

**Society of American Archivists  
Preservation Section (Liaison: Lenoil)  
Annual Report 2008-2009**

**Officers:**

Rebecca Hatcher: Chair  
Shelby Sanett: Vice Chair / Chair-Elect  
Tonia Sutherland: Chair, Section Committee  
Ekaterina Elgayeva: Chair, Section Committee (Outreach)  
Elizabeth Slomba: Immediate Past Chair  
Angelina Altobellis: Co-Chair, Section Committee (Education )  
Aimee Primeaux: Co-Chair, Section Committee (Education )  
Laurie Gemmill: Steering Committee Member  
Kara McClurken: Steering Committee Member  
Brenda Gunn: Chair, Section Committee (Program)  
Brenda Lawson: Council Liaison

**Report from annual meeting:**

- Number of attendees: 80-100
- Election results:
  - Shelby Sannett, Vice Chair/Chair Elect
  - Kara McClurkin, Steering Committee
  - Jennifer Thomas, Nominating Committee
- Summary of meeting activities: The section meeting included a 30 minute business meeting and 90 minute panel discussion. During the business meeting, the steering committee updated the membership on the section's activities over the past year, elections were conducted, and representatives of SAA and of preservation-related organizations made announcements. The panel discussion focused on preservation and sustainability, with speakers Karen Pavelka of University of Texas-Austin, Kristin Smith of the Image Permanence Institute, and Elizabeth Joffrion of NEH. The speakers presented on the issues and approaches of sustainability and how they intersect with preservation and how the green movement is affecting the preservation of historic buildings. The program concluded with a presentation on exciting new grant funding available for sustainability projects.

**Completed projects/activities:** The Outreach Committee developed a mission statement, which was approved by the Steering Committee at the annual meeting. The statement is as follows:  
The Outreach Committee of the Preservation Section of the Society of American Archivists will assist SAA Council with the promotion of preservation concepts and activities sponsored by the Society of American Archivists. The Committee will also serve as a resource to SAA members looking to spread the word about the value of preserving cultural materials. The Committee will focus on outreach related to May Day, Archives Month and other events as requested by Preservation Section leadership and/or SAA Council.

The Outreach Committee also devised a COOP (Continuity of Operations) quiz which was posted to the SAA website for May Day.

**Ongoing projects/activities:** Education Committee co-chairs Angelina Altobellis and Aimee Primeaux are working with Director of Education Solveig De Sutter to develop two new preservation-related workshops to add to SAA's offerings. Each of the workshops under development--on architectural records and emergency management for archives--will be two-day workshops. Altobellis is also working with

members of the Architectural Records Roundtable to incorporate arrangement and description into the workshop on architectural records

**New projects/activities:** The section—in particular members of the Outreach Committee—is working on several initiatives to raise the visibility of the section and of preservation. The committee plans to create and sell an —Archivists Make it Last Longer! t-shirt to promote preservation activities and raise funds for the Disaster Relief Funds. They have also decided to create a preservation blog, which will also take over for the section’s newsletter, *Infinity*.

**Diversity initiatives:** [None submitted.]

**Questions/concerns for Council attention:** [None submitted.]

*Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Hatcher, chair.*