

# LACCHA

SAA Roundtable Meetings I  
August 24-26, 2011  
Online

## Annual Meeting

1. The fourth LACCHA business meeting was held online and it ran from August 24-August 26, 2011.
2. Senior Co-Chair Patrick A. Stawski called the meeting to order at 10:50am. He welcomed LACCHA members and noted that this meeting marked the end of his tenure as Senior Co-Chair. He then welcomed Silvia Mejia as the new Junior Co-Chair with Mario H. Ramírez assuming the post of Senior Co-Chair.
3. Reports:
  - a. Lorraine Nero, West Indiana and Special Collections Librarian, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine. Liaison: ACURIL.  
Nero reported on a number of items, including:
    - The ACURIL Conference 2011 was held in Tampa, Florida with the theme "The Role of Libraries and Archives in Disaster Preparedness, Response and Research." The two cases focused on throughout the discussion were Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Haiti.
    - Members of ACURIL were instrumental in making the IFLA 2011 conference successful in Puerto Rico and Dr. Luisa Vego-Cepeda, Executive Secretary of ACURIL, was the conference coordinator for IFLA 2011.
    - The ACURIL community was saddened by the passing of past Executive Secretary, Mrs. Oneida Rivera de Ortiz, on Friday, November 12, 2010. The LACCHA community joins its colleagues in acknowledging the contributions she made to the development of ACURIL in the region.
    - The 2012 conference will be held in Haiti June 2012.
  - b. Marisol Ramos, Library Liaison to Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Puerto Rican and Latino Studies, Spanish and Anthropology, and Curator of Latin American and Caribbean Collections, University of Connecticut, Storrs
    - Reported on LACCHA and AAC Roundtable sponsored events.
    - Specifically discussed the panel entitled "Faces of Diversity: Diasporic Archives and Archivists in the New Millennium," which was featured at SAA 2011 in Chicago. She summarized the proceedings of the panel and stated that it was quite a success. Over 70 people attended and Ramos believes that it was one of the more highly attended LACCHA and AAC roundtable sponsored events in recent history.

- c. Bert Lyons, Folklife Specialist/Digital Assets Manager, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress: Newsletter Co-Editor and Liaison to ICA.
  - Stated that this year LACCHA reformatted its newsletter and moved from a Microsoft Word-based design to an InDesign template for production of the digital document.
  - A call was put out for submissions in mid-January. After an initial delay, a broad selection of articles and vignettes were submitted by the membership.
  - The newsletter was sent out to the LACCHA list, other lists of interest, and published on the LACCHA website.
- d. Aaisha Haykal, Processing and Outreach Archivist, Avery Research Center for African American Research and Culture. Liaison: Archivists and Archives of Color Roundtable.
  - Deborra Richardson from SAA Council addressed the changes and initiatives that SAA has undertaken to increase diversity in the archival profession, such as increasing the number of Mosaic Scholarships given and having the *American Archivist* include more articles about diversifying archival education.
  - The Harold T. Pinkett Minority Student Award winners, Kelly E. Lau and Melvin J. Collier, were congratulated.
  - Other topics of discussion included the 2012 Archives Leadership Institute (that aims to cultivate leaders within the archival profession) and the fact that there should be more archivists of color at this institute so that their issues and voices are heard. There are \$600 scholarships that one can apply for to cover the cost of the institute. Look out for announcements about it.
  - Two representatives from national library associations presented on what their organizations are doing to diversify the profession. Mark Puente, from the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) spoke about two of the association's programs: the Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce (IRDW) and the Career Enhancement Program (CEP) (which is no longer funded). ARL has also received funds for a Music Librarianship Program (<http://www.arl.org/news/pr/ARL-MLA-DII22june11~print.shtml>). Kathryn Plumb Brooks, from the Rare Book and Manuscript Section (RBMS) of the American Library Association, came and distributed copies of the ALA diversity policies and the RBMS diversity toolkit (<http://www.rbms.info/committees/diversity/index.shtml>).
- e. Silvia Mejia, Special Collections Librarian, Massachusetts State Library, Liaison: SALALM.
  - Reported on the LACCHA sponsored panel, "Exhuming the Archive: Countering Impunity and Restoring Cultural Heritage in Neocolonial and Post-Conflict States," held at the annual conference of SALALM Philadelphia, PA this year.

- The panel was a success and the roundtable was encouraged to submit future panels and individual paper proposals.

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at the end of the day, August 26, 2011.