ **tortellini salad primavera** (red wine-herb vinaigrette)
- _____ **Greek farro salad** (feta, olives, tomato, cucumber and red wine-herb vinaigrette)

Circle one to include in salad : Chicken Salmon Tofu

Payment for ordered box lunches (\$14 each) should be made payable by check to:

Robert Spindler
and mailed to me at
Archives & Special Collections
Arizona State University Libraries
Box 871006
Tempe AZ 85287-1006

Registration forms may be faxed or emailed to: rob.spindler@asu.edu or 480.965.1043

Registration and payment *must be received* by Monday, August 10, 2015.

Transportation for CPR Day

By Laura Litwer

The Kelvin Smith Library at Case Western Reserve University is about 4.75 miles away from the Cleveland Convention Center – almost a two-hour walk each way. Provided below is some information to help you plan for your CPR Day transportation needs.

Kelvin Smith Library Information

11055 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44106-7151
216-368-3506
<http://library.case.edu/ksl/>

Driving Yourself

Metered parking is available on the streets near the library. Parking is also available for an hourly fee at a parking garage adjacent to the library. For more information about parking and transportation options from the library's website, visit: <http://library.case.edu/ksl/aboutus/visitorinfo/>.

If you are interested in carpooling, consider using the CPR email list to find others to share the ride.

Taking a Taxi

The Downtown Cleveland Alliance provides information about getting a taxi in Downtown Cleveland (where the convention center and SAA-listed hotels are located) at: <http://www.downtowncleveland.com/parking-and-transportation/taxi-service.aspx>. Fares appear to be about \$20-\$30.

Taking Public Transportation

The library can be reached via the HealthLine, a Bus Rapid Transit line. Information about the line can be found at: <http://www.riderta.com/routes/healthline>. Current travel estimates on that line suggest that it should take 30-40 minutes for people traveling from the convention

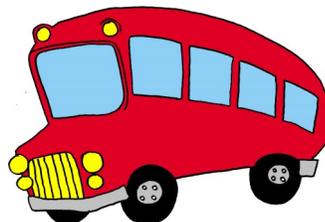
center or nearby hotels to reach the library. The HealthLine stop closest to the library is the Adelbert Road station. The eastbound stop is across Euclid Avenue from the Kelvin Smith Library, while the westbound stop is on the same side as the library.

HealthLine fares are paid using a proof of payment system. You will insert your money into a machine at the station and receive a ticket to present when boarding. The use of exact change is encouraged. Activated farecards and passes may also be used to obtain a ticket. Information about fares can be found at: <http://www.riderta.com/fares>.

According to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's website, all HealthLine buses are ADA-compliant. For information about RTA's accessibility and paratransit options, respectively, please visit: <http://www.riderta.com/accessibility> and <http://www.riderta.com/paratransit>.

The information provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge. Changes in bus schedules and routes can occur with little warning. Please monitor information on the RTA website if you plan to use public transportation to travel to the meeting.

If you are familiar with the area (or just want to let your inner tour guide out), the steering committee is looking for volunteers to help CPR Day attendees identify the bus stops they'll need to use. Contact Laura Litwer at litwer@mailbox.sc.edu if you're interested in helping with this. We will also look into arranging an opportunity for event participants to meet up at the convention center or another convenient location to make the bus trip together. More information about this will be provided via the CPR email list later in the summer.



Alienated Records

By Heather Bourk

Manuscript librarians and archivists working in collections containing the historical records of congressional offices often ask staff in the Office of the Clerk at the U.S. House of Representatives about the differences between official House records and the personal papers of individual Members of Congress. Of particular concern are how House rules define the two record categories and the proper disposition of official records found in collections of Members' papers. These sorts of questions also routinely appear on the Congressional Papers Roundtable (CPR) listserv as well as other archives forums.

House Rule VII defines a record as, "any official, permanent record of the House (other than a record of an individual Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner), including, with respect to a committee, an official, permanent record of the committee (including any records of a legislative, oversight, or other activity of such committee or a subcommittee thereof)." In practical terms, committee records are any records, regardless of format, created or received in the course of conducting committee business. Despite their initial transfer to the custody of the Clerk and eventual transfer to the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives, these official records remain House property and are subject to the provisions of Rule VII.

Official House records can take the form of both published and unpublished materials. Published records are widely available materials released publically by the committee and include items such as printed bills, hearing transcripts, and press releases. Any records that have been previously made public by the committee remain open to the public. Unpublished records include staff working files and internal office communications, for example. According to House rules, unpublished records remain closed to the public for a minimum of 30 years from the date of creation or 50 years if they contain highly personal information about an individual or were created

during executive session.

In contrast, House Rule VII designates the papers of a Member's congressional office as being outside the scope of official records of the House. Members maintain ownership of records created in the course of their service in the House, are responsible for effectively managing them, and determining the ultimate disposition of these papers.

Members often decide to donate their personal papers to research repositories once their service in the House ends. Despite the stipulations detailed in House Rule VII, and the best efforts of committee and Office of the Clerk staff, sometimes official records end up in the collections of Members' personal papers donated to manuscript repositories. These are considered alienated records.

Clues that can help determine whether a document originated from a committee or Member's congressional office include:

- Identify the creator – staff names, titles, and areas of expertise can signify whether the documents were created for committee or Member office use
- Identify the document type – committee records often include hearing files, investigative and oversight files, and legislative files; whereas records unique to Member offices include correspondence with constituents and other Members, campaign materials, and speeches and statements delivered by the Member

When the Clerk's office is contacted with questions about the possibility of alienated House records among Member papers, a request for an inventory describing the material in question is made, followed by a comparison of the inventory against what is on deposit at the Center for Legislative Archives. If the suspected alienated records are determined to be missing from the official

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records, the House requires return of the materials. To ensure the completeness of the collection of the Member's papers, copies of any originals returned to the House are allowed to remain with the collection. These copies, however, are subject to the 30/50 year closure period dictated by House Rule VII. If the materials are determined to be copies of original committee materials already at the Center for Legislative Archives, they can remain in the collection provided that the 30/50 closure period is honored.

There are certain exceptions to which records may be copied and kept in a Member's collection. Classified records, because of national security concerns and the clearances required to access these materials, prohibit their presence in unrestricted collections. Materials such as grand jury testimony and tax information pertaining to individuals are permanently closed records and also should not be included in Member collections.

Some best practices for avoiding accepting alienated records into a research repository include:

- Contact the Member and his or her staff as soon as the deed of gift is finalized to determine which records will be transferred
- Work as closely as possible with the Member and staff while they are preparing the records for transfer
- Upon delivery to your institution, keep an eye out for official records during the initial survey of materials
- Contact the Clerk's Office if the Member indicates he or she wants to transfer committee records or if you find official House records in the collection after transfer

Simply possessing alienated House records in the collections of Member papers does not imply guilt or wrong doing by the repository. In fact, mutual respect between archives professionals

who manage official congressional records and those responsible for collections of donated records of individual Members of Congress have led to the successful return of House records without compromising the research importance of personal papers collections.

An Announcement from Mark Greene:

Friends and Colleagues, I have been a proud member of the Congressional Papers Roundtable since 1989, including by serving on the steering committee and as chair (1997-98) and as a delighted contributor to *An American Political Archives Reader*.

Because of my longstanding connection to the Roundtable, and its importance in my path through the leadership ranks within SAA, I wish to let my friends, colleagues, and other members know that I have been compelled to "retire" from my position as director of the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center due to extremely poor and continually deteriorating health. Moreover, my medical situation means that I can no longer travel comfortably by air, so that it is unlikely I will be able to attend another SAA or Roundtable meeting (at least until the conference comes back to Denver).

Please permit me, then, to use this occasion to thank the Roundtable for all it gave to me (I hope I was able to give back at least a little in return) and to note that it remains one of the most dynamic, creative, substantial and productive units within SAA—something of which all its members have a right to be proud. Best regards to all, --Mark

Mark A. Greene
Former Director, American Heritage Center
University of Wyoming
Fellow, Past President
Society of American Archivists

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2015 CPR Election Candidates

The two positions for which we are holding elections this year are Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and two members of the Steering Committee. Position descriptions are as follows:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. The individual elected to this post will serve as a member of the Steering Committee and co-chair of the Electronic Records Committee for 2015-2016. The next year, this person would become chair of CPR followed by another year as immediate past chair (member of Steering Committee and chair of Nominating Committee). Consequently, this post is actually a **three-year commitment** in time and energy.

Members of Steering Committee. Two individuals will be elected to serve **two-year terms** on the CPR Steering Committee. During their first year, the members will serve on the Nominating Committee followed by a year on the Program Committee.

Danielle Emmerling has been nominated for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. There are two open positions on the Steering Committee, for which we have three people nominated: Katie Delasenserie, Adam Hein, and Tammi Kim. Nominee questionnaires follow.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Danielle Emerling

Title: Assistant Librarian

Institution: University of Delaware Library

Education: MLS and MA in history, Indiana University Bloomington

Biography

Danielle is assistant librarian in the Manuscripts and Archives Department at the University of Delaware Library where she processes congressional and political papers and coordinates born-digital records practices for the department. She serves as treasurer for the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress and co-curator of ACSC's *The Great Congress* digital exhibition. She also is a member of the Electronic Records Committee of the Congressional Papers Roundtable.

What is your experience with congressional papers?

My work with congressional papers began during graduate school processing the Birch Bayh senatorial papers. At the University of Delaware Library, I process the Joseph R. Biden Jr. senatorial papers and completed processing the Senator Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman papers in 2013. For the latter, I co-curated a digital exhibit, "22 Months: Ted Kaufman in the U.S. Senate." In addition, I have created procedures and policies for processing and providing access to born-digital records in congressional collections at UD, and beginning in spring 2015, I will manage a web archiving initiative to capture sites related to Delaware's congressional delegation and state politics and policy.

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

I bring experience working with congressional papers, preserving the numerous formats they contain, and providing access to these important collections. I also bring an enthusiasm for sharing information and promoting best practices among our professional community. I have a record of service to CPR, and as a member of the Roundtable's Electronic Records Committee, I have collaborated with colleagues to better understand and disseminate information about managing electronic records in congressional collections. Last year, I worked with fellow committee members to conduct a survey of CPR members' electronic records practices, and I also contributed case studies to the CPR newsletter and website.

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

The Electronic Records Committee has taken steps to make electronic records case studies and resources available to members. I would like to see CPR build on these efforts to create a set of guidelines and best practices for managing electronic records in congressional collections, particularly addressing issues of policy creation, minimal processing, and constituent services systems. CPR can also provide leadership and opportunities for collaboration to best provide access to and facilitate use of congressional collections.

Steering Committee

Katie Delacenserie

Title: Archivist

Institution: United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Education: BA in Public History from the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire, MLS from the University of Maryland

Biography

Katie Delacenserie has served as archivist to the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs since 2010. In this position she processes the Committee's official textual, electronic, and classified records for transfer to the National Archives. She also advises Committee staff members on their archiving responsibilities and assists in the fulfillment of reference requests. Additionally, she liaisons with the Senate Archivists in the Senate Historical Office and works on a number of records management and archiving issues within the Senate as a whole. Her previous experiences with congressional materials include serving as archivist to Senators Edward Kennedy, and Byron Dorgan. In these positions she worked to close the Senator's office while preparing their official papers and memorabilia for transfer to repository. She holds a BA in Public History from the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire and a MLS from the University of Maryland. She currently serves on the CPR's Electronic Records Committee and obtained her CA in 2014.

What is your experience with Congressional Papers?

My first experience with congressional records came during an internship I had in the office of Senator Edward Kennedy. My involvement in closing the office of one of the longest serving Senators introduced me to a number of archival issues as well as the world of Capitol Hill. I gained further experience with congressional papers through my work for Senator Dorgan. I prepared his records and memorabilia in the Washington and the state offices, while also negotiating with his repository on a signing agreement. Currently I work for one of the largest committees in the Senate and handle a variety of arrangement and description issues related to our records. I also instruct staff on records management guidelines and handle their reference requests from our holdings.

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

If elected, I feel I would bring a unique perspective to the Steering Committee and Roundtable by having worked as an embedded archivist on Capitol Hill for the last several years. Since I've worked in both individual member offices and on a committee I feel I would be able to offer a distinctive view on records and record creators on the Hill and could translate that experience to a meaningful voice for the Committee. I'm interested in electronic records as well and currently serve as a member of CPR's Electronic Records committee. In addition to my experiences, I would bring all the dedication and enthusiasm I have towards working with congressional materials and with this community to my position on the Steering Committee.

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

In the next several years, I'd like to see CPR strive to facilitate an exchange of practical guidance amongst its members to benefit the wide variety of institutions in the community, especially with regard to electronic records. I'd also like to see it reach out to more roundtables and committees within SAA and the broader archival community as a whole to find solutions and assistance to the broader issues we face as a profession. I am particularly interested in potential international cooperation as well and would like to reach out to different legislative bodies to better understand their experiences and for guidance on matters with congressional records.

Adam Heien, C.A.

Title: Political Papers Archivist

Institution: New Mexico State University Library

Education: B.A. (History): DePauw University, 2008; M.L.S.: Indiana University-Bloomington, 2010; M.A. (History): Western Illinois University, 2014

Biography

Adam Heien is the Political Papers Archivist within the New Mexico State University Library's Archives and Special Collections Department. Adam's interest in the research and study of history has led him to pursue a career working within academic archives, particularly with collections that are related to the political history of the United States. In addition to his current position at New Mexico State, Adam has worked to process the papers of Congressman Lane Evans at Western Illinois University and led the processing of the papers of Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty, who was President Bill Clinton's first White House Chief of Staff, at the University of Arkansas. Adam holds a B.A. in history from DePauw University, and an M.L.S. from Indiana University, in addition to recently completing a M.A. in history at Western Illinois. A Certified Archivist, Adam is a member of the Society of American Archivists, the Congressional Papers Roundtable, the Society of Southwest Archivists, and the Academy of Certified Archivists.

What is your experience with Congressional Papers?

I have worked with Congressional Papers at several points in my professional career, particularly in my current position at New Mexico State University and my previous position at Western Illinois University. While I was a student at Indiana University, I worked to help process the papers of Senator Birch Bayh and assisted in performing a preliminary inventory of the papers of Congressman Francis McCloskey. My duties as a graduate assistant at Western Illinois University primarily consisted of me being the chief processor of the papers of Congressman Lane Evans, a 12-term representative from the region. In my current position, I have responsibility for all of the political collections held by the New Mexico State University Library, although my primary duties involve processing the papers of Senator Pete V. Domenici, a six-term United States Senator from New Mexico.

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

I am a young, dedicated archivist who has a great love for the processing of political collections. I have strong organizational skills and a great desire to participate in the Congressional Papers Roundtable for many years to come. I also have a great interest in archival affairs, as evidenced by my ACA certification. In addition to my archival qualifications, I have a very good ability to recall facts and information as necessary.

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

I believe that CPR's most important mission over the next 3-5 years involves developing strategies for advocacy and outreach to both researchers and donors. With regards to researchers, Congressional collections contain a wealth of material that could be used for a variety of research projects, yet my own experience indicates that they have not received the level of research attention that they could. It is important that Congressional archivists develop strategies to actively promote their holdings to professional researchers and their local communities. This could include exhibits, local presentations, and yes, finding time to perform research projects of our own.

In regards to advocacy and outreach to donors, I speak primarily in terms of reaching out to current Congresspersons and Senators. The prevalence of born digital materials within modern Congressional offices necessitate earlier intervention on the part of the archival community if the information contained within them is to be made available to future researchers.

Tammi Kim

Title: Assistant Librarian

Institution: Manuscripts and Archives Department, University of Delaware

Education: BA in British and American Cultural Studies, Georgia State University (2007) and MLIS, University of California, Los Angeles (2011)

Biography

Tammi Kim is an Assistant Librarian for the Manuscripts and Archives Department at the University of Delaware Library where she processes Delaware congressional collections, including the Joseph R. Biden, Jr., senatorial papers. Prior to joining the University of Delaware, Tammi worked as a Processing Assistant for the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia where she processed the papers of Congressman Ed L. Jenkins. She is an active member of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC), where she co-established the organization's social media committee in 2013. She is also currently a member of CPR's Diversity Task Force and on the steering committee for the Issues and Advocacy Roundtable. Tammi has a BA in British and American Cultural Studies from Georgia State University and an MLIS in Archival Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles.

What is your experience with congressional papers?

I have been working with congressional papers since 2012. I was first introduced to congressional papers when I joined the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia in 2012. In that role, I processed congressional and other political papers. I also accessioned collections and provided reference assistance to researchers using congressional and political collections at the Russell Library.

In 2013, I joined the Manuscripts and Archives Department as one of two processing archivists to process Delaware congressional collections, including the senatorial papers of Edward E. "Ted" Kaufman and the senatorial papers of Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Since joining the University of Delaware, I have become more involved with CPR and learning about the various issues involved with processing modern congressional collections, such as born-digital records, appraisal, and privacy.

What do you bring to the CPR Steering Committee?

I believe I bring enthusiasm and passion to work with CPR and the larger archival community. Since 2013, I have served on different committees and task forces for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC), ACSC, and SAA roundtables. I also have experience serving on program committees for MARAC and ACSC. As a relatively new congressional papers archivist, I believe I bring a fresh perspective and willingness to contribute my time and skills as needed. I also firmly believe that my career, thus far, has been enriched by the community and resources available to me through CPR, and I am eager to give back to the organization.

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

I would like to see CPR continue efforts through the Electronic Records committee in developing and disseminating resources for managing born-digital records in congressional collections. I am interested in seeing CPR come up with outreach strategies and examples to different congressional user groups, such as: example lesson plans, case studies, and other "toolkits" that congressional papers archivists can use to promote their collections. I am also interested in seeing CPR increase outreach and advocacy efforts by collaborating with other roundtables in SAA to work on issues affecting the archival community. I believe participating in active outreach and engagement with the broader SAA community will help increase CPR's visibility and diversify our membership.

INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

The University of Georgia

New Collections, New Blogging Approach at the Russell Library

The [Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies](#) is pleased to announce the opening of two new congressional collections for research: the papers of U.S. Senators Max Cleland, who served from 1997 to 2002, and Zell Miller, who served from 2000 to 2005, completing the term of Senator Paul Coverdell who died while in office.



Senator Max Cleland

[Senator Cleland's papers](#) are particularly strong on the military, veteran's affairs, and the economy and also document his previous career as a Georgia State Senator, Administrator of the U.S. Veteran's Administration, and Georgia Secretary of State. [Senator Miller's papers](#) emphasize the military, including the Iraq War, health care, and his support of President

George Bush and Republicans despite being elected as a Democrat.

[Papers documenting Miller's prior service](#) as Lieutenant Governor and Governor of Georgia have been open for some time.



Senator Zell Miller

For a few years now, the Russell Library has used our [blog](#) to announce the opening of new collections, but with these two collections we are trying a different approach. Previously, posts combined biographies and scope and content

notes, repurposing elements of the finding aid in an attempt to summarize the entire collection, for example ["Richard B. Ray Papers Open for Research"](#). Since the finding aid is already providing that collection summary, we recently have experimented with blogging about particular themes within a collection in the hopes of drawing more people in and then link to the finding aid and other resources for those who would like to learn more.

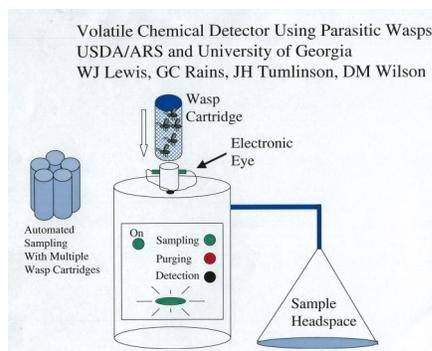


Diagram from the Cleland Papers

The goal in this new approach is to include something visually interesting to catch a reader's interest while presenting a topic that is important in the

context of the member's career and documented within the papers. In ["Wasps as a Force for Good: Combating Agroterrorism"](#) we combine an intriguing concept and graphics of these wasps in action with an exploration of this project and the threat to the nation's food supply that agroterrorism could pose. In ["Talking Pickup Truck Blues"](#) we have both a fun clip from a country song for which Senator Miller wrote the lyrics and an exploration



Miller pickup with campaign sign

of how arguments are made against legislation in the Senate. Hopefully, we entice our readers to

follow links and learn more about the topic and

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the papers. But even if they only read the post, they will come away with new knowledge.

Our student processing assistants are even able to get into the action. They keep a lookout for blog-worthy items while typing folder lists, which helps them stay engaged during what can be a rather routine task. If students show aptitude, they also are given the opportunity to write the post themselves. The “Wasps” blog above, for example, was written by student assistant and English major Rachael Zipperer.

Has this new approach been successful in reaching an audience? We compared views per month for collection announcements and themed posts and it seems it is too soon to tell. Themed posts are viewed slightly less often than newer collection announcements but far more often than older collection announcements. It may be that the themed posts will continue to be relevant for a longer period of time than collection announcements. We will continue to monitor statistics over time to test this theory so we can focus our efforts on the kinds of blog posts that are finding an audience.

- Adriane Hanson

Russell Library Acquires Papers of Four Outgoing Members of Congress

The [Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies](#) is pleased to announce the acquisition of the papers of U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss and U.S. Representatives John Barrow, Paul Broun, Jr., and Jack Kingston. These papers join over 50 congressional collections at the Russell, including the recently opened [Max Cleland Papers](#) and Zell Miller’s [U.S. Senate papers](#).

With the 113th Congress drawing to a close last year, archivists in Russell’s Arrangement and Description Unit worked with the staffs of these members’ D.C. and district offices to arrange the transfer of records to the Russell. Typical of congressional collections, the papers are comprised of legislative files, constituent services records,

press and media materials, as well as documentation of office administration. All four offices provided the Russell with sizeable exports of electronic records from the offices’ constituent management systems, which track the offices’ communication with citizens, and shared network drives. As we continue to work with these donors, future acquisitions may include records related to their campaigns and other political activities.

Senator Chambliss, a Republican, was first elected to the Senate in 2002, defeating Democratic incumbent Max Cleland. Chambliss served as chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and was the ranking Republican on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. The Russell Library also holds the papers of his tenure in the U.S. House from Georgia’s 8th District (1995-2003).

Congressman Barrow, a Democrat, was elected from Georgia’s 12th District, serving five terms (2005-2015) before losing to opponent Rick Allen in the 2014 mid-term election. Prior to serving in the House, Barrow served several terms on the Athens-Clarke County Commission (1990-2004). Barrow served as a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Congressman Broun, a Republican, was elected from Georgia’s 10th District, first coming to office in a 2007 special election following the death of Congressman Charlie Norwood. In 2013, Broun announced his intention to run for the U.S. Senate seat to be vacated by Senator Chambliss. In the 2014 Republican Primary, Broun finished behind front-runner David Perdue, who went on to win the general. During his tenure, Broun was a member of the House Committees on Homeland Security and Science and Technology.

Congressman Kingston, a Republican, served Georgia’s 1st District for 11 terms (1993-2015). Previously, Kingston had served four terms in the Georgia House of Representatives (1985-1993). His most recent committee assignment included

the Committee on Appropriations, where he served on sub-committees with responsibility for agriculture and rural development, defense, labor, health and human services, as well as the Republican Study Committee. In 2013, Kingston announced he also would seek the Republican nomination for Senator Chambliss's vacated seat. Having made it through the Republican primary to a run-off against David Perdue, Kingston was narrowly defeated 51% to 49%.

- Mat Darby

Shepherd University

On May 5, 2015, the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies announced the opening of the Press Series, one of the last major records series of the Robert C. Byrd Congressional Papers Collection to be processed. The Press Series will offer researchers an excellent guide to Senator Byrd's career as the collection spans his entire tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Original press releases, correspondence with the press, news clippings, photographs, and a variety of other records comprise this valuable part of Senator Byrd's collection, the bulk of which opened for research in 2013.

Also in May 2015, the Byrd Center opened two large photograph collections for research from our Harley O. Staggers, Sr. and Harley O. Staggers, Jr. Congressional Papers Collections. The project involved the digitization of over two thousand historic images from the two collections and was accomplished in about a year through the work of our interns and staff. With the publication of the finding aids, these historical images are now available to supplement the documentary heritage contained in these collections. Samplings of the photograph collections are being made available on the Byrd Center's website.

We would also like to congratulate our three student interns, Casey DeHaven, Malorie Matos, and Dylan Rosenlieb on their graduation from Shepherd University this past month. All three

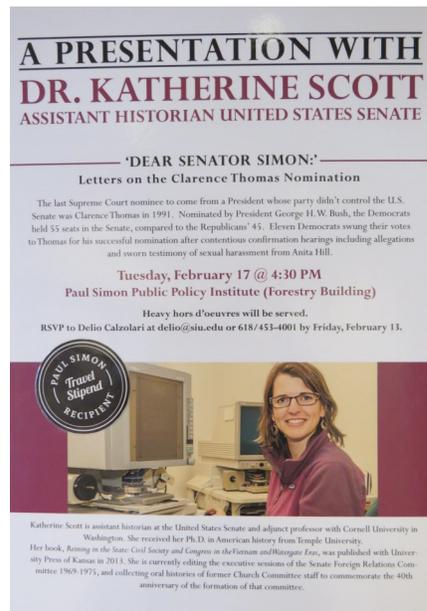
have done excellent work at the center and we are very proud of their achievements.

- Jody Brumage

Southern Illinois University

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Welcomes First Simon Stipend Recipient

The first Paul Simon Travel Stipend was awarded to Dr. Katherine Scott, Assistant Historian at the United States Senate. Dr. Scott spent three days



in February doing research in the Senator Paul Simon Papers at the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) in Morris Library. She also gave a presentation on her research to a receptive audience at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, working with SCRC, grants up to two \$750 stipends each year to researchers to do substantive work in the Senator Paul Simon Papers. Information on the stipend can be found on the [SCRC web site](#).

- Walter Ray

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Processing of the Senator Daniel K. Inouye Papers has Begun

Upon Senator Daniel K. Inouye's death in December of 2012, his papers from his time in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives were transferred to the University of Hawaii at Mānoa's Archives and Manuscripts Department, where they are now being processed. The papers currently comprise over 1,300 cubic

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feet of material, and further additions are anticipated.



Senator Inouye, of course, was the second-longest serving Senator in United States history, second only to Robert Byrd, serving in the Senate from 1963 to his death in 2012. He was born in Hawai'i as a second generation

Japanese American, fought in World War II as a member of the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and, upon losing his arm in that war, abandoned his plans to become a surgeon and took up politics instead. Inouye studied political science at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as an undergraduate, then went on to earn his law degree from George Washington University.

Back in Hawai'i Inouye was elected first to the Territorial House of Representatives, then to the Territorial Senate, and when Hawai'i became a state on August 21, 1959, he proceeded to represent Hawai'i in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served there until 1963, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he remained until his death. Among other things, Inouye was Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee (2009-2012) and President *pro tempore* of the U.S. Senate (2010-2012). He was a recipient of the Medal of Honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

In addition to series like casework, legislation, and subject files, the Senator's papers consist of unique materials that document his work on, for example, the committee to investigate the Watergate scandal, which made him known to mil-

lions of Americans who watched the committee's hearings on television. Also included are materials from his work on the committee to investigate the Iran-Contra affair, which he chaired; materials concerning the ABSCAM scandal; and records on Native Hawaiian issues, which stemmed from his work on the Committee on Indian Affairs. The Senator's papers also include thousands of photographs that document his time in office.

Once the papers are fully processed, select materials will be digitized and made available online. As per donor agreement the papers are closed through 2028, but once they are open to researchers, they should prove to be a very valuable resource for studying Senator Inouye's legacy and the many contributions he made to the country.

- Jack Kormos

The University of Kansas

The Dole Archives at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics has been busy as usual! In April we awarded our [Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize](#) at the Kansas State History Day competition. The prize is awarded to three entries, junior or senior division, which best focus on the history of Congress as an institution, politics or lawmaking from a legislative perspective, or the actions of individual members or committees of the House of Representatives or Senate. First place receives \$300, Second place \$200, and Third \$100. The theme for 2015 was "Leadership and Legacy in History."

Bailey Bushnell and Kendall Leatherman won first place this year for their senior group documentary, "A Champion of the Disabled: Senator Bob Dole's Leadership Towards the Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Its Historic Legacy." Bushnell and Leatherman attend Seaman High School in Topeka and their teacher is Susan Sittenauer. Nicholas Navarro won second place for his junior individual website, "Harry Colmery and the 'Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944' (G.I. Bill of Rights)." He attends Christ the King School in Topeka and his



Archivist Sarah D'Antonio with History Day winners.

teacher is Kelly Kelley. Richard Peterson won third place for his junior individual documentary, "The Antiquities Act: An Act of the Past for the Future." He attends Seaman Middle School in Topeka and his teacher is Kyle Johnson.

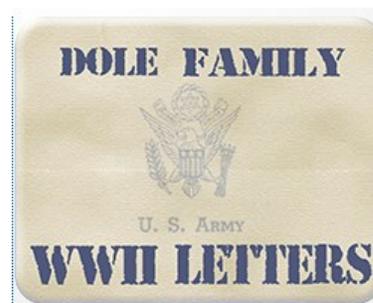
We also awarded several [research awards](#) for 2015-2016. Our 2015 Research Fellowship went to Rebecca Stoil, a doctoral candidate at Johns Hopkins University. Her dissertation, "Tied to Their Country: Agrarian Mobilization, Conservative Politics and the Farm Crises of 1977-1987," seeks to paint a more dynamic picture of late 20th century politics by centering on the relationship between farmers' political mobilization and ideologies and conservative political thought. The Research Fellowship is a \$2,500 award. Established in 2010, the fellowship program provides grants to scholars engaged in projects studying Congress, politics or policy issues on a national or international scale. Support for the fellowship is generously provided by the Friends of the Dole Institute.

Thanks to a generous grant from General Electric, we were able to award two additional grants this year. The \$2,500 GE Curatorial Research Fellowship has been awarded to Dr. Ray Pence, a lecturer in the Department of American Studies at the University of Kansas. Pence will be conducting research for his book manuscript in progress titled, *Bodies, Hearts, and Minds: A Social and Cultural History of Veterans with Disabilities from Vietnam to the Wars on Terror*, and serves as a subject consultant for our upcoming exhibit, "Celebrating Opportunity for People

with Disabilities: 70 Years of Dole Leadership." The \$2,500 GE Archival Research Fellowship has been awarded to Christian G n reux, a political science graduate student at the Universit  du Qu bec   Montr al. His project, "Climbing Capitol Hill: The Interaction between the Community of People with Disabilities and the United States Congress," examines how the disability community has used activism, advocacy, and lobbying to get Congress to enact legislation on disability.

2015 marks 70 years since Senator Dole's wounding on a battlefield in Italy and the end of WWII, as well as a decade since the release of his 2005 memoir, *One Soldier's Story*. In April, the Dole Archives unveiled a new digital exhibit, "[The Dole Family WWII Letters](#)," showcasing letters written between Bob Dole and members of his family from 1941-1947. In addition, the Kansas University Council for the Social Studies (KUCSS) partnered with the Dole Institute to create a lesson plan for middle and high school teachers using both the WWII letter collection as well as the 2005 memoir.

In July, the Dole Institute will debut an exhibit commemorating the 25th anniversary of the passage of The Americans with Disabilities Act. The temporary exhibit relies almost exclusively on the Dole Archives' collections, and will discuss the fight for disability rights leading up to ADA, the legislation itself, and ongoing efforts today. To coincide with the physical exhibit, we will be releasing an interactive web exhibit on the ADA, including over 12,000 pages of archival documents digitized from the Dole Archives manuscript collections. Stay tuned!



- Sarah D'Antonio

University of Michigan

The Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan has recently acquired the papers of former U.S. Congressman John D. Dingell, Jr. The collection was formally presented to the archives at an event held at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library on May 6, 2015. Currently, the collection consists of about 580 boxes of material but some additions are expected. John D. Dingell Jr. is recognized as the longest serving member of Congress with a 59-year-long career as a U.S. Congressman representing the State of Michigan (1955-2014). During his time in Congress Dingell worked on some significant legislation including the Civil Rights Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and national health insurance. John Dingell also served as a long-time member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and as its Chairman for over a decade. The Bentley Historical Library is very excited to acquire these papers and hopes to continue expanding its congressional records holdings. These papers are expected to be opened to the public in 2017 after they have been processed by the congressional records archivist.

- *Shae Rafferty*



John D. Dingell Jr. (left), with his wife Debbie Dingell (U.S. Congresswoman) and Terrence McDonald (Director of the Bentley Historical Library), officially donating his papers to the Bentley Historical Library. Photo credit: Roger Hart, Michigan Photograph

Baylor University

Ben Rogers Retires from Baylor Collections of Political Materials

Ben Rogers retired from Baylor on May 31 after 25 years of service to the University. From 1991 he worked tirelessly to improve and promote BCPM. Ben worked alone for 10 years before additional staff was hired. Today, BCPM has a director, 2 faculty archivist and 1 executive staff. Ben changed the library physically, constructing much-needed spaces. In addition to establishing a successful friends group in 2004 and increasing holdings, Ben worked with donors to create six endowments to support the work of the archive and its researchers. From 2011 to 2012, Ben chaired CPR.



In January 2015, Ambassador Lyndon and Kay Olson honored Ben by establishing The Ben Rogers W. R. Poage Legislative Library Educational Endowed Fund to provide for exhibits and educational programming needs including, exhibits, guest speakers, forums, and student outreach. You may donate [HERE](#).

Ben was recently honored by the Texas Legislature through the passage of House Resolution 2898. The faculty, staff and student assistants at BCPM join with them in congratulating Ben of his wonderful service to Baylor and the archival community and wish him all the best in retirement.

Papers of Chet Edwards to Open in Spring 2016

Congressman Chet Edwards represented Waco and surrounding counties for 20 years (1991-2011). His state and congressional papers will be formally opened during a reception next spring 2016. An exhibit honoring his service is also planned.

- *Mary Goolsby*