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## Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM) Annual Report 2014-2015

(Prepared by Committee Co-Chair Jean L. Green)

#### **Officers:**

• Jean Green (Co-Chair) Term 2014-2016

• (Vice Chair) [no Vice Chair office but co-chairs from AMA and ALA]

Maija Anderson Term 2014-2016
Mary Huelsbeck Term 2014-2016
Lorraine Stewart Term 2015-2018

### **Report from 2015 SAA Annual Meeting:**

Unfortunately, due to health reasons, SAA Co-Chair Jean Green was unable to attend the SAA Annual Meeting. Also, none of the SAA Representatives were available on Wednesday of the conference. Therefore, after consultation with Nancy Beaumont, the SAA CALM meeting had to be cancelled.

The CALM proposal for the 2015 Annual Meeting, "Primary Sources and Digital Curation in Education," was rejected by the Program Committee. Comments were as follows: "The committee appreciated the timeliness of this topic, but was concerned that a 75-minute traditional format combined with an emphasis on theory on this topic would likely limit the audience. We encourage you to contact relevant sections or roundtables for possible inclusion in their meeting programs for Cleveland and/or to resubmit for next year's program."

Green contacted Lorraine Stuart, who is the Archives Director at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and also chair of SAA's Museum Archives Section. Jean and Lorraine spoke about the possibility of "combining" the SAA CALM meeting with the Museum Archives meeting – both usually take place on the Wednesday before the sessions begin – and having the proposed CALM session "Primary Sources and Digital Curation in Education" presented there in abbreviated form. Lorraine said that they usually have 60-80 people at their meeting so, combined with the SAA group, it promised a good-size audience. A positive response to this idea was made by members of the CALM listserv and the speakers.

Lorraine put Jean in touch with Rachel Chatalbash and Susan Hernandez, who co-chair the Museum Section's Standards and Best Practices Working Group and were planning a pre-

conference 4-hour symposium on the Wednesday morning of the Annual Meeting on the convergence of museums, archives, and libraries. They were very interested in CALM's participation and felt that the session proposal that was submitted to SAA would be a good fit with their topic.

Thus, this became part of the Museum Archives Section Standards and Best Practices Working Group Symposium [Wednesday, August 19, 8 am-12 pm] program:

# 9:15-10:15 ALA/SAA/AAM Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM) and Primary Sources and Digital Curation in Education

Introduction to CALM: Rachel Vagts (SAA Council Liaison), Head of Special Collections and Archives, Berea College

Presenter: Jennifer Gunter King, Director of the Library, Hampshire College

Presenter: Joyce Ray, Faculty and Program Coordinator, Digital Curation in Museum Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Moderator: Lorraine Stuart, Chief of Archives, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

From all reports, the symposium was well attended and this turned out to be an excellent opportunity for SAA CALM to participate with the Museum Section!

Planning has begun for a proposal for SAA 2016. Tentatively, the session will be a panel structure with speakers presenting on "Curating the Controversial." ALA CALM is planning on a related session. Jean and Elizabeth Call (Co-Chair, ALA CALM) are gathering names of possible speakers.