



SAA Section Annual Reports

[2022-2023]

Society of American Archivists



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Accessibility & Disability Section

Report Submitted by: Jessica Chapel

Council Liaison: Alison Clemens

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Chair	Zachary Tumlin	8/15/2023	8/15/2024
Immediate Past Chair	Jessica Chapel	8/15/2023	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Steve Duckworth	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Dylan Goodwin	9/1/2023	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Dylan Goodwin	7/25/2023	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Amanda McGrory	7/25/2023	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Tarienne Mitchell	7/25/2023	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Robert Perret	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Joe Schill	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Early-Career Member	Jess Bolwar	7/25/2023	9/1/2024
Council Liaison	Alison Clemens	8/1/2023	9/1/2026

Activities

Completed:

Hosted / co-hosted two events — one on chronic illness with the Women Archivists Section (~35 attendees) in May 2023 and an NDEAM event on the current state of remote work for archivists (~24 attendees) in October 2022. Completed second round of the ADS mentoring cohort program. Participated in calls for feedback and responses from SAA, including the Sections Survey from Section Health Assessment Working Group and the Research and Innovation Roadmap from Committee on Research, Data, and Assessment. Provided additional resources for Inclusive Description page on Description Section Documentation Portal and also provided feedback on digital accessibility for the “Word of the Week” email template from the Dictionary Working Group.

Ongoing:

Revising the Guidelines for Accessible Archives. The members of the Guidelines working group are Bob Dirig, Lydia Tang, and Steve Duckworth (the three co-chairs); Amanda McGory, Erin McBrien, Lisa Sisco, Mariella Soprano, Riley Griffin; Jenna Finan-Kelly was also a part of the team but had to step down. The timeline for the revisions process runs through February 2024. Draft revisions were sent to revisions for comment in summer 2023. There will be a call for public feedback, and the final draft should be ready to be present to SAA by the annual meeting in 2024. The focus on the Guidelines revisions is to be more inclusive of hidden/invisible disabilities and to include more concrete examples of implementing ideas. The group is also creating a Zotero library as an additional resource.

New:

For the future, the section is considering:

Hosting an NDEAM event in October to advertise launch of Preserving Disability [a book co-edited by Gracen Brilmyer and Lydia Tang, to be published by Library Juice Press].

Collaborating with new UX Section and Diverse Sexuality and Gender Section.

Engaging with the recently approved Archival Worker Labor Task Force.

Supporting the Diversity Committee request that there be an accessibility audit of the SAA website and that SAA provide guidance on accessibility for microsite administrators.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Hosted / co-hosted two events — one on chronic illness with the Women Archivists Section (~35 attendees) in May 2023 and an NDEAM event on the current state of remote work for archivists (~24 attendees) in October 2022.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

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Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Revising the Guidelines for Accessible Archives.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Hosted / co-hosted two events — one on chronic illness with the Women Archivists Section (~35 attendees) in May 2023 and an NDEAM event on the current state of remote work for archivists (~24 attendees) in October 2022. Completed second round of the ADS mentoring cohort program.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 30-35

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The section annual meeting included a report on 2022-2023 activities, project updates, and a discussion about the ADS mentoring cohort led by Gracen Brilmyer and Gayle Schechter. A link to the meeting agenda and notes with more detail is included below.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/185jdHeEbKNCmQeoQ2ZfUkKnKCBObGxp-oylWrgPoRc/>

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The section is transitioning from its founding era into its next phase, and the health and energy of the section going forward will depend much on the ambitions of its new leadership. It also faces the same challenge as so many other sections and professional organizations emerging from the daunting pandemic era — member burnout and disengagement as people re-orient their priorities and concerns. Engagement is low at the moment but the energy of the newly elected members and their plans for furthering the section's efforts re: events, guidelines, and special projects suggest engagement will bounce back in time for the 2024 report.

Questions for the SAA Council

Not at this time / none that I aware of.

Accessioning, Acquisitions, and Appraisal Section

Report Submitted by: Rosemary K. J. Davis

Council Liaison: Joyce Gabiola

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Meaghan O'Riordan	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Meg Rinn	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Third Thursday series

*Kick Off mixer, March 16, 2023 - 10 attendees

*Moving Collections and Managing Renovations, May 18, 2023 - 125 attendees *Moving into Management, August 17, 2023 - 68 attendees

Ongoing:

Best Practices for Archival Accessioning Working Group

--Quarterly full working group meetings 2022-10-07; 2023-01-11; 2023-07-18 --Awarded IMLS National Leadership Grant in the amount of \$245,963, disbursed beginning September 1, 2022.

--Full Working Group Summit 2022-05-01 through 2022-05-05 **Summit Sessions** -- Technical Writing Workshop (facilitated by Maureen Cresci Callahan and Rachel Searcy) -- Popcorn Question (facilitated by Meaghan O'Riordan and Jordan Jancosek) --Breakout Groups (one group per top five questions from popcorn activity - each group facilitated by a subgroup leader)

--Accession Record presentation and discussion

--Action and Evaluation liberated structures activity (facilitated by Audra Eagle Yun)

--Tour of Brown University's John Hay Library (facilitated by Jordan Jancosek) --Visual Writing Workshop (facilitated by Eve Neiger) **Summit Outcomes**

--Brought together five subgroup drafts into one draft for the full working group and a structure that makes sense

--First full combined draft ready for revision --Enhanced community by being able to spend time together in person

New:

Both events in the Third Thursday series and the IMLS-funded ABP summit were new initiatives within ongoing frameworks.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The section's ongoing support of ABP, paired with its ongoing commitment to free, accessible events focused on member-driven interest demonstrates the section's dedication to advocating for the visibility and enrichment of archival labor.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

--Third Thursday series have been developed in response to ongoing member needs and consideration of current trends in the field. Strong attendance numbers, as well as highly engaged Q&A sessions at each session, demonstrates that members are taking advantage of these events to grow professionally.

--Joint Section Meeting with Electronic Records Section was widely attended and succeeded in encouraging collaboration and greater thinking about how the two aspects of the profession overlap.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

ABP will provide an incredibly impactful resource for individuals and repositories working across the archival spectrum--it will be the first nationally recognized set of best practices for archival accessioning in the United States, giving tools, guidance, and practical jumpstarts for innumerable folks throughout the profession.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

ABP and ongoing programming on contemporary appraisal, acquisitions, and accessioning theories and practices not only support the work of our section members, but SAA members and non-members alike. Third Thursday topics and the joint section meeting with Electronic Records reflect a response to the interests of our membership. Right now many of our members are in institutions that are beginning to focus more and more on digital, and are starting to think about space and custodianship in the wake of COVID-19. This is especially true of appraising and accessioning born digital content, which we know will only continue to grow in interest. Gauging response to these presentations and the joint meeting helps us inform future programming, which will definitely continue to have a focus on the digital. For many of us we are also beginning to become managers in our repositories, and while many of our institutions provide management training, there is value placed on peer-to-peer support and being able to talk more openly and share vulnerabilities.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 167

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Created a joint section meeting with Electronic Records Section focused on the accessioning and appraisal of electronic records. The majority of this meeting featured a panel by Christine Bethke, Brenna Edwards, Emmeline Kaser, and Emily Higgs Kopin. These presentations were followed by an extensive question and answer session and then brief section meeting updates by AA&A and ERS Sections.

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

We have a healthy and energetic section that values connection and discussion. In terms of engagement, we have had excellent attendance at our official events and the listserv is alive + well with questions, resources, and opportunities being shared. We have been able to get nominations for our open seats which is a positive sign that people want to contribute and be part of the section. The steering committee is full of thoughtful, generative discussions that result in meaningful actions for section membership.

Questions for the SAA Council

NA

Archival History Section

Report Submitted by: Susan Tucker

Council Liaison: Krystal Appiah

Steering Committee Roster

- Dane Flansburgh, Chair
- Natalie Worsham, Vice-Chair
- Elizabeth Jones-Minsinger, Early Career Member
- Trevor Alvord, Member-at-Large
- Caitlin Oiyee Coon, Member-at-Large
- Sebastian Modrow, Member-at-Large

Activities

Completed:

We consider all our projects as ongoing, however, we did complete this year a survey of membership to assess future goals and began an annual lecture series.

Ongoing:

Crowdsourced histories of college and universities (one half completed for those institutions in NCAA, Division One Schools), regular updating of newsletter and microsite; annual award selection, which means a committee of members reading for best articles written during the preceding year on archival history, and updated bibliographies on archival history.

New:

Based on the survey, we are planning a low-key virtual writing group opened to anyone who is working on articles or books related to archival history.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Our newsletter is our most important and successful means to educate about archives and archivists--both within and outside the profession. The newsletter is updated regularly and this year we will have a committee on such updates. In addition, this past year we began an annual lecture series, featuring winners of our annual awards. We promoted this lecture both inside and outside the profession through professional archival groups, allied history, and museum professional groups. This event's attendance surprised even us: One hundred sixty-one people logged into zoom to hear James Lowry and Riley Linebaugh build on their award-winning article "The Archival Colour Line: Race, Records, and Post-Colonial Custody" to share thoughts on Jenkinson, British archival thought, and its participation in global colonialism.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Our annual award also fills one of SAA's core goals in enhancing and supporting professional growth and advancing professional knowledge. In addition, our newsletter's section includes a

timeline of archival history and a bibliography that allow both newcomers and longtime professionals (in many academic fields) to have access to our history, and through that, promote their own studies. The proposed writing group will also meet this goal.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Our newsletter highlights new research on archival history. The bibliography, mentioned above, of the newsletter has thousands of visitors each year. The College and University histories of archives project will also serve as foundation for other professional histories.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

We consider our primary means of meeting members' needs as that of connecting people interested in archival history and allowing archival history to cross the desk of busy professionals via our newsletter, announcements, and other activities. We do this by our focused emphasis on the newsletter, our annual award nominations sought from within and outside the profession, and reaching out to members to foster their participation, to know that we invite them to a culture of inclusiveness. We also completed this year a survey of membership. We learned then about specific individual and group goals. Through the survey's findings, we are planning to expand the number of people involved in the microsite, the newsletter, a proposed writing group, and a proposed edit-a-thon to complete the college and university history listings.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: Forty-two registered; seventeen attended.

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The welcome seemed particularly important to us this year, including not only land acknowledgements but also an acknowledgement that we met on Juneteenth, only the second year this date had been a national holiday. We asked members to consider then where this holiday had fit in their repository histories. We also included images of early Juneteenth celebrations from collected by [texashighways.com/travel-news/the-history-of-juneteenth-in-photos/](https://www.texashighways.com/travel-news/the-history-of-juneteenth-in-photos/) from various Texas repositories.

We then had a short business meeting which included reports in the following areas:

- College and University Project
- Survey of Section Membership
- Newsletter and other chances to participate

We then turned to the presentation of the annual awards, created to encourage and reward authors of an article or other short piece of superior excellence in the field of archival history, irrespective of subject, time period, or national focus. We think it important that one winner come from within the profession, with an active SAA membership, and one, from without the profession. This year's awards went to Geoffrey Yeo (University College of London, and SAA member) for his article "Let Us See What Is Meant by the Word Record": Concepts of Record from the Middle Ages to the Early Twentieth Century, and to María Cristina Betancur Roldán (Medellín Ciudad Universitaria, and non-SAA member) for her article Archival Traditions in Latin America. We then had our invited guest speaker, Katherine Ott, curator from Smithsonian's Division of Medicine and Science at the Museum of American History, who addressed The Interrelationship of Museum and Archives via a display of records and materials on the history of the body,

disability, ethnic and folk medicine, prosthetics and rehabilitation, gender and sexuality, visual and material culture.

Link to Meeting Minutes: <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/archival-history-section/annual-meeting-minutes>

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

In terms of the health or energy of our section and the engagement of members, we would say that this year proved an exciting one for the Steering Committee and for about 200 members. The latter number we base on queries that came to us from members, attendance at the annual lecture, and traffic on the archival history news site. This activity has increased since last year probably because we had a Steering Committee committed to the new annual lecture and to ongoing projects, as well as simply meeting more regularly. Also, in part the emergence from covid, made for an exciting year where people were eager to connect. It is hoped that next year or the next, the by-laws could be changed so that Steering Committee members can serve more than one year. This would give more stability and energy to the leadership and thus to ongoing projects and attract too more members to activities and participation. We also realized this year that members rarely volunteer themselves and it is best if we call individually on them to help on various projects. Usually then, they agree to join in extra work.

Questions for the SAA Council

We understand that the management of sections takes a lot of energy on the part of SAA headquarters and staff, and we will endeavor not to call on SAA too often. On the other hand, we intend to involve membership of the section more going forward and would ask overall for Council to be cognizant at once how fulfilling archival history can be, how many boundaries it crosses, and how we have something rare in the US in having a group within our national group devoted to this past. As Geoffrey Yeo noted in an email after the annual meeting: "I very much enjoyed participating in your meeting on Monday and hearing something of the Section's work. We have nothing comparable here in the UK, and it is good that the field of archival history is able to maintain a profile in the US that it perhaps lacks on this side of the pond."

In addition, Council might want to consider Cristina Roldan's comment in her similarly enthusiastic receipt of the nonmember award. As she wrote to us, North American archivists and South American archivists do not often have the chance to communicate. Yet to do so, she felt, is crucial to understanding "our relationship with archives and memory and to understand our similarities and differences." We intend to work with other sections more in meeting the expectations and praise of these two award members but we also thought Council might wish to know we intend to do so.

Archival Educators Section

Report Submitted by: Jesse Johnston

Council Liaison: NA

Steering Committee Roster

- New chair: Rebecca Frank
- Incoming/Vice Chair: Allan Martell
- Continuing steering committee: Meghan Courtney, Adam Kriesberg
- New steering committee: Heather Soyka, Yingying Han

Activities

Completed:

The Archival Educators Section completed several activities in 2022-2023. We held a listening session with the Students and New Professionals Section (SNAP), met with - and provided feedback to - the Graduate Archival Education Subcommittee regarding the revisions of the Graduate Programs in Archival Science curriculum guidelines (GPAS), and developed a set of goals for the upcoming year based on those activities.

Ongoing:

We are working to help our membership connect with one another following the busy pandemic years, and gathering information about whether and/or how their needs have changed in that time. Ongoing activities include: pursuing collaborative programming with SNAP, and providing educational sessions focused on teaching with technology.

New:

We focused our activities on initiatives that would help us to identify opportunities to serve our membership in the upcoming years. We identified SNAP as a group whose goals align with ours and plan to continue to seek out opportunities to collaborate and improve communication with SNAP and across other stakeholder groups within SAA. We also identified several opportunities to provide support to our membership, including: support for faculty advisors of student chapters, opportunities for educators to learn about and discuss approaches to teaching with available technologies such as ArchivesSpace, and ways that we can help connect with new and future archival educators. The section will continue to pursue these opportunities in the next year.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

We are happy to share that the Archival Educators Section is currently more engaged than it has been since 2019. We faced a significant lull in activity during the pandemic, but currently have a full slate of leadership representatives. It is challenging to maintain involvement, but we think the section is currently stable and engaged.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

During the past year, we met with the SNAP section and had a listening session regarding student concerns and input for educational programs.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Over the course of the year, we developed a significant set of potential steering committee members and had a full slate of candidates. We worked with the Graduate Archival Education Subcommittee to provide input on the revision of the Best Practices for Internships as well as the final approval and release of the revised GPAS documentation.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

We met for a listening session with the SNAP section, which was a chance to find out more about what current or new professionals think about archival education.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 10

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Our annual meeting was a business meeting. We included reports from the committee Chair, the Graduate Archival Education Subcommittee of the Committee on Education, and a report on elections. We were joined by Jessica Crouch of ArchivesSpace for a special presentation on how the community engagement efforts have worked with archival educators, and hoped to establish a starting point for further conversations regarding the current state of training for archival description. During the meeting's open call for announcements, we heard from the International Council on Archives education group representative about possibilities for publishing on archival education.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YJrUkk5etXB2mClzBNU12UHKIKbCtSPpuzSZMKOHBKI/edit?usp=sharing>

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

While we would still like to have more activity amongst the section, this year saw an increase in activity, including a regular meeting of the steering committee, a co-sponsored event with the SNAP section, and significant action and planning for increased events in the next year 2023-24. The listserv remains the main avenue of communication for our section. Our leadership group meets regularly on zoom calls, and we have coordinated our documents, notes, and agendas using a shared Google Drive folder.

Questions for the SAA Council

The form and questions for the reports changes from year to year, with very little explanation or preparation. We are highly supportive of the section health assessments and actually think the questions are good. But it would be nice to have more communication about what's changing year to year, and why.

Archives Management Section

Report Submitted by: Derek Webb

Council Liaison: Derek Mosely

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Secretary	Lynn Eaton	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Kate Blalack	8/15/2021	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Linda Hocking	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Heather Kushnerick	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Leslie Van Veen McRoberts	8/15/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

meetups: We created several opportunities for current and aspiring managers to meet virtually and in person. In fall 2022 we held an SAA Session Proposal Bakery where people can bring their "half-baked" session ideas to get help honing them to propose, or just bring themselves if they're looking for a management-themed session to join. Then in spring 2023 we held a virtual discussion on collection management in archives, joined by a member of the Collection Management section leadership, with breakout rooms for more targeted discussion. Then finally we held our annual meeting in July with a panel discussion on conveying the archives' value to administrators with no background in archives.

Ongoing:

none. We have been monitoring the development of the management track with SAA Education all year and our new chair may have ideas for ways we can contribute to it.

New:

none. We tried a few new things this year that can potentially be carried on and turned into regular events.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

we dedicated our annual meeting to a panel presentation on how archival managers can better advocate for their units to administrators who are not themselves archivists/former archivists.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

we held several meetups this year intended to provide a place where archival managers can discuss issues, prepare annual meeting session proposals, and meet fellow managers and administrators.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

we monitored the progress of the management track in SAA Education with an eye to finding places where we can contribute. Several of us even ended up contributing a course to the track and I hope we continue to find avenues to assist SAA Education with the track.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

I point again to our meetups which provided space for members to connect and participate in the annual meeting as well as discuss common issues in archives management.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: unknown (sorry, didn't know I was supposed to track this)

Summary of Meeting Activities:

summary of year's activities and announcement by Petrina Jackson on Archives Leadership Institute, followed by panel presentation: "Talking the talk: Communicating effectively with non-archivists in upper management roles" with Ashley Todd-Diaz, Lynn Eaton, and Leslie Van Veen McRoberts.

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

I'd say it's a mixed picture. We have a very large membership (over 1000) but only a small percentage actively participate. Our section list has probably 1-2 posts per day. We did hold competitive elections for our steering committee, however, with 4 candidates for 2 positions and we were not scrambling at the last minute to find candidates.

Questions for the SAA Council

no

Archivists & Archives of Color

Report Submitted by: Shelly Black

Council Liaison: Dominique Luster

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Co-Chair	Joseph Diaz	8/1/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Marisa Ramirez	8/1/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Kelli Yakabu	8/1/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

We conducted a survey to find out what members of the AAC section were interested in having our committee do. There were 22 responses. Some who responded noted interest in webinar presentations and informal online gatherings, and they wanted to learn, among other things, about community archives, collection development and management. In response to the survey, we partnered with the Students and New Archives Professionals (SNAP) section on a virtual panel presentation. The program, titled “Writing and Publishing for Archivists,” was held on February 20, 2023, and drew 53 participants. Featured presenters included: Sharon Mizota, Yvette Ramirez, and Kristina Santiago. The recording is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHjABPf_u48. AAC co-chair Bob Diaz participated in a SNAP webinar on performing arts and visual arts collections. The recording of the event is available at the SNAP Roundtable blog: <https://snaproundtable.wordpress.com/2023/04/18/recap-and-recording-for-snap-artists-archives-webinar-now-available/>. Kelli Yakabu, with assistance from Michelle Ganz, updated the SAA AAC membership directory, which hadn’t been updated since 2017. 161 entries have been added to the directory, and it re-opened for additional members to submit entries for a second round.

Ongoing:

Marisa Ramirez managed our social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), promoting the committee’s activities. We also shared relevant job openings, event information, and other announcements on behalf of colleagues on our listserv. Co-chairs served on the Brenda S. Banks and Harold T. Pinkett Student of Color awards subcommittees. In the previous year, there were a total of 3 applicants for these awards. This year, our committee extended communications about these awards, and more than 20 individuals applied for each award.

New:

Kelli Yakabu, supported by Michelle Ganz, set up a Wordpress website to host the AAC directory, increasing its accessibility.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Provided leadership in ensuring the completeness, diversity, and accessibility of the historical record.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

We held virtual events to foster community building and collaborated with SNAP to support students and early career archivists. We updated the AAC membership directory to help facilitate networking, mentorship, recruitment, and collaboration amongst our members.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

In addition to partnering with SNAP on two events, we also explored other partnerships with sections including Accessibility & Disability and Diverse Gender & Sexuality. We encouraged archivists at all stages in their careers, including early career, to run in our elections.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

We sent out the membership survey to identify their needs. We strived to be inclusive by having free, virtual events open to all. In addition to organizing programming relevant to archivists of color, we targeted students and early career archivists of color who face specific challenges. We also sought to address intersectionality through the panel on trans and gender diverse identity and archivists of color.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 50

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Provide a summary of meeting activities and highlights. (No minutes, please, just notes.)
Our co-chair Bob Diaz presented an overview of our committee's work in the past year. We also had updates from our council liaison, Dominique Luster, and section members. This was followed by the panel presentation: "Professional Impact and Sustainability as Trans and Gender Diverse Archivists of Color." Speakers included members of the Trans Metadata Collective (Kalani Adolpho, Jackson Huang, and Adrian Williams), and the discussion was moderated by AAC co-chair Shelly Black.

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Our section members are pretty engaged! A few members wanted to give updates at our section meeting, including Steven Booth who is co-authoring a book on the history of the AAC section. The candidates who ran in our most recent election were not contacted or recruited by the committee. In last year's election, candidates ran opposed. Additionally, at the start of the year, we sent a membership survey, and several members expressed interest in volunteering for section activities. Lastly, our committee member, Michelle Ganz, was elected to Council, and committee member Marisa Ramirez was the recipient of the Banks Travel Award.

Questions for the SAA Council

None at this time.

Archivists of Religious Collections Section

Report Submitted by: Mary Grace Kosta on behalf of Jill Botticelli, Chair

Council Liaison: Lydia Tang

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Secretary	Elaine Nadeau	8/14/2020	9/1/2024
Member-at-Large	Mary Grace Kosta	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

We uploaded our July 2021 survey of religious archivists to the SAA Dataverse in 2022:
<https://dataverse.unc.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.15139/S3/PSRINW>

Ongoing:

We revised our Steering Committee manual in 2023. We are also continuing, through our Models and Resources Committee, to deliver a series of Lunch and Learn and Archival Chat sessions. The Lunch and Learn webinars are recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpWzzChIhR-8O7CrKmiL2rw/videos>. Since May 2022, we have delivered 17 Lunch and Learn sessions and six Archival Chat sessions. We have also added a number of resources to the ARCS microsite including policies and manuals which are available for religious archivists to use and adapt.

New:

We are discussing undertaking a more comprehensive survey of religious archivists.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

We continue to advocate for religious archivists by encouraging diverse representation from faith communities on our Models and Resources Committee. We try to highlight a wide variety of religious archives in our Archival Chat sessions. We also work collaboratively across borders with professional associations such as the Association for Canadian Archivists - Special Interest Section for Archives of Religious Organizations, by sharing information and notices of special events. All our events are widely publicized and not limited to religious archivists.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

We feel that the delivery of Lunch and Learn webinars is our best method of enhancing professional growth. We deliver webinars on core, basic, and advanced archival topics, and make these webinars open to all archivists. While we have good attendance from religious archivists, we also have attendance from a wide range of archivists from non-religious institutions, and our post-webinar surveys indicate a high level of satisfaction with our offerings.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Our Lunch and Learn and Archival Chat sessions, as well as our work on collecting policies and manuals to share on our microsite shows our efforts to advance the field by providing training opportunities, resources for archivists to adapt for their own use, and safe spaces to share and provide support.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Our July 2021 survey guided us in reconstituting the Models and Resources Committee, and provided direction on training that religious archivists need. Each of our Lunch and Learn sessions includes a survey that we request attendees to fill out, and this gives us further information on how to tailor future sessions. We also have debriefing sessions at our committee meetings to improve on our offerings and delivery.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 55

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The winner of Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P. award, Russell Gasero was announced. The Minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the Secretary, Elaine Nadeau. An update on the Models and Resources Committee was provided by the Committee Chair, Mary Grace Kosta. A panel discussion took place about problems unique to religious archives.

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

This past year, the Steering Committee was not as active as most Committee members would have liked. We look forward to a more engaged and active Committee under new leadership.

Questions for the SAA Council

We would like the Council liaison to attend more Steering Committee meetings if possible. We plan to hold meetings every other month beginning in September and post the Zoom link on our Steering Committee discussion board.

Audio and Moving Image Section

Report Submitted by: Felicia Boretzky

Council Liaison: Jasmine Jones

Steering Committee Roster

- Newly elected leadership have not been voted on yet for this year. They will happen in the Fall of 2023 for this section. They will each serve a year term, longer if needed.
- New candidates are: Tanya Yule - Chair Melissa Hernández Durán - Vice Chair Biz Gallo - Steering Committee Member Felicia Boretzky - Steering Committee Member

Activities

Completed:

We completed a reevaluation of our Section and decided on the future and needs for it to become stronger and more evolved. Since archival audio and moving image collections were not highly supported among SAA, it was discussed on if other associations like AMIA and ARSC were better fitted for more participation and that this Association's section should turn into a online discussion group.

However, through one-on-one discussions and at the Annual Meeting many members voiced their strong & motivated opinions and passion to keep Audio and Moving Image as a section and are now devoted to commit time and expertise on how to restart this Section.

Ongoing:

The restart of the Section is currently in the works. Through the help and guidance of our wonderful Council Liaison, Jasmine Jones, we will first elect the new candidates to leadership. We will then work together to create a Section health improvement plan. The plan will consist of our goals and activities that we will want to achieve in the next year. Our efforts will be revisited at the end of that year to see if we are on track and whether we need to have a discussion about transitioning, merging, or disbanding.

New:

Once the candidates have been elected, the new plans will be created. During previous discussions talks about coffee chats, panel discussions and audiovisual screenings (possibly virtually or in-person at the Annual SAA Conference) were voiced as possible future activities.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The leadership and members of this Section are fully devoted to promoting the value of archives and archivists within their own institution and community, as well as, on a national scale. Through the decades of experience and passion they all present by representing their collections and projects at conferences, workshops and outreach events they have shown their influence to

stengthen societal values of archives.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Working with audio and moving image materials is a skill and specialty that is not the most common among archivists. However, the majority of archives contain at least one or more audiovisual formats that most do not understand how to deal with. That is how our Section can be of value for professional growth for all of SAA. We can provide panels and workshops on how to catalogue, process, identify and preserve these materials. We desire to deliver any form of education that is needed to help all sizes of archives the way we have at in other associations and within our local communities.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

During our Annual Section Meeting some members displayed their current media digitization projects opening up the discussion to topics such as: vendor issues and complaints, best tools and softwares to use and frustrations with collaboration among units within an institution. These open conversations can and will lead to collaborations and decisions on best practices among our field, not only internally within one's archives, but also hopefully between each other across states.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Within our Section all our welcome to speak and present their work, opinion and advice without judgement or ridicule. Communication does need improvement, for it feels that most members miss announcements through our Listserv. Members did value the transparency that was presented at the Annual Section Meeting about the future of our Section and the truth that it was in trouble and in need of help. It made members fight for the Section and step up to help keep it.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 45-55 attendees

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The major meeting highlight was the truthful and open discussion about where we see this Section in the future. The current leadership laid out the troubles we were facing and the possible disbandment of the Section. This led to members voicing for the Section to remain and how it would be best to go about keeping it active. Other highlights were members sharing their current work and projects with audiovisual archival collections. Presentations from the Hoover Institution Library & Archives and the University of Michigan were included. Also, a member discussed their current travel to the Czech Republic and the archives and museums they visited, which contained audio and moving image materials.

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

It felt at times during this past year that any participation was hard to maintain therefore led to the talks about the future of this Section. The Section is in dire need of a revitalization and I feel that after the Annual Section Meeting that happened this July that there was and is newfound

commitment and energy to participate and become more involved within this Section. The health of the Section will need some work, but there is now hope for improvement.

Questions for the SAA Council

How can we advocate to have more representation for audio and moving image archival collections at the Annual SAA Conference? There aren't enough sessions discussing the needs and concerns for these collections within SAA. Also, how can we initiate to have Section meetings in-person at the Annual Conference instead of having them virtually before the conference? We feel that we could have more interest and participation if we had a sanctioned time to meet in-person organized by SAA.

Business Archives Section

Report Submitted by: Sarah Polirer

Council Liaison: Derek Mosley

Steering Committee Roster

- Sarah Polirer – Outgoing Chair, term ends 2024
- Jennifer Henderson – Chair, term ends 2024 (Outgoing chair, term ends 2025)
- Dave Moore - Vice Chair, Chair-elect for 2025/6, (Outgoing Chair, term ends 2026)
- Samantha Citarella – Secretary, term ends 2024
- Angela Miller – Editor (newsletter/social media), term ends 2024
- Jennifer Steinhardt – Vice Editor, term ends 2024 (Editor 2024-2025)
- Scott Grimwood – Education Chair, term ends 2024
- Kerri Anne Burke – Member at Large, term ends 2024
- Ciera Casteel – Member at Large, term ends 2024

Activities

Completed:

- Joint Webinar with Oral History Section - BAS Colloquium (in person – 1st time since 2019) - BAS Social in conjunction with SAA Annual Meeting - BAS Tour in conjunction with SAA Annual Meeting Numerous Social Media postings - Section newsletter (planned newsletter aborted due to Editors job's elimination)

Ongoing:

- BAS Colloquium for 2024 planning - BAS Social and BAS Tour for 2024 - Social Media Posts - Newsletter (website hosting relocation/update to content types) - Webinars (in beginning phases) Mentoring (potential)/SNAP

New:

- Finding new ways to publish BAS Newsletter (needs additional security/firewalls) that reduce costs and transfers older newsletters - Collaborations with other SAA groups for targeted webinars - Business Archives Workshop (created/led by BAS members/ BAS member participation) - Newsletter redesign along with new topics

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Working in the business sector does not always allow business archivists to advocate outside the confines of our respective businesses; however, we advocate within our organizations. Where possible advocating is done through BAS workshop, additional job roles as adjunct professors, networking with peers and publishing where possible. The 2023 BAS Colloquium focused on internal advocacy. BAS Colloquium (in person based on membership survey). Three members of the BAS present case studies followed by Q&A and small group discussions on successes and challenges based on case studies presented. Highlights of the small discussion groups were then

shared with the greater group.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

- BAS Colloquium - During the small group discussions, everyone was engaged with each other, and this is a valuable aspect of the Colloquium – interacting with other business archivists - BAS Social - BAS Tour - SAA Connect - Webinars (e.g. Joint webinar with Oral History Section) - Social posts on specific topics

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

By networking and mentoring experienced business archivists relay/transfer knowledge and experience to new/early/mid-career archivist entering the field. Connections via SAA Connect provide an area to solicit knowledge and experience on specific topics.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

- Demonstrated by attendance at events - SAA Connect posts/Q&A - Social media posts - Networking is extremely important for business archivist; a neutral environment is needed in order to further our individual company's missions - BAS Colloquium – 56 attendees at beginning/others joined during meeting not counted - BAS Social – maximum attendee registration limit met; limited extended due to interest; approx. 50 - BAS Tour – maximum attendee registration limit met (15/tour); approx. 20 attendees attended - BAS/Oral History Jt. Webinar – 104 registered; 58 attended

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 71

Summary of Meeting Activities:

BAS Annual Meeting activities:

- Introductions by each attendee (traditional format so each member has a face to a name)
- Report by each steering committee member
- Member updates: Archives Leadership Institute, BAS Workshop, ICA Business Group - Followed by networking session
- (Note council liaison was absent)

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

- Members are engaged and actively seek out connections to other BAS members, SAA Connect is a useful tool - In person meetings provide an opportunity for networking (extremely important) - Attendance at meetings/events/programs demonstrates engagement

Questions for the SAA Council

- Suggest that section leads meet directly with SAA leaders rather than going through council members. (perhaps quarterly) This would provide networking opportunities to create more diverse programs for the annual meeting and joint programs (webinars etc.). Section leadership is a good contact point for section leaders to connect and filter down connections to their respective memberships. - SAA Annual in person meeting lacked archival repository types diversity (academic/business/government/religious/community/ etc.) While it is incumbent for members to create and submit program proposals, there was little diversity on panels thus many BAS members could not justify attending (whether hybrid or in-person). SAA groups need additional ways to “cross pollinate” and connect.

Collection Management Section

Report Submitted by: Rita Johnston

Council Liaison: Selena Ortega-Chiolero

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Sarah Jones	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Web Liaison	Megan Mummey	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

In October 2022, hosted an open meeting with members to discuss past projects and future ideas for the section. In April 2023, hosted a webinar with three presenters on digital records and collection management. We had 169 attendees at the peak, and many requests afterward for the recording. Cleaned up and streamlined the Collections Management microsite; removed a few old and outdated pages with broken links. Organized the annual meeting in June 2023, with a business portion, an update from TS-EAS, and two presenters on “How collection management processes have evolved.” Solicited candidates for open positions in the CM Section election.

Ongoing:

Incorporating new ideas from members. Solicit new additions for the Repository Profiles and Documentation Portal. The chair of the CM section serves as a liaison on the TS-EAS Outreach and Communications team.

New:

Identify opportunities for collaboration on joint projects with other SAA sections. Host other webinars on topics of interest and usefulness to the section

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The CM section aspires to be a place where archives professionals can share information with each other about tools and processes relating to collection management. This group connects the most with goal 1.4, and helps strengthen the ability of those who manage archives by providing a platform for conversations around archival practices.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The CM Section has highlighted the knowledge and experience of archives professionals through programming over the past year. We organized a spring webinar in April on digital records and collection management, and programming on the evolution of collection management at the annual meeting. The CM section also continues to maintain the Documentation Portal and Repository Profiles on its microsite and may emphasize these resources more in the coming year.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The CM section worked toward this goal through its programming, also described in Goal 2. To elaborate, both the spring webinar on digital records and the annual meeting presentations on how collection management processes have evolved showcased the experiences of SAA members working with specific processes and tools in the field, and benefited attendees through their practical experiences that could be adopted by others. The chair of the CM Section served as a liaison to the TS-EAS Outreach and Communications team, and the committee will seek out new collaborations in the coming year with other sections.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The CM section has a long tradition of seeking to meet the needs of its section members and the SAA community as a whole. The high numbers of attendees at both the spring webinar and the annual meeting indicate that our programming resonates with SAA members. In October 2022, the section held an open “coffee-chat” style meeting with a short presentation from the section chair and a facilitated conversation with attendees to solicit ideas about the types of programming and topics that would be of most interest. The CM section listserv is also utilized for members to solicit advice and answers to questions, although it is more commonly used for announcements in recent years. The CM section shares the work that it does by keeping the CM section microsite up-to-date with timely information and updates.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 67

Summary of Meeting Activities:

We devoted most of the time to two very interesting presentations (agenda below) -
Introduction - TS-EAS (Technical Subcommittee on Encoded Archival Standards) Update -
Business Meeting - Presentations - Stephen Logsdon, “Aeon and AtoM: a user-centered approach for public access and use of archival collections” -Caroline Tanski and Kate Bowers, “Controlling your inventory control system: how (and why) we specified and implemented a custom inventory control system” -Q&A

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The health and energy of this section is strong. We had great attendance and audience engagement for our spring webinar, and were able to solicit 4 candidates this year for 3 open positions in the section elections. We feel that our focus on programming around collection management topics has resonated with archivists looking for advice, solutions, and inspiration for addressing professional challenges.

Questions for the SAA Council

No

College & University Archives

Report Submitted by: April K. Anderson-Zorn

Council Liaison: Dominique Luster

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Amanda Avery	8/10/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Tiffany Cole	8/15/2021	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Jane LaBarbara	8/10/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Elizabeth Scott	8/15/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Karen Trivette and April Anderson-Zorn, put together a slate of candidates for open positions. Two candidates ran for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect (one open position), and four candidates ran for three slots on the Steering Committee. We were pleased that all elections were contested.

Danielle Sangalang (Vice Chair/Chair-Elect) and steering committee members Marian Matyn, Renae Rapp, and Becky Briggs Becker are joining the section leadership.

Continuing members include Helena Egbert, Chair; April Anderson-Zorn, Past Chair, Amanda Avery, Steering; Tiffany Cole, Steering; Jane LaBarbara, Steering; and Elizabeth Scott, Steering. We thank all candidates who ran and all who took the time to vote.

Guidelines for College and University Archives: Review and Revision The revisions to the GCUA were approved in the August 2023 SAA Council meeting.

A very big thanks to the incredibly hard work of C&UA members Michelle Sweetser, Sandra Varry, Benn Joseph, Elizabeth James, Krista Oldham, Angel Diaz, and David McCartney. The Guidelines were last updated in 1999, so this was much-needed and very welcome work. The approved Guidelines will be posted to the microsite in the coming weeks.

To review the final version, please go to:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MVNEBLfqnI_GI69AzvYJwAQUG5ZcO2Tw6iCXnG2a4Uk/edit?usp=sharing

Refresh of the Microsite page The C&UA microsite underwent a minor refresh to include current election info, links to current projects, and other relevant information. The sidebar saw the most revision with links to ongoing projects grouped in 'About,' 'Services,' and 'Publications and News.'

Ongoing:

Coffee Chats Vice-chair/Chair-elect Helena Egbert took over the coffee chats for the 2022/2023 year.

Topics included:

- November 2022- Collection Moves and Disaster Recovery - sharing stories and tips for those who may be going through collection moves in the future.
- December 2022 - Access to Federal Law Enforcement Records at Non-Federal Public Institutions, in partnership with the Privacy and Confidentiality section.
- January 2023 - "Firsts" - talking about how to talk about "firsts" in archives (i.e. "first" black person) and how that can be problematic, as well as examples of "firsts" in research that might be housed at an archives!
- February 2023 - Sharing lovely things! Sharing good things that have happened.
- March 2023 - Self Care.
- April 2023 C&UA + MARS collab - Molly Bompane presented Ka-Pow Boom!: Understanding the Solider Experience through Comic and Illustrative Art.
- May 2023- The Reshaping of Tenure Title in libraries and archives. The newly elected vice-chair/chair-elect, Danielle Sangalang, will take over in the 2023-2024 year.

Tenure|Promotion|Sabbaticals (TaPaS) Resources The TaPaS group continued working on key initiatives, including gathering information and links for inclusion on C&UA microsite. Due in large part to committee membership changes, this work stalled. However, members are still interested in continuing the work started in 2021 and expect this work to continue into 2024.

Campus Case Studies The Section received one submission this year for Campus Case Studies. After peer review, the submission was rejected. Authors were encouraged to resubmit or consider other publication venues that better fit with their theme. The Section Leadership also discussed possible initiatives to increase awareness of Campus Case Studies and planned to explore options in the coming year.

New:

Survey of Impostor Phenomenon among Archivists In December 2022, April Anderson-Zorn, Tiffany Cole, and Jane LaBarbara undertook a survey to collect data on impostor phenomenon among archivists. The first of its kind among the archival community, the survey gained over 300 responses. With funding from her university, Anderson-Zorn hired a graduate student knowledgeable in statistical analysis to review the data and report findings. The team plans to report initial findings at an upcoming Coffee Chat, submit a panel proposal for the next SAA annual conference, and publish a paper on their findings.

Early Career Member C&UA was delighted to welcome early career member Selena St. Andre to the committee. Selena proved invaluable to the Steering Committee, assuming blog responsibilities for the Section and reviewing and updating Section rules and committee member roles for accuracy. Please see below for blog statistics. The Section Leadership plans to accept two Early Career Members for the 2023-2024 year. One Early

Career Member will continue in the work Selena spearheaded. The other Early Career Member will take over the microsite and continue its upkeep.

The Academic Archivist

- September 2022 - 147 views, 119 visitors, 0 posts
- October 2022 - 146 views, 95 visitors, 0 posts
- November 2022 - 153 views, 100 visitors, 0 posts
- December 2022 - 204 views, 88 visitors, 0 posts
- January 2023 - 201 views, 146 visitors, 0 posts
- February 2023 - 258 views, 188 visitors, 1 post
- March 2023 - 277 views, 208 visitors, 1 post
- April 2023 - 259 views, 202 visitors, 1 post
- May 2023 - 296 views, 210 visitors, 1 post
- June 2023 - 308 views, 211 visitors, 1 post
- July 2023 - 305 views, 220 visitors, 1 post
- August 2023 (as of sending this) - 188 views, 137 visitors, 1 post (I did just make a post, so I expect the numbers will go up)
- Over the past year, the blog has had 2,742 views, 1,924 visitors, and 7 posts.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Our Section is taking an active role in advocacy in a variety of ways: we conducted the first ever impostor phenomenon survey in the archives profession; we hold regular Coffee Chats on topics that include topics asked for by our members; we are currently drafting a statement of support for academic archival workers that we plan to send to Council for review.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

At the request of our membership, C&UA leaders have offered resources and discussions on tips for navigating tenure and promotion and held discussion venues for archival services such as ArchivesSpace and other CMS systems. Section leadership welcomed an Early Career Member the 2022-2023 year and plan to host two ECMs in 2023-2024.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Beyond offering sessions and discussions relevant to our membership, we have recently heard the calls from members wanting a statement of support for academic archival workers by C&UA and SAA. This call came at our July annual meeting and we are currently working to draft a statement to send to Council.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The Section continues to solicit feedback from the membership in Coffee Chats, the annual meeting, or in social media venues and our newsletter, the Academic Archivist. In recent years, members have asked for help in navigating academic tenure and promotion practices, understanding and combating impostor phenomenon and providing mental health awareness in the workplace, and professional practice sessions geared toward smaller academic repositories, such as community colleges. As we hear our members feedback, we adjust our plans accordingly, usually in our monthly leadership meetings.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: Average of 50 attendees.

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Section leadership spent 20-25 minutes reviewing the year's work, including ongoing activities and wrapped projects. We held breakout rooms on topics most requested by members (largely chosen from Coffee Chats) and reconvened as a group to discuss next steps.

Link to Meeting Minutes: NA

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

To see our annual report in full, please visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EG0Yx7Dmo6TC7INplwi9TG87pz_CYZrU/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115600459762162402735&rtpof=true&sd=true

Our Section is incredibly engaged, largely thanks to the feedback we receive from members and use as guides for activity and decision-making in our monthly meetings. Our continued Coffee Chats are a vital part of our Section communications. On average, Coffee Chats sees 20-25 members monthly, with an increase when we have combined Section chats. In all, our Section is communicative and active in our overall work.

Questions for the SAA Council

We do not at this time. However, April Anderson-Zorn is working on a statement of support for academic archival workers and will have a draft for the Council soon.

Description Section

Report Submitted by: Ashley Gosselar

Council Liaison: Conor Casey

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Secretary	Phoebe Nobles	8/10/2022	9/1/2024
Member-at-Large	Kate Morris	8/10/2022	9/1/2024
Newsletter Editor	Katherine Madison	8/10/2022	9/1/2025
Web Liaison	Scott Kirycki	3/1/2019	9/1/2025
Ex Officio	Regine Heberlein	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

In January, we were proud to announce that SAA Council endorsed the “Archives for Black Lives in Philadelphia Anti-Racist Description Resources” as an external description standard. The standard “offers metadata recommendations for archival professionals to address racist, particularly anti-Black, archival description, in order to assist archivists who handle collections about, by, and for people of the Black diaspora that are often held at predominantly white institutions.” With the Description Section’s support, an External Standards Working Group collaborated with the A4BLiP Working Group to develop and submit this successful proposal in late 2022. Betts Coup, Member-at-Large on the Description Section Steering Committee, represented the Description Section on the External Standards Working Group. This spring, we partnered with TS-EAS on a three-part webinar series about controlled vocabularies. The series reviewed how to use controlled vocabularies for describing archival collections, relevant encoding options, and the application of controlled vocabularies with an inclusive description lens. Three webinars were offered twice in different time zones to accommodate an international audience. Vice Chair Will Clements and Member-at-Large Kate Morris represented the Description Section on the webinar planning committee. Ashley Gosselar, Chair of the Description Section Steering Committee, moderated the third webinar offered in the Eastern Time zone. The webinars were attended live by hundreds of people from around the globe, and the recordings are available through SAA’s YouTube channel.

Ongoing:

Our Section’s blog, Descriptive Notes (<https://saadescription.wordpress.com/>), has become a powerful tool for amplifying the work of archival description. Since last September, the blog has published 23 posts submitted by our section’s members on topics ranging from inclusive description, to project management, to conference dispatches. Together, these posts have made our “invisible labor” visible to over 16,000 readers from 53 countries. The editorial team consists of Kate Madison (Lead Blog Editor), Ashley

Gosselar, Betts Coup, Will Clements, and Kate Peebles. We strive to make our section's community-driven Documentation Portal (<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/description-section/description-section-documentation-portal>) a trusted resource for locating helpful documentation pertaining to archival description. Noting a recent growth in resources about inclusive and reparative description, the Description Section Steering Committee is taking a fresh look at the Inclusive Description section of our Documentation Portal. This year, we published an overview of the Inclusive Description section of the portal on our section's blog and issued a call for feedback and suggestions for resources to add to the portal. In the new SAA year, members of the Steering Committee will review resources suggested by members, conduct our own literature review, and update the Inclusive Description section of the Documentation Portal accordingly. Our section supports the Technical Subcommittee on Describing Archives: A Content Standard (TS-DACS) which is hard at work on its Principles Project, as well as the Technical Subcommittee on Encoded Archival Standards (TS-EAS), which is working on EAD4. We will continue to support both technical subcommittees as needs arise throughout the new year.

New:

No new projects are planned at this time.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

1.3 The Description Section has provided "leadership in ensuring the completeness, diversity, and accessibility of the historical record" by maintaining and adding to our Documentation Portal on our Section's micro-site. 1.4 Through our blog, Descriptive Notes, the Section provides a publication platform that allows archivists "to articulate the value of archives."

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

2.2 The Section provides a publication forum through our blog, Descriptive Notes, about current and evolving descriptive practices in archives. 2.3 Through our blog and our Documentation Portal, the Section provides free and accessible information about archival description and descriptive resources. We collaborated with TS-EAS this year to provide a three-part webinar series on controlled vocabularies. The webinars were offered virtually for free in two time zones, and recordings of all webinars are shared on SAA's YouTube channel.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

3.1 Through the Section's successful collaboration with Archives for Black Lives in Philadelphia (A4BLiP) on their endorsed external standard proposal to the SAA Standards Committee, we contributed to the development of "new standards, guidelines, and best practices" for archives. 3.2 The Section "foster[s] and disseminate[s] research in and about the field" through our blog and our Documentation Portal. This year we again included updates from TS-EAS, TS-DACS, and SNAC in our annual meeting to keep our membership informed. 3.3 The Section partnered with A4BLiP in the past year on the topic of anti-racist archival description, and with TS-EAS on a webinar series about controlled vocabularies.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

4.1 / 4.4 The Section membership is regularly kept up to date on activities and opportunities to contribute via the Section's listserv. A report was made to membership at our annual business meeting, where we also invited members to come forward with projects and ideas. Steering committee members are available for questions and comments. Chair Ashley Gosselar published two posts on the Section's blog this year summarizing Steering activities to date and encouraging members to reach out to the Section's Steering Committee with ideas. 4.3 We are strongly considering to again invite an early career member to join the editorial team for our blog. This is something we did in 2022 would like to do again.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 89

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The outgoing Description Section Steering Committee welcomed 89 attendees to our section's annual meeting on June 26, 2023. Attendees heard a recap of 2022-2023 section business that included a program on the A4BLiP standard given by Betts Coup, updates on ongoing projects, and news about Description Section Steering Committee elections. In addition, representatives from SAA Council, TS-DACS, TS-EAS, and Social Networks and Archival Context (SNAC) provided updates on their groups' activities. If you were unable to attend the meeting live, a recording of the meeting is freely available (https://www.pathlms.com/saa/events/4935/event_sections/13594/video_presentations/265576).

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The Section's Steering Committee is active in and committed to a number of projects with long-term scope (the blog and updating the Inclusive Description section of our Documentation Portal). This year we had no difficulty soliciting candidates for Steering Committee membership. We had an excellent turnout for our annual meeting and have been able to maintain a regular blog posting schedule thanks to a high response rate to our calls for new content. When we polled our Section's members to determine if they (and not just Steering) were open to proposing A4BLiP's Anti-Racist Description Resources as an endorsed external standard, we again had a good overall response rate.

Questions for the SAA Council

None at this time.

Design Records Section

Report Submitted by: Allison Olsen

Council Liaison: Joyce Gabiola

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Co-Chair	Katie Twomey	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Andrea Altenbach	8/15/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

-We continued the semi-monthly informal discussion series. These are remote sessions where a DRS member presents on a project or topic, and there is guided discussion around it by the members. -During the 2023 SAA conference, we organized an in person meet up. Over 20 people attended, and it was a chance for many steering committee members to meet in person, and to welcome new DRS members. -For half the year, we continued bi-weekly design records related job postings

Ongoing:

The bi-weekly job postings and informal discussion series may continue in 2023-2024

New:

2022-2023 was a quite year for the DRS. The new co-chairs are re-engaging with the steering committee and setting up a monthly meeting schedule to stay in contact. There is a focus on better integrating with the new Digital Design Records Committee, and having better overlap between DRS and the DDRC sub-group.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The existence of the DRS shows the uniqueness and importance for specialized development for Design Records management.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Our informal discussion series allows members to see others works and learn from their process. The bi-weekly job listings so the regular and wide ranging opportunities in the design records field, encouraging them to stay and grow within Design Records work. Our annual meeting always has a presentation section, that allows for members to present their work and get feedback from the organization.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Though no program resulted from it, we did engage with representatives from the Society of Architectural Historians on collaborations. The committee positions are open to anyone, and new

members are encouraged to take part. This provides an opportunity to develop leadership and professional opportunities.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Design Records are a specific subgroup of archival collection that requires specialized knowledge. Design records encompass lots of visual materials, 3D objects and technical documentation. Having a section that focuses on these needs is important for SAA to maintain, as it supports archivists without design backgrounds to find support for managing these specialized materials.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 60

Summary of Meeting Activities:

- I. Call to order/welcome
- II. Updates from Council Liaison
- III. IDRS Elections Candidates
- IV. Invited DRS to attend in-person meet-up during the 2023 Conference in DC
- V. Digital Design Records Committee Updates
 - a. DDRC did an interactive survey about digital design records comfort and use
 - b. VI. Presentations a.

Charles M. Goodman and the Paul Rudolph Archives, Library of Congress's Prints & Photographs Division b. Moshe Safdie Archive, McGill University c. Fit To Move: practicalities in a pandemic, Alexander Architectural Collections

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The Design Records Section is a very healthy and engaged section. There is always high attendance at all virtual events and the annual meeting. The DRS, also has a very active and engaged sub-committee, the Digital Design Records Committee. We have consistently maintained a full roster in our leadership positions and steering committee. This year was quite, mostly due to some event fizzling out, and a lack of leadership from myself (senior chair). I believe the group will be very active over the next year, and continue to add value and engagement to the SAA.

Questions for the SAA Council

no

Design Records Section

Report Submitted by:

Council Liaison: Joyce Gabiola

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End

Activities

The Digital Design Records Committee (DDRC) continues to identify barriers to engagement with born-digital design records for archival professionals and collecting institutions. Each year the DDRC builds upon past years' work to better articulate the challenges and offer scalable and actionable solutions for institutions with varying levels of resources (i.e., funding, technology, staff expertise, and staff time). After almost a decade of work on understanding the universal, unique, and nuanced challenges of collecting, preserving, and describing born-digital design records the DDRC shifted its focus for the 2022-2023 to access considerations and potential methods of service.

In addition to continuing a robust research agenda, the DDRC also contributed new resources to the archival profession through presentations, publications, a podcast interview, and developing public engagement opportunities.

Projects:

Acknowledging there are multiple methods of providing access to born-digital design records, the DDRC created two working groups to explore two most commonly discussed accession options: vendor-provided free readers and emulation, specifically using Emulation-as-a-Service Infrastructure.

Vendor-provided free readers

This group explored the features and ease-of-use for four vendor-provided free readers: SketchUp Viewer desktop application, JT2Go desktop application, Autodesk Viewer browser version, and

Autodesk's DWG TruView desktop application. The overall impressions from these initial explorations were positive and indicated that minimal familiarity with digital interfaces and understanding of designing the built environment was sufficient to begin to navigate a program and engage with a file. The working group approached this testing with a high comfort level with failure, which likely reduced the intimidation of engagement and capacity to collectively persevere in testing despite lack of formal training with any of these programs.

This preliminary exploration prompted questions of methodology for assessing the various programs. Throughout testing each program, the assessment categories and definitions were refined. The resulting work-in-progress assessment rubric further prompted discussions of

service expectations and the potential need for a researcher questionnaire to effectively prepare material for a researcher. All three resources (assessment rubric, service expectations, and researcher questionnaire) will be further developed by the DDRC in the coming year. These resources were discussed during DDRC bi-monthly meetings and evaluated by the Emulation working group as well.

Emulation using Emulation-as-a-Service Infrastructure (EaaS)

This working group spent time reviewing and evaluating the sandbox on EaaS's website and local instances of EaaS at University of Texas-Austin and Georgia Tech. During these sessions, the group determined the sandbox was not a useful tool and efforts moved towards the local instances at UT and GT. The group had an opportunity to view a range of programs and systems. After several demo sessions, the team determined that EaaS had very positive features, such as the ability to access files on their original program. However, the group also encountered issues with knowledge gaps when using legacy software and unclear or unknown software manuals available to users. There were also concerns about known privacy and security of the software. These efforts were reported out to the DDRC bi-monthly meetings.

Improving documentation

The DDRC continues to explore methods of engaging with the broader archival community considering or actively working with born-digital design records. This year we added a Google Form to the Committee's Microsite to invite information sharing and asking questions with more privacy than on the Design Records Section's (DRS) listserv. This was introduced to the DRS at the annual meeting. The DDRC intends to continue to update the Microsite with reports and resources developed from our research efforts.

Additionally, the DDRC's leadership continues to foster an international community of practice through the DesignArchivists Slack channel. This channel currently supports a community of 66 archival and architectural professionals to share resources, call for contributions and feedback, and ask questions.

DDRC member outreach

Throughout the year, members participated in several outreach opportunities to promote the committee's research around access. Aliza Leventhal and Jody Thompson presented their *Preserving Born-Digital Design and Construction Records Technology Watch Report* to the International Council on Archives Section on Architectural Records in March, as well as took part in SAA's Archives in Context podcast (Season 7, Episode 4) in May. During the podcast, they spoke about their new book, *Born-Digital Design Records* Module on SAA's Trends in Archives Practice with fellow author Kristine Fallon. Published in 2022, this publication contains three modules to help guide archivists in managing born-digital design records through historical overviews, practical tools, use cases, and sample workflows. Leventhal was also interviewed by SAA Archival Outlook editor, Abigail Christian, on born-digital design records. You can read the article, "Complex World of Born-Digital Design Records: A

Conversation with Aliza Leventhal” in the September/October issue.

DRS Annual Meeting

At the Design Record Section’s annual meeting, members provided a brief update on their research efforts described above and spent the majority of their allocated time hosting an interactive presentation that sought input from DRS members on supporting their institution’s researchers.

Questions focused on user agreements and researcher engagements in such areas as interviews and needed preparations to support their requests.

Future work

This year’s research focus will be a continuation of the 2022-2023 agenda expanding the topic of service and access of born-digital design records through analysis of EaaS and vendor-provided free-readers.

The EaaS working group plans to share their research with EaaS staff and learn more about their future membership opportunities and pricing. The free-reader team plans to expand services expectation research as well as researcher questionnaire research.

Diverse Sexualities and Genders Section

Report Submitted by: Nikki Lynn Thomas

Council Liaison: Joyce Gabiola

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Co-Chair	Eli Landaverde	9/1/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Informal coffee klatsch on March 29, 2023

Ongoing:

Standing Rule suggested edits - need a vote to approve

New:

Discussion group - semi-monthly Zoom sessions booked via the SAA Zoom account

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

DSGS aims to provide leadership within SAA, specifically with respect to issues related to archiving the history of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, as well as with respect to the intersectional identities held by many within the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

DSGS provides a platform for discussion and community within the archival field for LGBTQIA2S+ archival professionals and those that work with LGBTQIA2S+ collections. The section's limited programming this past year focused on providing a venue for members to seek advice and discuss how to navigate as an LGBTQIA2S+ practitioner within larger repositories and institutions.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

With respect to goal 3, in recent years DSGS has failed to pursue activities to advance the field, but does have plans to incorporate such activities into the 2023-2024 year. We plan to continue offering programming promoting conversations as well as peer assistance. The DSGS email list continues to be a platform for members to share information regarding LGBTQ+ related projects and initiatives.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

DSGS assists in fostering an inclusive association and profession. Past attempts to create more opportunities for members to participate more fully have not been successful, but there are plans in place to address this failing. For example, regular meetings have been scheduled for

the upcoming year. There are also proposed edits to the section's standing rules to create more leadership opportunities within DSGS. These changes are also expected to encourage increased engagement within the section.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 22

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The meeting began with introductions, land acknowledgements, an update from council, and an update about Archives Leadership Institute. This was followed by an overview and discussion of proposed edits to the DSGS Standing Rules. Proposed changes can be broken into 3 types: general edits to make the language more inclusive of identities, governance edits that will establish new leadership positions, as well as limits on Steering Committee membership, and a proposed business edit that will allow for virtual meetings throughout the year. The discussion included co-chairs providing background information and the reasoning behind the proposed changes, as well as historical information on the section from a meeting attendee.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The health of the section could probably be best described as fair. Engagement is fairly lackluster, but those of us in leadership over the past 5 years or so believe much of that is due to the entire burden of the section's leadership and programming being placed on 2 co-chairs with no supporting participation from the Steering Committee. Current leadership hopes that the proposed changes to the section's Standing Rules, including the addition of new leadership positions, will help address the issue of decreased section engagement.

Questions for the SAA Council

We are very interested in holding a mid-year election to get section membership approval for a change to the section standing rules, and hopefully be better positioned to solicit new leadership during the end of year election cycle.

Electronic Records Section

Report Submitted by: Brenna Edwards

Council Liaison: Lydia Tang

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Wendy Guerra	9/15/2021	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Catherine Heitz	9/15/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

We published a Zotero collection of resources on the ERS microsite this year. These resources will be included in a resource center that CoSA is building and we wanted to share our links with the section now so that members have a chance to suggest additions. We participated in a Legal and Ethical Considerations for Born-Digital Access event in January, in conjunction with the Privacy & Confidentiality Section.

Ongoing:

We started sending out a Quarterly Roundup of job posts, readings, podcasts, etc. We sent out Quarterly Roundups in March and June, and plan to continue. Anyone is welcome to suggest content to add. Resource Center Project: SAA ERS is working towards a collaborative, one-stop resource center for electronic records references with CoSA. CoSA has a platform that is already in use, and SAA has resources to contribute from the survey done in the 2018-2019 year and new additions contributed by ERS steering committee members.

New:

Updating the microsite to more accurately reflect the current goings-on of the Electronic Records Section and the steering committee. Considering comments from members about potential future programming opportunities and others to team up with

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

For our Legal and Ethical Considerations for Born-Digital Access event with the Privacy & Confidentiality Section, we worked with the Digital Library Federation Born-Digital Access Working Group to hear more about the recent reports they've published on archival restrictions and considerations. This allowed us to reach out to different groups to promote the event, while also learning from wider archival communities and working together to further make materials accessible to the widest audiences possible.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Through our blog, bloggERS, we have helped archivists grow by providing the opportunity to write on different topics, such as AI, conference recaps, tools, and migration, as well as reposting older posts that may have been missed initially. bloggERS offers opportunities often to contribute to a new series or to pitch an idea, announced both on the blog and via the SAA listservs.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

One way ERS is helping advance the field is by our continuing work with the Council of State Archives (CoSA) on their resource center for electronic records references project. We have provided a Zotero collection of references for our members on the microsite, while also announcing it at the section meeting as a secondary resource.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

This year we launched our Quarterly Roundup newsletter, which is a collection of job postings, recent publications, podcasts, and interesting news items that relate to electronic records. This was to foster more communication between the steering committee and the section, and encourage the section to share things with us as well. So far we've had two issues, and plan to continue it through the upcoming year. We also provided a PollEverywhere at the section meeting this year where section members could anonymously post what they wished to see for the section this year and got great feedback, which we intended to expand upon this upcoming year.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 167

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The Electronic Records Section had a joint meeting with the Accessioning, Acquisitions, and Appraisal Section this year, which featured council updates, three presentations focusing on born digital accessioning and appraisal across three different institutions, a question and answer session, and ended with section updates from both sections.

[Link to Meeting Minutes:](#)

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

We're doing okay - I think our listserv has died down a bit and people are reaching out to more specific listservs for their questions vs the SAA listserv. We had a good turnout and good feedback on where to go next via a poll during our Section meeting, so there is still desire for this section to be around it seems, but maybe go in different directions and do more interactive things with our members.

Questions for the SAA Council

None at this time

Government Records Section

Report Submitted by: Kimberlee Roberts

Council Liaison: Krystal Appiah

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Stephanie Bayless	9/15/2021	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Nicole Bryan	8/10/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Joshua Smith	8/10/2022	9/1/2025

Activities

Completed:

-Joint blog publication with the SNAP section -Meetings and collaboration with the Local Government Section

Ongoing:

During the annual meeting this year, the Local Government Section and the Government Records Section met and voted to bring the two separate sections back together as they had been several years ago. This is a new step for SAA sections and much has to be defined and articulated in order to move forward. The Local Government Section has a newly elected vice-chair position. The Government Records Section was unable to recruit for this position. Combining the two section chairs and committees, in addition to updating the bylaws, is withstanding and needs to be addressed in the next year.

New:

A new section that is the product of Local Government and Government Records.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The big decision made by the Local Government and Government Records sections this year to combine our archivists is a direct result of increasing government archivist's representation within SAA by uniting as one voice and section.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

By combining sections, opportunities for professional growth for government archivists at every level will be more accessible and united. Additionally, how we represent ourselves together as one will have a great voice for government archivists in this organization into the future.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

I believe that by working with the Local Government section, the Government Records section displayed with aptitude our desire to foster community, representation, and push for better guidelines and standards. We would have liked to do more with our section, but bringing the two sections together will result in greater engagement and success.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The Government Records section began the year failing in this area. The engagement of the section is practically zero, including in the elected positions. This was the driving force behind the section merger, and it is our hope, and the hope of the Local Government Section, that this goal can be met once we are unified.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 22

Summary of Meeting Activities:

This annual meeting was held in collaboration with the Government Records and Local Government Records sections. The intent and outcome of this meeting was to vote on and address the realities of merging the two sections together for better representation within SAA, greater engagement, and to increase section health.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The section is in very poor health. Despite having met with the steering committee every 3 months, very few ideas were brought to the table, little enthusiasm was present, and the desire to advocate for and represent government archivists was absent. Members of the section are not engaged with leadership or events. It feels very stagnant.

Questions for the SAA Council

We are hoping that SAA will assist us in navigating the merge between our section and the Local Government Section that that we may see more change and engagement into the future. Thank you.

Independent Archivists Section

Report Submitted by: Virginia Allison Reinhardt

Council Liaison: Derek T. Mosely

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Lydia Tang	8/15/2021	9/1/2024
Web Liaison	Melissa Barker	8/15/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

1. Established an independent archivist gmail and google drive account so no leader dependent, made backup of all documentation
2. Established folder structure so leaders know what documentation to save and where
3. Held annual program to discuss a vision for our future
4. Established clarifying mission statement and defined "Independent Archivist" to help narrow our scope
5. Held survey to poll members about how we can best serve them

Ongoing:

1. Gathered resources for microsite now annotated and ready to vet

New:

1. Initiated Stretch Goals speaker series

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Takeaway from three IA speakers was on the importance of advocacy. At our annual meeting we voted on a clarifying mission statement for our section: Our mission is to provide advocacy and agency for independent archivists. An independent archivist is any person that serves in an archival capacity beyond the traditional boundaries of institutional archives.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Stretch Goals Speaker series highlighted different paths for serving as an archivist and opportunities for Q&A from diverse IA members.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

We are working hard to help SAA embrace IA's as trailblazer's in the field. Brining archival theory to private archives and sectors that need archivists and don't know what we are called. More awareness and advocacy needs to be done so that those who go into our field do not have to take a vow of poverty.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Held formal survey to ask members about a number of aspects regarding their wants and needs for the section.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 12

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Based on our program last year we've identified barriers to our growth: nebulous name, too broad scope, NDAs that create barriers to disclosure, lack of community and feeling isolated in SAA. This year we proposed a path forward including...a mission statement, annual survey to insure we are meeting needs of current membership, practical skill based workshops so NDA will not be a barrier, a definition of independent archivist, and continued speaker series to build community engagement. 2023 open forum focused on membership survey results, discussing what members want and how we can best serve them. Overwhelming desire for business operations guidance and templates for contracts.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

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Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

We are working to build a stronger vision and mission for this section and feel confident that we are moving forward

Questions for the SAA Council

We are willing to partner with other allied groups for programming, would you have any suggestions?

International Archival Affairs Section

Report Submitted by: Ellen Engseth

Council Liaison: Lydia Tang

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Member-at-large	Kate Blalack	9/1/2022	8/15/2023
Member-at-large	Jennifer Dantchev	7/25/2023	9/1/2025
Member-at-large	Shelley Sweeney	7/25/2023	9/1/2025
Chair	Ellen Engseth	8/10/2022	9/1/2024
Early-Career Member	Rachel Poppen	12/1/2022	9/1/2024
Junior Co-Chair	Karen Trivette	7/25/2023	9/1/2025

Section membership: 216 members, with others joining us during our programming.

Activities

Completed: 1. Successful hosting of interesting programming geared to our members yet open to the public.

Archival Landscapes Seminars series

- on Ireland with Elizabeth Mullins;
- Colombia with Maria Cristina Betancur Roldan;
- Kenya with Cleophas Ambira;
- Australia with Nicola Laurent.

And our newly-launched ***Archival Vistas Briefings*** series; this year the topic chosen by the steering committee was ***Archives in Peril***

- with Jacob Nadal of Blue Shield International;
- Saad Eskander, former Chief, Iraq National Library and Archives;
- Maryna Paliienko, Head of the Archival Science and Special Branches of History Department, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine.

Many recordings of the above are available on the [SAA Youtube channel](#) and viewing statistics can be found there. Approximately 20 people join us for each event.

2. This past fall we called for early career members to join the leadership committee, and two expressed interest and were named to our committee for the year by the chair. Thank you for joining us Rachel and Jennifer!
3. The chair included discussion of the section during her presentation/discussion as an invited panelist in Session 705 of the Annual Meeting, "The International Council on Archives as Global Commons: Connections and Opportunities."
4. We applied for the SAA Foundation grant, and was not one of the funded projects.
5. We completed election work and filling a slate for the annual section leadership election. Thank you to all willing to run!
6. The steering committee met monthly.

Ongoing:

1. We applied to SAA Council for funds for bilingual and American Sign Language interpreters. To us, this is the right thing to do, and also fits squarely into and fulfills SAA commitments to justice and inclusion.
2. We are discussing what to do regarding old yet lingering section initiatives and archiving older records including the retired blog.

STRATEGIC PLAN connections

An excerpt from our SAA Foundation funding application letter outlines more about our section and makes **connections to the Strategic Plan**, and is thus quoted here:

"IAAS recognizes its responsibility to serve SAA as an ambassador for the society as we engage both national and international archivists. ...

Our aims correspond to strategic planning priorities of SAA, and to many goals of the DEIA work plan, namely outreach and engagement including recruitment, the diversity within our discipline, and audience inclusivity. Indeed, by definition, the IAAS is a very welcoming section as it represents many US archival and other traditions. Specific to the Strategic Plan Actions, we see strong connections to:

- Enhancing Professional Growth, particularly supporting career development and recruiting those with diverse backgrounds and identities (2.1 G)
- Providing content via education of latest thinking and best practices (2.2)

- Deliver information and education via methods that are accessible, affordable, and keep pace with technological change (2.3) -- video meeting technologies offer accessible and affordable options for interpreting
- Participate actively in relevant partnerships and collaborations to enhance professional knowledge (3.3, 3.3 c) -- we ...work with other SAA component groups, and other professional organizations around the world many of which are comprised of persons of color
- Facilitate effective communication with and among members. (4.1) and create opportunities for members to participate fully in the association (4.2) -- [Our goal to enhance] communication methods in our online programs will support fuller participation in the society with those with varied language and communication skills
- Ensure that leaders are accessible and that their work is transparent (4.4) -- [Our two online] series are elected leaders' vehicles to connect to our members, and make us visible and accessible to them."

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 75

Summary of Meeting: This meeting came out of conversations in a SAA leadership meeting earlier in the year, where the chair connected with other sections' leaders and suggested that a global project, Sucho, was at the intersection of their three sections' topical areas. The others were interested to work together, and through the year we formed the idea to hold our virtual annual meetings together, and to discuss this project. Thus, the annual meeting held on June 20 2023 was co-hosted by our section and the Preservation and Web Archiving sections, via SAA's platform, 11 am central time. 1.5 hours.

Guests: Kiley Jolicoeur, Anna E. Kijas, Erica Peaslee, and Anna Rakityanskaya, of Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online.

A short business meeting was part of this annual meeting.

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Healthy. We participated in the Section Health Assessment with SAA and have not received any concerns. We are small but strong. Highly active programming with a driven, engaged leadership committee, providing virtual programming for members and for the wider public, which in the process introduces many folks around the world to SAA.

What forms of communication work best for your section members?

The listserv.

Does your section share issues or scope overlap with other sections? If so, which sections?

All, as all US archivists are part of the global community. More specifically or actively: Archives and Archivists of Color, Latin American Cultural Collections Archives, and Human Rights. Further scope and opportunity lies with ICA.

Questions for Council

We have not received a reply regarding our funding application sent to you in spring 2022, for interpreting services. Relatedly, what is SAA planning in terms of support for sections et al to provide more inclusive programming via interpreters and translations? Also, how can we be helpful to activate international/ICA connections for SAA?

We very much appreciate the active participation of our council liaison, Lydia, thanks Lydia!

Issues & Advocacy Section

Report Submitted by: Caitlin Rizzo

Council Liaison: Krystal Appiah

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Claire Gordon	8/1/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Holly McGee	8/1/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Danielle Russano-Simpkins	8/1/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Sheridan Sayles	8/15/2019	10/1/2023

Activities

Completed:

This year the Issues & Advocacy Sections activities continued to center around creating opportunities to support and connect archival workers with a particular focus around issues facing practicing archivists in the field. This year saw the completion, continuation, and implementation of several new advocacy-related efforts. Efforts began and completed within this calendar year included sponsoring the Best Practices for Archival Term Labor Working Group in an effort to have the Best Practices for Archival Term Labor approved as an External Standard by the Society of American Archivists Council and Standards Committee.

Ongoing:

Ongoing efforts from this calendar year included: 1. Managing and creating relevant content for the I&A Section Wordpress blog site. I & A Steering Committee Member Burkely Hermann worked alongside new members Elizabeth Call (I & A Steering Committee Chair-Elect), Holly Rose McGhee (I & A Steering Committee Member) and Danielle Simpkins (I & A Steering Committee Member) to write 'Steering Share' posts which feature their work and concerns for the future of the profession. In addition, Burkely Hermann wrote several posts for the 'Archivists on the Issues' series on popular topics facing the archival profession including sensitive documents/declassification, indigenous repatriation, records destruction, restriction, and the effects of bureaucracy, among other topics. In addition, Steering Committee Member Holly Rose McGhee wrote several posts providing resources and talking points summarizing non-recorded I & A 'Hive Mind' events. 2. Steering Committee Members continued the clean up of our SAA Microsite, which included Chair Caitlin Rizzo and Steering Committee Member Holly Rose McGhee adding all missing Meeting Minutes to the Microsite. 3. Steering Committee Members Holly Rose McGhee and Danielle Simpkins monitored our Twitter account, posting and retweeting relevant Section information and events. 4. Our Chair and Vice Chair convened the recurring spring joint advocacy call with leaders of our affiliated SAA advocacy groups, CoPA, CoPP, and RAAC. The purpose of these biannual

meetings is to share with each other what each of our groups are up to and see if we can support or amplify or collaborate in any way, which we've done in the past. 5. Our Chair and Vice Chair organized our Annual Section Meeting this year (more details in the meeting section below).

New:

Every year, the I & A Steering Committee seeks to create a special project or focus for the incoming committee. This year the Steering Committee launched a special project called "Hive Mind." The new, quarterly event sought to convene I&A members for a casual non-recorded conversation around a topic that engaged an issue facing archivists in their workplace. After the first hive mind, we asked attendees to choose topics that felt relevant or useful to them. The Hive Minds proved well attended with about 60 to 80 archivists at each session and lively discussion. At the request of attendees, the resources gathered at the session were posted in the blog to be shared by all.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Of SAA's four main goals, the I&A Section contributes most to this one. As a member-driven group affiliated with but separate from SAA advocacy committees such as CoPA, CoPP, and RAAC, we can engage with those Committees' issues and SAA's other relevant activities through providing support and/or a broader platform of discussion through our blog and listserv being open to Section member submissions. Our blog, listserv, and Annual Section meeting also provide forums for bringing up and discussing other issues affecting archives and archivists that may not be the current focus or remit of CoPA, CoPP, or RAAC. Our recent Annual Section meetings (this last year included) have contributed a lot to raising awareness about archival labor issues, amplifying the work of our fellow archivists involved in that advocacy.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The I&A Section enhances professional growth in two ways. First, our blog and listserv—open to all to submit posts on—provides our Steering Committee and all other Section members the opportunity to improve their professional writing and communication skills. Our blog is a very accessible venue for anyone to submit a post to share about one's research or work related to archival issues and advocacy. And for those of us who read the blog and listserv posts, we're provided the chance to stay in the know and learn more about Section-related professional issues and events. Second, membership on our Steering Committee (open to all SAA members), whether in the positions of Vice Chair / Chair-Elect or Committee member, provides a low-pressure way to be involved in advocacy work. It is an especially valuable training ground for folks who are just beginning to get involved in advocacy work and may continue on to other SAA leadership positions from there.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Our various outreach methods (blog, listserv, monthly recap email, and Twitter account) communicate professional knowledge and updates and allow space for members to share and connect with each other about archival issues. Our Annual Section Meetings are an especially good opportunity to showcase recent developments or publications around a certain archival

issue that focus members attention and increase the conversation in a way that goes beyond announcing them on our listserv or a blog post.v

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

We are a very accessible SAA group in which members can easily get involved, with multiple ways to share archival issues through: our I&A listserv, blog, as well as reporting archival issues directly to our Section leadership via a link on our Microsite and Wordpress site. We are transparent about our activities and meeting minutes in our monthly recap email, our Section elections are open to all members to self-nominate, and recently our Annual Section Meeting has been virtual with no SAA membership required to register to attend. We are perhaps more approachable than higher-up or more formal SAA advocacy committees, but we are also connected to and communicate with them through the biannual joint advocacy calls we convene. In these ways, we are an important conduit for member voices to hear one another and to be heard by SAA.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: N/A

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Our Annual Meeting focused half of its time discussing updates from the Section. Updates included announcements from the SAA Council Liaison as well as changes to the composition of the Section Steering Committee as a result of the election cycle. Outgoing Chair Caitlin Rizzo gave a brief report of the Steering Committee's work to advance the mission of the I&A Section over the past year. In the second half of the meeting, Chair Caitlin Rizzo and Chair-Elect Liz Call lead a Hive Mind Session that centered on two questions: 1) What issues are you facing within the profession that you would like to Issues & Advocacy engage with more broadly? And 2) What strategies would you like to see the Issues & Advocacy section leverage to bring our community together?

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

After speaking with our Council Liaison I would consider the health of the section to be good. The Steering Committee seems to be re-energized with the launch of a modest special project in the new Hive Mind series. These conversations have a better attendance and better energy than the section meeting and seem to have boosted morale.

Questions for the SAA Council

No, but thank you for all your help and support!

Labor Archives Section

Report Submitted by: Sarah Lebovitz

Council Liaison: Joyce Gabiola

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Co-Chair	Steven Calco	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Generation of SAA annual meeting conversation around education efforts to reframe labor collections as social justice and community history. Tour of Teamsters Union Archive. Creation of communications group to create newsletter and share out info on social media. Quarterly meetings discussing current archival theory/application of archival trends as well as equity in the workplace (reparative description, transparency in salary/contracts, etc.).

Ongoing:

Quarterly meetings around pertinent topics. Collaborative work with researchers across separate archives. Discussion around policies directly related to opening records of activists/labor organizers (grievance files, etc.). Discussions on engaging activists and rank-and-file union members and continuing to collect records.

New:

Organizing LAS members to attend labor related conferences and table and/or present on archives. Connect with labor organizations to participate in newsletters/columns.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Growing public and donor understanding of archivist activities through presentations and social media.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Providing open space to collaborate on panel sessions and find opportunities for one another across the US to participate in labor archive adjacent events.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Discuss ways in which records of working people/social justice movements/labor movement can be utilized and described utilizing and expanding on current archival methods.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Provide networking space, discuss issues specific to labor/activist records, share current practices and report outs to all members on different institutions

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 16

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Report out from labor archives/labor related institutions discussing current projects and upcoming events, long conversation about maintaining status as a section,

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

I would say the health and energy are good. We have a core group of extremely engaged members who are excited to continue the work we started this year. There's been a strong movement to reconnect or newly connect with labor archivists and to expand our networks into the labor sphere.

Questions for the SAA Council

No current questions or concerns.

Local Government Archives Section

Report Submitted by: John Slate

Council Liaison: Jasmine Jones

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Patricia Glowinski	8/1/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

1. Joint annual meeting with Government Records Section 6/14/23; 2. Section election 6/2/23 3. Open meeting to discuss consolidation 6/8/23 4. SAA Leadership Orientation and Forum 9/29/22

Ongoing:

1. periodic zoom meetings on topics of interest to the local government archives community

New:

No new project at this time.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Most of our focus this year has been on the health of the LGRS. We believe there is a need for archivists who work in governmental archives or with government archival records to have a space to discuss and support each other. That said, there has been low member participation so the main discussion at our meetings has been about how we create a section that people want to be involved in and feel supported by.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Admittedly the LGRS should have been more active. We did share some government archives/records management articles focusing on vital records record keeping practices in the United States and the challenges of recruiting staff to local government. We also encouraged members of the SAA community to get involved in LGRS by running for the steering committee.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The LGRS understands that to be relevant, the archival profession needs diverse voices, perspectives, and backgrounds. We also need to advocate locally, nationally, and internationally for archives and archival workers. Our foremost goal this year was to

understand how we are/are not meeting the needs of our members and how we can increase participation in the section. This work needs to continue in 2024.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Early on in 2023, we held a virtual happy hour with section members to discuss members' ideas for topics and speakers for future meetings, holding a joint annual meeting with GRS, developing government archives-related resources for our microsite, and mutual interests with other SAA sections.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 22 - Virtual

Summary of Meeting Activities:

1. Election results 2. Discussion regarding consolidation with Government Records 3. Announcements

Link to Meeting Minutes: N/A

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Not healthy. Low participation, difficulty recruiting steering committee members

Questions for the SAA Council

None at this time

Lone Arrangers Section

Report Submitted by: Micaela Terronez

Council Liaison: Derek Mosely

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Rebecca Leung	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Hilary Swett	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Web Liaison	Shaun Kirkpatrick	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

-Provided virtual events (Community exchanges, Oral History presentation series, Annual Meeting) -Coordinated steps needed to pursue a name change for the section, including edits to the standing rules, membership surveys, and communication efforts - Published two issues (fall/spring) of the SOLO newsletter

Ongoing:

-Managing the section name change from Lone Arrangers Section to the Solo Archivists Section -Communication to members on changes to section name, including edits to microsite and email --Continuation of coordinating section events, newsletter, and other programming

New:

-Plans to reconsider the regional representatives program -Plans to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the section -Plans to provide additional resources via the section microsite

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Monthly steering committee meetings to provide a framework for programming and priorities, as well as activities geared towards the education of archiving (e.g., newsletter, events).

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Member events, SOLO newsletter, microsite resources, regional representatives, listserv communication

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Member events, SOLO newsletter, edits to standing rules regarding section name change, 2023 steering committee election and promotion

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Listening to members and providing programming to meet their discussions, questions, and overall interest (via listserv, membership surveys)

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 60-70 attendees

Summary of Meeting Activities:

During the virtual meeting, the LAS Steering Committee recognized our 20th anniversary as an official SAA group (originally a roundtable, now a section) and introduced important updates, initiatives, and future plans for the section. We also welcomed Christina Zamon, Head of Special Collections and Archives at Georgia State University, who presented on her soon-to-be-released book, "Alone in the Stacks."

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Healthy. We continue to see members participate in events, membership surveys, the newsletter, and other activities. We also had a positive turnout for the annual meeting and voting.

Questions for the SAA Council

Not at this time.

Manuscript Repositories Section

Report Submitted by: Laura Bell

Council Liaison: Derek Mosley / Alison Clemens

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Holly Deakyne	10/1/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Eric Stoykovich	8/15/2020	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Four successful Lunch & Learn events: - Introduction to GitHub - Using GitHub in Archives - Tools and Tips to Help You Control Your Collections Environment - Teaching Undergraduates How to Read Handwriting in Archives All Lunch & Learn events were well attended with 70 or more registrants. One event had over 100 attendees.

Ongoing:

Reconsidering use of the microsite, its organization, and how to best reach and communicate with section members. Identifying ongoing ways to serve section members through events, programs, etc.

New:

TBD

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Our section has in the past used Section listservs and communications to provide connection and community to members. Through our ongoing "What I Wish..." series and our more recent "Lunch and Learn" series, we have aimed to provide support for archivists to connect, learn about a variety of topics, discuss questions or issues in safe environments, and overall strengthen our members in their knowledge and ability to advocate for their needs.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Our past and current events series have provided avenues for our members to explore new topics, share knowledge and experience with others, support others, and engage in lifelong learning.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

By engaging with relevant topics in our events during the year and during our annual meeting, our section has supported archivists as they advance the field. We engaged with topics such as

reparative description and processing digital manuscript records this year in Lunch and Learn events and in our annual meeting with guest speakers. These are currently popular topics in the profession which are moving archives and archivists in important new directions.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

In the past our section has used a survey to identify and engage with our members' needs. We will likely continue this practice in the future. Our listserv is a constantly used message board, announcements board, and job board that is adapted to our members' needs by them.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 75

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The meeting started off with a few technical difficulties due to WebEx. After a welcome and introduction from the Section Leadership, we received updates on SAA Council from Rachel Winston (on behalf of Derek Mosby). We then welcomed the incoming new Chair and discussed the ongoing voting and section elections. We provided an overview of our 4 Lunch & Learn events including topics discussed, guest speakers, and attendance. Finally, our guest panelists, Jennifer Coggins and Monika Lehman of Yale's Reparative Archival Description Working Group (RAD), and Katie Rojas representing the Inclusion and Reparative Action Plan (IRAP) at the University of Virginia, led the section in a discussion of reparative description activities at their institutions. Panelists provided information about their initiatives including ongoing work, challenges, and successes. Attendees also engaged with the discussion to share their experiences. The session ended with a question and answer session with the Live WebEx audience.

Link to Meeting Minutes: None

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

In general, I think our section is at the same level of health or energy as it has been since about 2018. The listserv is often used for announcements, and discussion or job postings. We have a very large number of section members, however not all of them participate in section events or meetings. Those that do (roughly 70 -100 individuals per event) are generally engaged and enthusiastic. Between 2020 and 2023, and particularly during the height of the pandemic, we saw positive engagement from members as we began offering education and discussion-oriented sessions focused on a variety of topics. There are numerous ways we can further serve our members. I think the section is healthy in terms of numbers and interest levels and open to new opportunities and directions.

Questions for the SAA Council

None

Metadata and Digital Objects

Report Submitted by: Lara Friedman-Shedlov

Council Liaison: Lydia Tang

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Co-Chair	Jessica Serrao	8/15/2022	8/15/2024
Steering Committee Member	Alston Cobourn	2/8/2023	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Evgenia Diakonenko	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Danielle Russano-Simpkins	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Web Liaison	Julie Rosier	8/15/2022	9/1/2025

Activities

Completed:

- As part of the "Re-Envisioning MDOS" project, conducted a series of three focus groups to gather input on the future of the section and the needs of its members.
- Solicited a full slate of candidates for the 2023 MDOS section elections.
- Successfully filled two vacated positions on the steering committee.
- Held annual section meeting with small-group breakout discussions on topics of interest identified by membership.

Ongoing:

Analysis of data gathered from the focus groups, along with data from the SAA survey of sections, to determine future actions to clarify the mission of MDOS and improve its engagement with membership. When our section was originally founded as a Roundtable more than 10 years ago, its initial focus was on "digitization, digital archival objects and the metadata that enables access, management, and preservation." Over the years, however, this focus on digitization gradually receded. At the same time, overlaps have emerged between the mission of MDOS and those of the Electronic Records Section (regarding "digital objects") and the Description Section (regarding "metadata"). As a result, we believe it has become increasingly difficult to define the unique focus of MDOS and the value that we can offer to members.

New:

In support of the work described above, we also intend to organize discussions with representatives of sections with overlapping interests to determine if there are ways we can either better combine or focus our efforts.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

MDOS has provided advocacy for archives and archivists in general by supporting those who work with digital objects and metadata, which are increasingly significant aspects of our professions.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The MDOS Steering Committee delivered information and education via the annual section meeting, which featured opportunities to discuss and share information on metadata about potentially harmful materials in collections, metadata about provenance, and challenges of mass description of digital objects. In the coming year we plan to partner with other SAA sections to provide educational opportunities and provide a space for discussions of interest to multiple groups. We also investigated necessary updates to the Educational Resources microsite page and plan to incorporate important topics to members identified in the Re-Envisioning MDOS initiative.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The Steering Committee will consider sharing anonymized data gathered by the Re-Envisioning MDOS focus group initiative to the SAA Dataverse established by the Committee on Research, Data, and Assessment (CORDA).

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The MDOS Steering Committee continues to facilitate communication via our SAA Connect e-list, e-newsletter, microsite, and Twitter/"X" account. The "Re-Envisioning MDOS" focus group initiative was also a significant undertaking this year to understand how MDOS can better engage with its members and provide programming and resources that best meet their needs.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 50

Summary of Meeting Activities:

MDOS held a business meeting followed by updates from the SAA Council, including a substantial report on the work the Council is doing to review sections. We heard brief overviews of three discussion topics presented by section members, and then proceeded to small-group breakout discussions on these topics, using Jamboards to solicit and document key discussion points. We then reconvened as a large group to review these discussions and wrap up the event.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n5JsVHjLmilykX9rz2jHLLaigLFgJ7FE1p5c7uy9x60/edit?usp=sharing> (not yet on microsite)

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

As in previous years, involvement and engagement among membership has been less than ideal. While this reflects an ongoing impact of the pandemic (and associated phenomena of

Zoom fatigue), we also believe that section members may not have a clear understanding of the section's mission or focus, especially given potential overlap with other sections (e.g., the Electronic Records Section and topics on digital objects and the Description Section and topics on metadata). In addition we believe the extremely spread-out annual section meeting schedule was detrimental to engagement (see below). We believe that our ongoing Re-Envisioning MDOS focus group initiative will allow us to understand this lack of engagement and inform strategies to better engage with and meet the needs of members.

Questions for the SAA Council

- Will Council rethink the scheduling of section meetings? Spreading them across two months prior to the annual meeting may actually make it harder for section members to find the time to attend, as they compete with and get absorbed by regular workdays. Many of the time slots were also before elections concluded, or had even begun, so the annual meeting could not be used as a point of announcement or transition to a new Steering Committee. Condensing them into a week or two before the Annual Meeting may improve engagement and more clearly delineate term rollovers. - What are next steps for SAA's section health assessment and how can sections be involved?

Military Archives Section

Report Submitted by: Cara McCormick

Council Liaison: Selena Ortega-Chiolero

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Secretary	Jennifer Milani	12/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

- Continued a program of section coffee chat meetings throughout the 2022-2023 year. The section held five virtual coffee chats via Zoom, including a joint meeting with the College & University Archives (C&UA) section. Average attendance at these meetings was 12 people per meeting, and up to 20 attendees for our joint meeting with the C&UA section. Coffee chat topics included:
 - November 16, 2022. Briefing by Andrew Harman, Archivist for the Center for American War Letters Archives on his article: "Pvt. Smith or PVT Smith? Abbreviating Military Ranks in Archival Descriptions," followed by a discussion on "things people should know but might not" about working with military materials.
 - December 7, 2022. Open discussion on "War Stories from the Military Archives," on unusual, difficult, or dangerous military archival collections and challenging experiences with donors
 - March 8, 2023: Briefing by Patrizia Nava, Curator of the History of Aviation Archives at The University of Texas at Dallas on their work, holdings, and major projects done and in the planning stages.
 - April 19, 2023: MARS/C&UA Section joint Coffee Chat with briefing by U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center Curator and Exhibits Chief Molly Bompane on the center's exhibition, Ka-Pow Boom!: Understanding the Soldier Experience through Comic and Illustrative Art.
 - May 17, 2023: Briefing by Michael Mercier, Army veteran and Curator of the Camp Butner Society and Museum in North Carolina on his work with the Society to establish a museum and archives for the former World War II Army staging area and POW camp for German and Italian prisoners of war.
- Hosted the MARS annual section meeting featuring a briefing on crowdsourcing and artificial intelligence (see more info below).
- Held a special election for the Secretary position to facilitate staggered terms and better preserve continuity for the steering committee.

Ongoing:

- Began using SAA Connect MARS Steering Committee library as the place of record for shared MARS documentation, including historical meeting minutes and annual reports.
- Held monthly MARS steering committee meetings to discuss section plans, activities, and elections.
- Made improvements to the section

microsite, fixing broken links, and updating documentation. • Expanded the War Period Timelines/Guides on the MARS microsite. • Additions to the Directory of Military Archives.

New:

- Host bi-monthly coffee chats with at least 2 joint chats with other sections during the 2023-2024 year.
- Host a social gathering or a staff ride—as we regularly did prior to the pandemic—during the 2024 annual meeting.
- Amend bylaws to include a position for Immediate Past Chair.
- Expand membership through outreach to military archives groups outside of SAA.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The Directory of Military Archives, hosted on the MARS microsite and created through collaboration by our members, provides an opportunity for organizations that preserve military collections to promote their holdings, helping archivists and the public connect with them to conduct research and donate materials. The MARS listserv and social media pages are used to celebrate the accomplishments of peer organizations and help find a home for materials of enduring historical value that might otherwise be lost or destroyed.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

MARS coffee chats facilitate knowledge sharing and collaborative learning among our members. Topics covered have included conscientious redescription, developing exhibition programs, artifact handling and storage, and building community archives, among others. MARS members are invited to present, offering an opportunity to build public speaking skills and confidence with a friendly and encouraging audience.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Speakers invited to present at the MARS annual meeting are subject matter experts who are leveraging cutting edge technologies like artificial intelligence in innovative, highly collaborative ways to advance discovery and access to historical materials. As a result, these briefings are attended by SAA members from a wide array of sections. The War Period Timelines/Guides resource hosted on the MARS microsite provides access to reliable, easy-to-follow information that is frequently requested for use in exhibits, collection description, and identification of archival materials.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Many of our members are lone arrangers with limited funding for professional development, or who come from non-traditional organizations and backgrounds that are not otherwise represented in SAA sections. In addition to fostering professional interaction among our members, MARS provides a forum for open discussion where attendees share tips and advice for addressing challenges unique to military archivists. Discussions foster a better understand the needs and perspectives of communities we serve and document, including troops, veterans, and their families.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 29

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Section Business Rachel Winston, University of Texas at Austin • SAA Council Updates
Cara McCormick, The RAND Corporation • Steering Committee introduction •

Election information • Report on 2022-2023 Coffee chats and call for
presenters Matthew Peek, University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special
Collections • MARS Microsite changes • Directory of Military Archives • War
Period Timelines/Guides updates Keynote Speaker "Civil War Photo Sleuthing: Past,
Present, and Future" Dr. Kurt Luther, Virginia Tech Briefing and discussion on historical
efforts to identify unknown soldiers and sailors in America Civil War-era photographs
and how Virginia Tech's Crowd Intelligence Lab is leveraging new technologies including
artificial intelligence, crowdsourcing, and face recognition to identify people in historical
photographs.

Link to Meeting Minutes: Recording: Military Archives Section | 2023 Meeting | SAA
(pathlms.com)

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your
members?

MARS is a highly active group that fosters a sense of community among its members and
provides opportunities for networking and professional development. Originally formed as a
"roundtable" within SAA that met only once a year during the annual meeting, the section has
flourished in the virtual environment, with more than 90 people attending our meetings in
2022-2023. We have established a strong steering committee that meets on a monthly basis,
and our listserv, where members share knowledge, resources, and expertise, has grown in
membership by 10% since mid-2022, with nearly double the number of posts and interactions
over the previous year. Since the establishment of our highly successful "coffee chat" series
in 2020, we now meet on a bimonthly basis throughout the year for briefings and discussions.
Amy Mondt who was instrumental in originally standing up the coffee chat meetings will serve
as our new Communications Liaison in 2023-2024, and our incoming Chair Beth Ann Koelsch
has been highly involved in recruiting speakers for the series. We continue to receive positive
feedback on these virtual gatherings, with members of other sections we collaborate with
noting that they have been "extremely helpful" to them as well.

Questions for the SAA Council

We look forward to hearing details about any planned changes to our section and the
expected timeline for implementation. If MARS were to transition to a discussion group
without formal steering committee, it is uncertain whether our coffee chat program
would be able to continue. This would be a loss for our members, many of whom come
from organizations that do not offer funding for training or to attend professional
conferences in person.

Museum Archives Section

Report Submitted by: Jenna Stout

Council Liaison: Dominique Luster

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Web Liaison	Kelli Yakabu	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

- Two installments of the newsletter. - Updates to microsite. - Increased programming. - Member presentations at annual business meeting.

Ongoing:

Section newsletters (published twice annually)

New:

Leadership hosted an inaugural series of monthly pop-up presentations to showcase the work of colleagues in the field throughout the calendar year. The overall attendance for the six presentations was 130 participants. The lineup featured: "Started From The Middle, Now We're Here: Making A Game Plan For Metadata Justice At The Dickinson Research Center," Lula Zilinskas, Kera Newby, and Samantha Schafer of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum; "An Introduction to ACORN," Danielle Nowak of the Morton Arboretum; "Collective Relevance: Curating Black Art and History Through Independent Praxis," kYmberly Keeton of ART | library deco; "Art and Archives: Bringing It All Together," Tara Laver of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; "Methods – Using the Kodak Photo App to Digitize Glass Plate Negatives," Stephanie Bennett Rahmat of the Fruitlands Collections for The Trustees of Reservations, Archives & Research Center; "From a Private Collection to a Public Institution: Documenting the History of the Yale Center for British Art's Collection," Liliya Dashevski & Jessica Quagliaroli of the Yale Center for British Art.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

MA standards

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The Museum Archives Section newsletter, pop-up presentation series

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

MA standards, resource guide, presentations

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Offering virtual engagement opportunities throughout the calendar year, open forum discussion with section membership regarding how best to serve their needs in the upcoming year

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 55

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Business meeting with introductions, election updates, and overview of annual activities. Council liaison was unable to attend the live meeting, so Council Update was distributed through the discussion site. Following the business portion, Heather McClain and Amy Valentine of the Anchorage Museum presented “Moving Forward: Shifts in the Anchorage Museum Archives to Redefine Relationships,” followed by a brief Q&A. Incoming Chair Tara Laver of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art presented “Art and Diplomacy at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art during World War II.” At the end of the meeting, leadership moderated an open discussion on the role of the section, activities undertaken, areas for improvement, and overall health of the section.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

https://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/2023_MAS_AnnualBusinessMeeting.pdf

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Overall good. Section members have found engagement through the pop-up presentations in lieu of the Museum Archives Symposium, formerly held at the annual meeting. With the disbandment of the working group, there have been ongoing discussions of how best to tackle collaborative projects in the future. There is an expressed interest in partnering with other sections. Although it still continues to be difficult to fill the slate of candidates for the steering committee, leadership has been infused with new voices in the past year.

Questions for the SAA Council

Not at this time

Native American Archives Section

Report Submitted by: SELENA ORTEGA CHIOLERO

Council Liaison: Dominique Luster

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Vina Begay	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	River Freemont	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Alexandria Gough	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Formation of a Repatriation Committee: Background: Rachel, Nathan, Rose, Lotus and Selena, with the support of Dominique Luster, met and prepared a document that was presented at the SAA February Council meeting 2022. Our Steering Committee then received two documents from Dominique and provided feedback for the Council meeting May 18-19. Doc 1: Creation of Archival Repatriation Committee. Doc 2: Council Support Statement for Archival Repatriation. We sent back the first with comments, and asked to table the second as a primary goal of the new committee will be to develop/revise such a statement. Council voted to approve the new committee at the May meeting: <https://www2.archivists.org/governance-manual/archival-repatriation-committee>. Call for volunteers, submitted by August 15: <https://www2.archivists.org/news/2022/call-for-volunteers-archival-repatriation-committee>. First meetings initiated in October/November 2022. Protocols Webinar Series: Following the formal endorsement of the Protocols for Native American Archival Materials (PNAAM) by the SAA in 2018, the Native American Archives Section received SAA Foundation funding to create a series of "workshops" communicating aspects of the PNAAM. This project, "Implementing the PNAAM: Webinar Series and Resource Toolkit," outline the purpose of the PNAAM, the general application of the PNAAM in archival settings, and tangible ways to move forward (institutionally and/or individually) with implementation. Five "workshops," including online discussions, webinars, resource toolkits, and more, and will provide archivists with opportunities to explore topics such as: Outreach & Cultural Competency, How-to-Navigate Tribal Governance Structure, Typical Concerns & How to Respond, and more. All workshop webinars are posted on our microsite, and additional resources are supported by, and hosted on, the Sustainable Heritage Network through our ongoing collaboration.

Ongoing:

SAA case studies series page (flexible publication process with NAAS and peer support): Authors contact NAAS with an idea for a case study. Authors and NAAS agree on a deadline for an initial draft. Each case study is reviewed by two anonymous peer reviewers using SAA's standard rubric. Authors revise draft based on reviewers' feedback. NAAS works with SAA Publications to copy-edit and publish each open access piece. * Plan to continue promoting this resource and conducting outreach to potential collaborators in 2023-2024

New:

Indigenous Archival Training Program: Discussions began in Fall 2021, jumpstarted by Tribal Archives Summit & Discussions with SAA Education Program. It addresses the need among Tribal/Indigenous/community-based archivists for alternative training (and not just from Western perspective!). Worked iteratively with Mellon Public Knowledge program officer, Rana Salzmann, and NAAS planning team over Fall 2022 and early winter 2023 to develop a Mellon Foundation proposal. Final proposal was submitted for \$100K in December with grant start Jan/Feb 2023 which included a plan to run an in-person workshop and 5 virtual courses, with goal to develop an online certificate program (perhaps collaborating between SAA and ATALM) Throughout 2023 we have run bi-weekly meetings to plan our in-person workshop in Santa Fe (taking place September 20-22) and 5 virtual sessions to pilot 'Indigenized' training. Progress thus far has included: Recruiting a program coordinator Recruiting 10 Indigenous archival instructors Recruiting 2 students to run evaluation Booking physical spaces, planning curricula Parallel Indigenous Archival Training for Archival Managers: We wrote a proposal to the Education Program for Archival Management Track submitted in June 2022. We proposed 3 courses, one in the management track, and two courses are also cross-listed in other existing tracks. Vina Begay worked with Rana Salzmann to launch for Fall 2023: Introduction to Indigenous practices and ethics for archival management Ethical digital stewardship for Indigenous archival management (Digital Archives Specialist) Ethical physical stewardship for Indigenous archival management (Arrangement & Description)

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

We have been present in the national and international archives community, and this year in particular advocating for the needs of Tribal archivists and others working in small community settings through our IAT program. We also ran a table at ATALM to advocate for more collaboration between PWI and Tribal archivists and already have plans to host a table at the 2023 ATALM conference in Oklahoma City, OK. October 24-26, 2023.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

We have worked two-fold to enhance professional growth in Indigenous archival stewardship and cultural responsiveness: 1) through our IAT program geared at Tribally-based archivists, and 2) through our new education offerings geared at archival managers based in PWI institutions.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

We have been advancing the Indigenous archival field throughout monthly meetings, our Connect portal, our microsite educational resources and toolkit, as well as through external listserves (AERI, Big Ten Native Alliance) where we have been sharing our resources and upcoming programs. Our IAT program aims to become a major new program for the field.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

We have worked to share our resources and upcoming programs via our Connect portal, as well as on our Facebook page and Twitter accounts. We have also been using doodle polls to iteratively plan our meeting times throughout the year based on member schedules. We also brought guest speakers to meetings.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 67

Summary of Meeting Activities:

NAAS hosted a year in review of the section's activities and available resources followed by a special conversation about NAAS' new project Indigenizing Archival Training, a yearlong pilot program that centers Indigenous needs and perspectives in the archives profession. The conversation part of the program featured a presentation and discussion with guest panelists and IAT instructors, Vina Begay (Diné) and Gena Peone (Lakes Band of the Colville Confederated Tribes) which was followed by a brief Q&A session.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

We have an amazing group of committed Steering Committee members, Steering Committee volunteers, IAT program volunteers, and wider NAAS members who are doing a huge amount of work to carry out a large grant in addition to presences at conferences, and ongoing resources related to Native and Indigenous archival stewardship. We have an enormous amount of energy, good will, and committed volunteerism ongoing with our section. Through the IAT program we are also continuing to broaden potential partners and supporters from across the Tribal, academic and cultural heritage professional communities.

Questions for the SAA Council

We would like to revisit the scholarship program for Native archivists which we carried out in the past through successful proposal and which SAA did not have the budget for last year. We would like to reinstate that program to encourage more Native archivists to join SAA and join our leadership (which was successful in the past!).

Oral History Section

Report Submitted by: John Davis

Council Liaison: Conor Casey

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Kristin Morris	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Kopana Terry	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

- On March 7, 2023, OHS collaborated with the Business Records Section (BRS) on an informal discussion event that enabled BRS members to ask OHS members for guidance on questions related to oral histories. The event was initiated by OHS steering committee member Kristin Morris and she, along with other steering committee members, answered questions related to themes of confidentiality, consent, verifiability, and the lifecycle of an oral history project.
- Establish Twitter account (@saa_oralhistory) to promote news and projects from section members.

Ongoing:

- A longtime project for the OHS is securing accurate transcripts for a series of oral history interviews conducted by the SAA for its 75th anniversary around 2010-12. The interviews were with past SAA presidents and the recordings and transcripts are held in a collection at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). Some interviews were yet to be transcribed, so the OHS worked with UWM to transcribe more of the interviews, making them available to researchers. The project is nearly completed, with only a few interviews remaining to be transcribed or to have permission secured from the interviewee for publication.
- Researching new outlets/strategies for social media and online outreach, including closing Twitter handle and also using YouTube to highlight oral history projects by section members.

New:

- Collaboration with the Business Records Section on an information sharing and professional growth event. The OHS seeks to continue to find opportunities for events like this that connect members with other sections, broadening awareness of the work we do.
- Using the automated transcription tool Otter to generate transcriptions for close editing by section members, enabling OHS to nearly conclude a project that has long sat on the section's to-do list.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

We have as individuals and a section been advocates for oral historians within our profession. We have shared ideas about how to advocate for oral history projects at one's home institution via discussions and the listserv. We seek ways to aggregate recent oral history projects by section members that have been made publicly available.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

We frequently share professional development opportunities via our list and on our social media. We discuss best practices and new approaches when it comes to conducting oral history interview projects, benefiting archivists and interviewees, particularly as they might have changed in recent years due to more accessible technology.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Our section has discussed more modern best practices for oral history, reflecting the prevalence of video conferencing technology like Zoom in the wake of the pandemic. Including interviews conducted via video conference technology as a best practice of oral history — a strategy that was not encouraged before the pandemic — greatly increases the accessibility and inclusivity of an oral history project. Interview subjects who might have been excluded from a project due to their location or lack of mobility, never mind the limited resources that most oral historians have to contend with, can have their stories and voices heard more easily due to relatively low-cost video conferencing technology, with only a limited diminution of audio and video fidelity, as compared to an in-person interview.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Our social media account on Twitter is now active to better promote the work of section members. This year's annual section meeting generated helpful data from section members for the steering committee to consider when planning programming for the upcoming year, as well as suggestions for improving engagement and community within the section.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 100

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Our meeting occurred using Webex videoconferencing software. There were some technical glitches at the top of the meeting, which were resolved. The meeting began with 15 minutes of section business before moving on to presentations. We had three live sessions followed by Q&A:

- The John G. Heyburn II Initiative, Anu Kasarabada, University of Kentucky
- The D.C. Punk Fanzines Oral History Project at the University of Maryland, John Davis, University of Maryland
- Down the Bay Oral History Project; Mobile, Alabama, Deborah Gurt, University of South Alabama

The meeting concluded with incoming Chair Krystal Tribbett leading an informal discussion titled "Year End Reflections and Hopes for the Upcoming Year." During this discussion, using an online tool called Jamboard, section members were able to post their thoughts on the types of programming they wanted to see from the OHS throughout the year and ideas for promoting section community/engagement. Krystal's idea for this portion of

the meeting gave the OHS a fantastic way to quickly, easily gather data from OHS members about how to improve their experience with the section.

Link to Meeting Minutes: <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/oral-history-section/oral-history-sections-2023-annual-meeting-minutes>

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

As outgoing Chair, I would say that our section is relatively engaged but the group (including steering committee members) would benefit from the Chair establishing a steering committee meeting schedule at the start of the new term, rather than waiting until several months in, as I did. It was hard to generate momentum without a consistent connection to the section. In addition, the section would likely generate more activity if there was a regular communication source for the section like a seasonal email newsletter that gathers news and, perhaps, a spotlight story on a project connected to a section member. I think that members are willing to engage but need more frequent and direct contact from the steering committee (and that was my fault as Chair for the year) to make the effort worthwhile. I'll impart what I've learned to the incoming Chair!

Questions for the SAA Council

It appears that Stephen Curley is no longer listed as the OHS' council liaison on the SAA website. Can you tell us who the current council liaison for our section is?

Performing Arts Section

Report Submitted by: Katalin Rac

Council Liaison: Rachel Winston

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
NA			

Activities

Completed:

Setting up a central work site (Google) for the committee to create and view section-related documents. Reorganization of the microsite and making committee meeting minutes accessible. Creating a survey to learn about the interests of the members. Planning and holding the annual event.

Ongoing:

Performance! the newsletter of the section, recently transformed into a blog. Monthly committee meetings.

New:

-NA

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Through the survey and the annual meeting by involving members in conversations about the archives and their work.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The annual meeting featured two talks by international performing arts archives that highlighted special practices, especially about outreach and the involvement of volunteers.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

By making the committee meeting minutes public and surveying members' professional interests.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The reorganization of the microsite and asking members in a survey about their interest were meant to communicate the committee's commitment to strengthen the connection with the membership and design programming according to their needs.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 2023 annual meeting: 20 participants

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Two presentations about the work of the Manchester Digital Music Archives and Trafo House of Contemporary Arts in Budapest, Hungary were the main programming for the meeting. These two institutions began their digital archives without professionally trained archivists, and we heard what concerns and goals governed the establishment and operation of their archives. Both presentations were equally fascinating and educative. The enthusiasm and wisdom of the presenters demonstrated the best of professionalism. Short Q&As followed the presentations. The meeting closed with announcements about the forthcoming elections.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The section at large seemed to be less interested in our programming than a year ago.

Questions for the SAA Council

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Preservation Section

Report Submitted by: Nicole Potter

Council Liaison: Alison Clemens

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Peter Botticelli	2/9/2023	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Danielle Spalenka	8/10/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

- Hosted 2 coffee chats: Preservation Education Training for Students and Emerging Professionals; Preservation of Born-digital Resources and Obsolete Media - The 2023 NDRFA Silent Auction, and the archivist-themed enamel pins donations, raised a total of \$4,440 for the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives (NDRFA).

Ongoing:

- Considered how to effectively keep in touch with members. Traditionally, the primary form of communication was via Twitter, but with the upheavals and changes to Twitter the subcommittee wanted to explore other options. We revived the SAA Pres Section Instagram account (after a journey to retrieve the login info) and have been trying to post there once a week.

New:

- Future coffee chats, subjects are to be determined. - Planning another joint Section annual meeting. - Resurrecting the SAA Preservation Section Twitter conference (or something similar on another platform) in combination with additional Preservation Week activities.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

- Preservation Week activities to raise awareness of the field and share knowledge. - Coordinate and host the annual NDRFA Silent Auction at the SAA Annual Conference.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

- Host coffee chats and other professional talks that are available for all SAA members to attend.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

- The Section tries to focus on timely topics and/or topics raised by our members. Our goal in focusing on these issues is to further conversation and advance the preservation field.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

- The Section offers a range of opportunities for engagement, from volunteers on subcommittees to attending virtual discussions to donating to the NDRFA Silent Auction. We hope that by doing this we are able to reach as wide of an audience as possible.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: Roughly 75

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The Preservation Section hosted a joint meeting with the Web Archiving and International Archival Affairs sections on June 20th, 2023. The meeting featured speakers from Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online (SUCHO). When Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, Ukraine's online cultural heritage was at risk. Three library professionals from around the world joined together to create SUCHO, and have been working to create a digital backup of Ukrainian cultural heritage websites from museums, libraries, and public archives and their digital offerings, such as 3D collections and online activities for children. SUCHO Coordinator Anna Kijas (Tufts University) and a panel of volunteers discussed how SUCHO was created and gave an overview of the project, including their goals for the future and what we as fellow Archivists can do to support their work. Short section business meeting was also part of this event.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Members are engaged--we've had good turnout at our online sessions with lots of conversations, we have several active committees. Section leadership meets monthly while subcommittees meet regularly at varying intervals. Our call for volunteers to serve on subcommittees last fall was met with enthusiasm and we hope for a similar response this year. The Listserve and social media platforms are good for information sharing.

Questions for the SAA Council

Not at this time.

Privacy and Confidentiality Section

Report Submitted by: DiAnna Hemsath

Council Liaison: Lydia Tang

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Sarah Coates	8/1/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Elizabeth Russell	8/18/2020	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

In December 2022, the Privacy and Confidentiality Section partnered with the College and University Archives Section for a coffee chat about privacy. Megan K. Friedel shared a presentation entitled: Access to Federal Law Enforcement Records at Non-Federal Public Institutions: Balancing Custody, Privacy, Records Laws, and More. (27 attendees)

Section leadership participated in the January 2023 community conversation: Legal and Ethical Considerations for Born-Digital Access, hosted by the SAA Electronic Records Section. Participants discussed a section-sponsored survey and the article “Archival discretion: a survey on the theory and practice of archival restrictions,” published in the Journal of Corporate Archival Studies. (Attendees count not shared) The Section hosted a webinar in March of 2023 entitled: Privacy and Confidentiality Section Spring Webinar: Perspectives from Private Archival Repositories. Four speakers discussed how a private repository mission impacts their views and approaches toward privacy, confidentiality, and access. Our speakers were: Mary Grace Kosta, Jamie Martin, Leslie Schuyler, and Meg Tuomala. (115 attendees)

Ongoing:

The committee sent a monthly news roundup featuring events and articles about privacy and confidentiality in the archives. Members can find previous editions of the news roundup on Restricted, our WordPress site, along with other resources, including a bibliography containing a curated list of scholarly articles that explore many facets of privacy and confidentiality in archives. The Section also continues to maintain other resources for Section members, including: Anonymous Question Form. The form provides a way to ask questions to the P&C listserv anonymously to get insight from fellow archivists. P&C Documentation Portal. The portal pulls together real examples of policies and procedures addressing privacy and confidentiality. Bibliography. The bibliography contains a curated list of scholarly articles that explore many facets of privacy and confidentiality in archives.

New:

Based on recommendations in the article “Archival discretion: a survey on the theory and practice of archival restrictions” by Lydia Tang and Katrina Windon, the 2023 Privacy and Confidentiality Section steering committee members wrote a follow-up survey to understand the impact of archival collection access restrictions on users. The survey is undergoing an IRB review and will be sent out soon. The Privacy and Confidentiality Section Steering Committee looks forward to another year of exciting events and projects meeting member needs. New projects will be driven by Section and/or Steering Committee interests.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Providing documentation and best practices about privacy and confidentiality issues to archivists to implement at home institutions through the blog, bibliography, and P&C Documentation Portal. Creating opportunities to hear expert advice through webinars and coffee chats that archivists can use to advocate for new tools, policies, and practices to their institutional leadership.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Sharing resources through our monthly news roundups, blog, bibliography, and P&C Documentation Portal. Generating conversation and learning on topics related to privacy and confidentiality in archives by creating the webinar Perspectives from Private Archival Repositories, an issue that is infrequently discussed in the profession, and through co-hosting a College and University Archives Section coffee chat with a presentation by Megan K. Friedel entitled: Access to Federal Law Enforcement Records at Non-Federal Public Institutions: Balancing Custody, Privacy, Records Laws, and More.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Aggregating and promoting resources, best practices, guides, scholarly articles, and institutional documentation through the P&C Documentation Portal, Blog, Bibliography, and Monthly News Roundups. Continuing research to understand how restrictions impact archival access and use by generating a follow-up survey to the P&C Section Steering Committee’s 2019 access restrictions survey and resulting article.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Creating and encouraging an open space to ask questions about privacy and confidentiality issues in archives through the Anonymous Question Form and setting up anonymous question chat options in live events. Using the P&C Activities Survey data to develop educational, discussion-based, and networking opportunities, including a webinar, a community conversation with the ER&S section, a coffee chat with the College and University Archives Section, and programming at our Annual Section Meeting.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 45 attendees

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Following a brief business meeting, the P&C Section hosted an open discussion using Padlet to ask and answer questions and share resources related to privacy and confidentiality. Topics included access restrictions, FERPA, reappraisal, PII, and third-party rights.

Link to Meeting Minutes: .

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The Privacy and Confidentiality Section had healthy attendance at its annual events and robust engagement through Q&A. While listserv postings tend to be minimal, Section members engage with programming and with surveys.

Questions for the SAA Council

No

Public Library Archives and Special Collections

Report Submitted by: Laura Carroll

Council Liaison: Jasmine Jones

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Secretary	Catherine Oseas	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Biz Gallo	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

The Public Library Archives and Special Collections Section Steering Committee worked over the past year to accomplish two main goals: Increase communication with our members and the larger archives community via our new blog, The Finding Aid (<https://publiclibraryarchives.wordpress.com/>) Provide resources and education regarding newspaper stewardship in public libraries. This goal was accomplished in two parts. First, our annual meeting featured talks from 3 experts in the field and second, we created a resource list on our microsite featuring statewide digitization efforts.

Ongoing:

Ongoing activities included our monthly meetings, regularly monitoring and updating the resources and newspaper digitization programs on our microsite, and continuing to create and solicit members for new content for the PLASC blog.

New:

In the next year, we will continue to build content and an audience for our blog. In addition, we will publish informational posts about section news and relevant programs for PLASC members. The 2023-2034 steering committee has brainstormed about possible topics to address in the coming year, including deaccessioning, donor relations, DIY digitization and memory labs. The committee plans to send out a short survey to members and see what members want.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

One of the main ways that PLASC helped to advocate for the profession and show the vital role of archives and archivists play was through our thematic monthly posts on our blog, The Finding Aid. Each month the post highlighted community collections in each region of the country that do an exceptional job representing archival collections and the respective heritage month, such as Asian Pacific American Month. The blog also features a series dedicated to showcasing exhibits across the country that highlight archival collections in public libraries.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The Public Library Archives and Special Collection section enhanced the professional growth of its members in several ways this year. In addition to the blog posts mentioned elsewhere in the report, we also spent substantial effort planning our annual section meeting and making sure it addressed a relevant and timely topic. The theme of this year's section was the stewardship of newspapers in public libraries. This is a pressing issue in many libraries across the country as demands for digitization increase and many local papers have moved to exclusively online publication. We featured 3 experts in the field: Justin Clark, Digital Initiatives Director at the Indiana State Library Lisa Gregory, North Carolina Digital Heritage Center Program Director Tahe Zalal, Northeast Document Conservation Center Outreach Conservator The speakers addressed issues relating to the stewardship of local newspapers at public libraries. Issues include copyright, the role of microfilm, digitization projects, preservation best practices, and the move to online-only newspapers. The goal of the program is to provide support on a variety of issues facing management of historic newspaper collections for public library archivists, and offer solutions or ideas that members might be able to use at their home institutions. To coincide with our Annual Meeting, the section created a new page on our microsite dedicated to historical newspapers digitization programs. After review of past member surveys and national reports on informational needs of archivists, the Steering Committee conducted research to locate current newspaper digitization projects throughout the United States. The goal was to have in one location a list that could be used by public library archives and special collections to reference how others in the field are handling newspaper digitization through a variety of different models. The PLASC Steering Committee now presents a list of current known active state and regional newspaper digitization project websites to support the informational needs and work of public library archives. This list is arranged alphabetically by the name of the state in which the project exists, divided into four main groups of states in that alphabetical order. The titles, descriptions, sources, and links are provided for each project based on what PLASC Steering Committee members could locate from the projects' sites. Archivists can peruse these projects through the links, without having to conduct individual searches repeatedly to locate the same information. The committee is accepting suggestions for new projects to add to this list on an ongoing basis.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

As mentioned above, in an attempt to expand professional knowledge and help our members, who often work in smaller repositories with very few staff, PLASC wanted to provide a useful resource on the stewardship of newspapers on our microsite. The list of historical newspapers digitization programs on the microsite will serve as a resource for members to reference and enhance as needed. During the section annual meeting, several attendees provided additional information that was added to the list as well as comments on the usefulness of this type of resource.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

PLASC has worked to meet our member needs by increasing our communication with our members via the listserv and The Finding Aid blog. The listserv remains an effective way for

members to request and share information. We hope that as the blog matures, we can increase member contributions and the sharing of information. The high turnout and positive feedback from the Annual Meeting also proved that our session covering the Stewardship of Newspapers in Public Libraries also met a specific need of our members for more information on this topic.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 60

Summary of Meeting Activities:

notes.): The PLASC Section Meeting was held on June 29, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM (CST). The meeting began with updates from PLASC Steering Committee members about our work over the past year. Here's an outline of the session: Welcome & introductions, Laura Carroll, PLASC Chair 2022 Steering Committee recap, and updates about Committee work over the past year Introduction of new Steering Committee members Blog update- Laura Carroll Microsite - Historic Newspaper Digitization Programs Page - Matthew Peek Stewardship of Newspapers in Public Libraries Program (see details above) Questions and wrap-up - Laura Carroll and Joanna Kolosov
Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

The PLASC Steering Committee is a very engaged group. The success of this year's annual meeting was energizing. There was increased turnout and member input throughout the presentation. Increasing member engagement remains an important goal for the coming year.

Questions for the SAA Council

None at this time.

Records Management Section

Report Submitted by: Ryan Leimkuehler

Council Liaison: Krystal Appiah

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Hillary Gatlin	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Daria Labinsky	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Jennifer Motszko	9/10/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

We held monthly steering committee meetings (September-July) and as needed meetings for major events such as RIM month (April)

Ongoing:

- We had regular steering committee member to our section blog, The Schedule. - April RIM month: We hosted a RIM Month Colloquium (attendance approx. 130) - We hosted semi-regular coffee chats re: AI and records management, email archiving, building and maintaining relationships in your organization, and RIM collaborations (attendance hovered at 90 plus per chat). - RMS Symposium, 2nd annual was a big success with roughly 120+ in attendance.

New:

N/A

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Our section continues to play a critical role in advocating for the importance of records management among archivists.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

- We created a forum via the monthly coffee chats and the colloquium for records managers to discuss records management's topics - We created a annual symposium for those who cannot attend or could not present at SAA annual meeting to discuss RM ideas, practice, and theory

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

- The RIM month Colloquium introduced a forum and a place for discourse for RIM related issues. - The RMS annual symposium is another platform for the profession to discuss current trends and needs.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

We continue to host virtual coffee chats to afford members the opportunity to talk about our communities, higher education, collaboration with IT, and government work.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 130+

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Welcome – Business Meeting and Announcements (5 – 10 minutes) –
Records Management and AI o Patricia Franks – Responsible AI: Tools, Benefits, and
Risks for Records Managers (30 minutes) o Stephanie Decker – Email and AI (30
minutes) – Questions (20 – 25 minutes)

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

I see the section as being extremely healthy, but there has been noted burnout in virtual attendance and as organizations opened to more regular business time for webinars/coffee chats has become more limited. There is high interest in the RIM Month and RMS Annual Symposium and we plan to continue these as major pillars of our section. Discussion board responses and posts is fairly consistent and engaging.

Questions for the SAA Council

We feel that on going attendance and engagement in RIM month and RMS annual symposium, with major attendance to RM presentations highlight the value and need from the community for RM topics and would like to see continued support and engagement for these efforts in wider SAA planning and events.

Science, Technology & Health Care Section

Report Submitted by: Brandon Pieczko

Council Liaison: Jasmine Jones

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Co-Chair	Chiyong (Tali) Han	8/15/2022	8/15/2024
Archival Elements Blog Committee	Jennifer Langford	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Archival Elements Blog Committee	Nora Zaldivar	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Pennington Ahlstrand	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Steering Committee Member	Brittany Contratto	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Edith Escobedo	8/15/2021	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Julia Pope	8/15/2021	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Madeleine Thompson	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Nicole Topich	8/15/2021	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Section Blog: Completed transition from publishing regularly scheduled newsletters to establishing a new "Archival Elements" blog for section news. STHC Resource Portal: developed (in collaboration with Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals in the History of the Health Sciences) an online list of resources that includes links to digital collections, curated websites, frequently used sites by our members, training and learning tools, and more:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WQlvDnaiFs8Q6vsQTvNSYyzbsEc3uW1t/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104982957599739259879&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Ongoing:

Actively maintain STHC Resource Portal by adding new resources and regularly publishing posts on Archival Elements blog

New:

In the next year we plan to revive our "coffee chat" programming throughout the year that features short presentations and round table discussions on topics of interest to section members.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The theme of the program portion of the STHC section annual meeting this year was "Demonstrating Impact in the Archives," which focused on topics such as utilizing statistics, web analytics, and other metrics to demonstrate the impact and value of archives, especially to non-archivists and other internal stakeholders. The presentations and subsequent group discussion centered around strategies for effectively advocating for archives and archivists.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The STHC section primarily contributed to enhancing professional growth by offering programming at the annual meeting and providing leadership and service opportunities for section members.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The development of the STHC Resource Portal in collaboration with an allied professional organization (Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals in the History of the Health Sciences) is an example of how the section is working to advance the field by participating "actively in relevant partnerships and collaborations to enhance professional knowledge."

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The STHC section leadership strives to meet members' needs by offering educational and leadership opportunities.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 70 (estimate)

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The business portion of the annual meeting featured a welcome by section co-chairs, a report from the section's SAA council liaison, an update from the Archival Elements blog committee, and an update on the resource portal project by the two steering committee members leading the project. The program portion of the annual meeting featured four presentations by section members on topics including reusing historical data found in archives, impact of digitizing a institution's medical journal, using AirTable to manage the migration to a new digital asset management system, and strategies and tools for capturing reference request data.

Link to Meeting Minutes: N/A

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Though one of the smaller SAA sections, the STHC section is healthy and vibrant and continues to develop new opportunities for members to engage with the section throughout the year.

Questions for the SAA Council

None at this time.

Students and New Professionals

Report Submitted by: Marissa Friedman

Council Liaison: Joyce Gabiola

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Ex Officio	Kimberlee Roberts	1/1/2023	12/31/2023

Activities

Completed:

2022-2023 Webinar Series [6 webinars]: Archives as a Second Career The National Archives and Records Administration: An Introduction SAA Orientation Writing and Publishing for Archivists [with the SAA Archivists and Archives of Color (AAC) Section] Artists Archives [with the SAA Visual Materials Section] Listening Session for Archival Educators, Students, and New Professionals [with the SAA Archival Educators Section]

Ongoing:

Member and Student Chapter Survey: administered and results collected, initial analysis complete. Continuing steering committee will write up final report and implement changes based on results in the coming leadership term.

New:

2023-2024 webinar series. Continual refinements to our blog and potential changes to how we interact with members, including possibly creating new spaces for interaction via platforms such as Discord.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

SNAP particularly focused on advocating for the value of SAA and archival organizations this year, collaborating on an SAA Orientation webinar with the Membership Committee and producing resources and blog posts to help members navigate the SAA Annual conference (and other opportunities). We also produced a blog series on mental health issues and resources for early career archivists, and consider this an important form of advocacy for the wellbeing of our members.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

SNAP particularly excels in this area, as supporting the professional development of students and emerging professionals is central to our programming series as well as our blog content. All of our webinars are freely available after the fact on our blog, and one of our long-term section goals is to add all of our recording webinars to a centralized Youtube channel for even easier

access. Another long-term goal is to build more spaces for professional interaction for our members, including implementing some combination of a listserv/Google group, Discord channel, or other platforms.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

SNAP particularly focused on section 3.3 ("Participate actively in relevant partnerships and collaborations to enhance professional knowledge.") this year, working closely with various other sections in order to produce programming that exposed members both to other SAA sections and to other areas of professional knowledge within the field, including publishing opportunities, working with arts collections, and more. Collaborating across knowledge domains and SAA sections will continue to be a core goal for SNAP moving forward, as our uniquely broad and varied membership demographics (united primarily by our status as new or emerging archivists) gives us license to diversity our programming in creative ways.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

SNAP administered a survey this year to assess our current relationship with SAA student chapters and to get feedback from all SNAP members about what kinds of programming and activities they'd like to see from SNAP in the coming year(s). As always, we welcome members to contribute their voices and perspectives to our blog or as speakers in our webinar series, and we continue to solicit member input into our activities by plugging our contact info and social media/blog presence at every opportunity. We will be publishing more about our latest survey results in the coming year to foster a sense of transparency and accountability for the section. Lastly, this past leadership term we conducted a joint listening session with the archival educators section to encourage members to share feedback about how both of these sections can, both individually and collectively, better serve LIS students.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: Unfortunately we did not make note of this, but estimate we had 40-60 folks in attendance.

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The business portion of our annual meeting included a summary and review of major section activities this year, including a highlight of our webinar series, blog content, and engagement metrics. We also reviewed major section projects, including increasing collaboration and contact with other SAA sections and developing and administering the student chapter and member survey. Then an excellent panel of both early career and mid-career archivists delivered a series of short presentations discussing how they handled change in their professional lives, whether that involved starting a new role or advancing into management, implementing new workflows, and more.

Link to Meeting Minutes: In lieu of minutes, I've attached the slides from our annual meeting to illustrate what was covered. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oky-uPmb62XshiFDOtsrleSJNLY2DOY6NKmmsL2tHzc/edit?usp=sharing>

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

SNAP continues to be a vital section with high levels of engagement, including high levels of attendance at our webinars, steady traffic to our blog (over 5,000 visitors this year) and social media platforms, and feedback from members via our survey this past year.

Questions for the SAA Council

SNAP does not have any questions or concerns for the SAA Council at this time.

User Experience Section

Report Submitted by: Faith Charlton

Council Liaison: Joyce Gabiola

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
NA			

Activities

Completed:

The User Experience Section formed early in 2023, and organized its first Annual Meeting in June. During the SAA meeting in Washington, D.C., the Section also hosted an informal meet-up, where we were able to meet Section members, chat about what members would like to see from the Section, and discuss substantive issues of user experience. The Section also put together a User Experience bibliography with input from members, which has been shared to membership. Members of the Steering Committee also completed a DLF Forum Virtual Session, “Centering Users: Developing a Community of Practice for User Experience & Archival Description,” in April 2023, which discussed the formation of the User Experience Section. Video available here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI7V7chP13IA_kGJ_NKzBzP9FUOJKSViE.

Ongoing:

The Steering Committee is finalizing the Section’s standing rules for approval in fall 2023.

New:

The Steering Committee will begin developing principles for user experience work and gathering resources related to the topic. The Steering Committee will be supporting members as they develop sub-groups that might be focused on a particular topic or issue, as well as a reading group. This is intended to make the Section an inclusive group suited for anyone interested in user experience. The Steering Committee will also be seeking additional volunteer members to join the Committee until the 2024 election cycle to support this work and ensure there is a diverse set of perspectives involved in the formation of the Section.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The Section serves as a place to develop and maintain a user experience community of practice and standards, which the profession currently lacks. Building a community of practice in this area will assure that usability work is carried out in a way that is supported by peer-to-peer and professional organizational conversations and resources and informed by standards and guidelines.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The Section is supporting the needs of professionals who would like to expand their knowledge of and engage in user experience work and providing space for those already engaged in this work to share their knowledge and expertise.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The User Experience Section is filling an unmet need in the profession around familiarity and implementation of user experience initiatives in order to better center the needs of the various users of archives. Creating a community of practice around this work will enable a wide range of archivists to explore how to engage in user experience and usability testing and advance practices in their own institutions and across the field. The creation of this section has already resulted in additional SAA membership due to information professionals' particular interest in this area of work.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Most archivists do not know how to engage in user experience work in order to center the needs of their users. The community of practice this Section develops will provide much needed resources for SAA members. In just its first months, the Section has created a bibliography around user experience work for its members, and is working with members to create topical sub-groups and a reading group per feedback received at our Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: Approximately 50

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Our meeting included a presentation from the Steering Committee with regards to the group's formation and goals, and was followed by a presentation from Meaghan O'Riordan, Archivist for Archivist for the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, regarding the National Best Practices for Accessioning group's work to this point. After a brief break, the Steering Committee held a discussion of a draft of its Standing Rules, where we received feedback and gauged interest in particular topics or efforts.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Though we are just starting out as a Section, we're pleased to note that the Section already has over 140 members and are encouraged by the fact that members have already been active and engaged, including at our Annual Meeting, casual meet-up in Washington, D.C., as well as on our member email list. We are looking forward to implementing sub-groups and reading groups per the member interest we've received and continuing to build this section and the community of practice around user experience.

Questions for the SAA Council
We do not at this time.

Visual Materials Section

Report Submitted by: Stefanie Caloia

Council Liaison: Dominique Luster

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Member-at-Large	Amanda Claunch	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Member-at-Large	Mari Khasmanyman	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Member-at-Large	Angela Schwarz	8/15/2021	9/1/2024
Newsletter Editor	Elizabeth Gadelha	8/16/2020	9/1/2024
Web Liaison	Alan Renga	5/12/2015	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Hosted “Meet and Greet” virtual event, October 4, 2022; Hosted Born Digital Visual Materials virtual discussion, January 25, 2023; Co-Hosted, with Students and New Archives Professionals Section, Artists Archives Webinar, April 11, 2023; Updated Section Standing Rules – approved by membership July 2023; Published updated Visual Materials Bibliography, July 2023; Hosted tour at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC, July 26, 2023; Hosted in-person meet-ups during SAA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, July 27 and 28, 2023

Ongoing:

Publish Views, the Visual Materials Section blog; Update and maintain microsite; Supporting Born Digital Visual Materials Working Group, February 2023-present;

New:

Fall: Virtual event to brainstorm and encourage visual-materials-related sessions for the SAA Annual Meeting; Spring: Informal information sharing virtual event; Additional member events as decided by steering committee

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

This is an area we need to work on more.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

Ongoing posts on Views blog; In-person networking meetups during Annual Meeting; Updated Visual Materials Bibliography; Artists Archives Webinar with SNAP;

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

Supporting Born Digital Visual Materials Working Group: No comprehensive guide to born digital visual materials exists, so we are creating one!

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Our conversations this year highlighted the huge need for guidance when it comes to born digital visual materials, so the creation of the Working Group is to meet our members' needs. We have maintained or increase our level of communication with members, including sharing meeting recaps where recordings were not available, through the listserv, Views blog, our microsite, and social media accounts. Other activities that meet our members' needs are: updated Visual Materials Bibliography; revised Section standing rules; in-person networking meetups during Annual Meeting; Artists Archives Webinar with SNAP;

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 75

Summary of Meeting Activities:

The meeting started with a review of Section activities over the past year, with updates from various working groups, including remarks by the chair of the Born Digital Visual Materials Working Group, Stephen Fletcher. Then we had two presentations on visual material reparative description projects by Lillianne Keaney, Harvard; and Sara Pezzoni, University of Texas at Arlington and Stephanie Luke, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; followed by two "lightning talks" on general visual materials topics by Joan Beaudoin, Wayne State University, and Paige Adair, Portman Archives, concluding with Q&A time.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

Our members seem eager for more from the Section. While our programs got off to a slow start with about 20 in attendance for our meet and greet, our more focused conversation on born-digital visual materials attracted a larger crowd of almost 60, with several others who could not attend reaching out for information. Attendees at that event were very engaged, contributing verbally and in the chat about their experiences and issues with born-digital visual materials. This is clearly an area of need and that is why we formed the Born Digital Visual Materials Working Group. We are very excited to see the outcome! Our in-person events at SAA attracted some good groups as well, especially our casual networking meetup on Friday morning, July 28. The group was engaged in discussion as a whole and in smaller groups on their experiences and concerns. We just need to keep offering opportunities for learning and connection and members will respond. We have struggled, as some other sections have, with finding volunteers for steering committee positions and many of our activities (with the exception of the Born Digital group – lots of interest in that!). But our current group is dedicated and reliable and passionate about the work. Hopefully more people will become

involved as we continue to make the Section visible and offer activities and materials that people want.

Questions for the SAA Council

None at this time.

Web Archiving Section

Report Submitted by: Susan Paterson

Council Liaison: Tonia Sutherland*

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Secretary	Allison Fischbach	8/15/2022	9/1/2024
Education Coordinator	Amanda Greenwood	8/15/2022	9/1/2024

Activities

Completed:

Coffee Chat no.1 (March 29, 2023): Research Use of Web Archives, speaker Ian Milligan
Coffee Chat no.2 (May 10, 2023): The Rise of Collaboration Spaces at Work and the Challenges for Archivists, speaker Julien Masanes
Conversation Lounge at SAA Annual Meeting (July 27, 2023): Working with Traumatic Collections/Materials
8 blog posts from November 2022-June 2023, including 3 international guest bloggers; 30 Tweets from November 2022 - May 2023.

Ongoing:

Coffee Chats, Blog posts, Twitter posts and retweets, SAA Listserv communications

New:

Poll section members about coffee chat/blog post content; increase content focus for social media engagement; and actively solicit blog content from early-career professionals and student members. Increase international presence of the section.

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

This past year, the Web Archiving Section (WAS) advocated for archives and archivists through our online outreach activities. Our first virtual Coffee Chat held on Zoom, "Research Use of Web Archives," was with Dr. Ian Milligan, professor of history and Associate Vice-President Research Oversight and Analysis at the University of Waterloo. Dr. Milligan addressed why web archives matter, key web archiving terminology, the broader research landscape of web archives, web archives as research objects, and how they are indispensable for studying contemporary culture. He also mentioned the importance of web archives in documenting history and how national libraries and archives around the world are collaborating with the Internet Archive to collect over 200 PBs of unique web data including more than 682 billion URLs. He argued that the work being done by archives and archivists is indispensable and that it would be virtually impossible to do a thorough study of the 1990s without using web archives. The presentation was well attended with over 150 registrants. Our second virtual Coffee Chat held on Zoom,

"The Rise of Collaboration Spaces at Work and the Challenges for Archivists," featured Julien Masanès, CEO of Hanzo Archives. Dr. Masanès is a pioneer in the field of web archiving and served as CEO of Internet Memory Research and the Internet Memory Foundation. He co-founded and directed the European Archive, and directed the Web Archiving Project at the Bibliothèque nationale de France, as well as participated in the creation of the International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC). There were over 121 registrants for this session which focused on the collaborative applications in the workplace. This year's blog posts had 782 blog views from August 2022- June 2023. These posts, which included WAS steering committee authors and authors from the general section membership, advocated for international archives and archivists. For example, a blog post by guest blogger Gyula Kalcsó, web archiving team leader at the National Széchényi Library (NSZL) in Budapest Hungary, wrote about the thematic collections at NSZL. David Gomes, Head of Arquivo.pt wrote. Archiving the Web as a Public Service, and discussed how Arquivo.pt, a Portuguese based web archive service, helps provide research resources and assists in searching for information from the past that is no longer available on the web.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

The Web Archiving Section (WAS) provided opportunities for members to network and share knowledge. In addition to the Coffee Chats, an important example is our collaboration with the International Affairs and the Preservation committees on a joint 2023 Annual Section Meeting. The previous year, we collaborated with a related format-based section; the Performing Arts Section. This year, WAS collaborated with the Preservation and International Affairs sections to showcase how web archives intersect with other facets of archival practice, including international web archiving initiatives and the preservation of digital materials. The joint meeting also introduced members of other sections to web archiving practice and demonstrated the potential of web archives for rapid collection initiatives.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The Web Archiving Section (WAS) featured members' work and contributions to the field in Coffee Chats, in blog posts, and through Twitter. The concerted effort to focus on an international web archiving landscape highlighted other web archives that SAA members might not have known about. WAS emphasizes the importance of web archiving work and how the work being done by archivists is critical in preserving history and creating records for researchers. Coffee chats emphasized the new ways web materials are being used by creators and researchers. Ian Milligan illuminated how new tools for processing and understanding web data in the aggregate create new understandings. Likewise, Julian Masanès discusses how the complexity of web-based social networking tools affect the ability to collect records. Both chats addresses new and highly relevant advances in web archiving and introduced members to new concepts in the collection and representation of archival web materials.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

The high attendance at both of our Zoom Coffee Chats, held steady from last year. The ongoing interest in our section indicates that virtual offerings throughout the year are a need of our members that is being met.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: At least 100. SAA has not provided the section with statistics.

Summary of Meeting Activities:

This was a joint section meeting with the International Affairs and Preservation Committees. Chairs of each section gave business meeting updates and year-end summaries. Anna Kigas (Tufts University); Erica Peaslee (ALM, Centurion Solutions, LLC); Anna Rakityanskaya (Harvard University Libraries) and Kiley Jolicoeur (Syracuse University Libraries) presented on Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online (SUCHO), a global grassroots initiative to safeguard the digital cultural heritage of Ukraine amidst the ongoing Russian invasion. The presentations were followed by a moderated question-and-answer session.

Link to Meeting Minutes: <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/web-archiving-section/2023-was-annual-section-meeting-recap>

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

We had a small but mighty section this year. Two of our members vacated their positions as one took on a new role and the other member left the committee. As a result, we had more work to do as it was spread out between 4 members as opposed to 6. I couldn't have asked for a better group to lead as they were motivated, provided great ideas and content for coffee chats, blog posts and other web archiving section activities. Despite the loss of our Communications position, our Education coordinator, Vice-Chair and Secretary were all wonderful with contributing to social media posts. Twitter engagement was slightly down but this could be due to the tenuous situation of Twitter (X). The WAS Twitter account maintains 1,669 followers, and this year's posts received 75 "likes." Attendance at our two Coffee Chats was high (over 150 attendees total), so the content we offer is certainly of interest both inside and outside SAA. We had a high election candidate turnout for the position of Student Member with 5 submissions. Seeking candidates for elections and speakers for section meetings, as in previous years, remains a challenge. Committee members sent personal invitations to potential speakers as well as for candidate slots in the election. Overall, the Web Archiving Section serves a portion of SAA members and broadens the perspective of how archivists can shape the historical record.

Questions for the SAA Council

We would like to have an improved communication stream with news and announcements relating to our section. Over the past 2 years, our Council Liaison made no effort to either get in touch with our section or respond to announcements. This was unfortunate and we had to rely on the kindness of other council liaisons or the SAA

office staff for assistance. Hopefully, with our new Liaison (which we were not made aware of) the situation will improve. In alternate years, which will be next year (2024-25), our section steering committee roles rotate off too many at one time which creates extreme pressure come election time; 5 of our 6 steering committee positions will rotate off next year. The alternate year's heavy turnover also leaves a large gap in section leadership continuity and memory. I hope that our section liaison/the SAA Council can actively work with next year's steering committee to remedy this issue to ease the work of future professional service volunteers.

Women's Archivist Section

Report Submitted by: Michelle Pollock

Council Liaison: Was Rachel Winston, now Michelle Ganz

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
Steering Committee Member	Rebecca Fenning Marschall	8/15/2022	9/1/2025
Steering Committee Member	Jennifer Johnson	8/15/2022	9/1/2025

Activities

Completed:

Zoom meeting collaborating with the Accessibility and Disability Section about chronic illness for women in archives.

Ongoing:

Continued collaboration with various sections about issues that are relevant to women in archives, including with the Archival Worker's Collective

New:

TBD

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Learning about and discussing how to support women archivists with chronic illness in our discussion with the Accessibility and Disability section.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

N/A

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

3.3. Participate actively in relevant partnerships and collaborations to enhance professional knowledge - coordinating with other sections and groups to discuss issues relevant to women archivists

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Sending out surveys for what the membership would like to see in the future, discussing relevant topics to women archivists in our monthly zoom meetings

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 26 (approx)

Summary of Meeting Activities:

We had a discussion about gender and equity issues in our profession. We discussed where conversations are happening around representation and inclusivity which impact the majority of the profession. We discussed ways we can work together with other sections and SAA to bring these conversations together.

Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

I think they would be more engaged if our section steering committee was willing to be more engaged; we have had difficulty getting off the ground with our series collaborating with other sections about issues pertaining to women archivists. I think our section has a lot to offer SAA membership if we can gain some momentum.

Questions for the SAA Council

It would be great to have a more present council member than we've had in the past.

Women's Collections Section

Report Submitted by: Alex McGee and Mattie Clear

Council Liaison: Krystal Appiah

Steering Committee Roster

Position	Name	Term Start	Term End
NA			

Activities

Completed:

Lessons Learned from Covid-19 Pandemic Blog Post series; Women's collections reparative description on microsite

Ongoing:

Continued blog series-focus TBD

New:

Related Resources to Women's Collections list

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

Ongoing project to add reparative description to our microsite reflects SAA goal to ensure completeness, diversity and accessibility of historical record.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

This year's COVID-19 lessons learned blog series provided educational content that reflects latest thinking in women's collections.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

As a result of our conversations about reparative description, we realized there wasn't a readily available list of resources to turn to when preparing to embark on such work.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs

Blog series and resource lists have provided an avenue for members of the profession to share out relevant collections, exhibits and events with the community, fostering an inclusive community for archivists. Both initiatives came from conversations with our section members during our coffee hours.

Annual Meeting 2023

Number of Attendees: 22

Summary of Meeting Activities:

Welcome/Announcements (Alex 5-10 minutes) Discussion (Ashley & Thera) 20 minutes
What do you want to see in the next year? SAA Liaison updates Election info (Thera 10 minutes) Blog updates (Ashley 10 minutes) Successful Coffee Hour (Alex 10 minutes)
Resource document (Mattie 5-10 minutes) Break (10 minutes) Presentation (Ashley introduce - 15-20 minutes) "Recovering and Telling Our Stories: Teaching Latina Stories of Migration to Iowa" by María Marroquín Pérez Presentation w/ Ben Documenting the Moment of a Movement: The Women's Marches Dismissal (Mattie 5-10 minutes)
Link to Meeting Minutes:

Self-Assessment

How would you describe the health or energy of your section? How engaged are your members?

We feel that bandwidth of our members is the biggest challenge these days. Another zoom meeting, another email can be overwhelming and often are the first things cut in order to meet the demands of our day jobs. However, the discussion section of the annual section meeting showed that there was a lot of interest and ideas for how the section can expand and operate to meet members' interests more directly. The ideas shared offered some exciting food for thought for the new slate of leadership. Additionally, the participation from members in our blog posts series and resource list illustrate the interest and need for this space.

Questions for the SAA Council

We took a vote of our members on what they would prefer to happen to our section after our annual meeting. 41% of voters voted to become a discussion group; 37% voted to merge with Women's Archivists and 18.5% voted to merge with DSGS and 18.5% didn't know what they wanted.