

SSA/CIMA Joint Conference May 23-26, 2012

Wednesday May 23, 1pm-5pm / Registration table

Wednesday May 23 – pre-conference workshops

9:00 am-5:00 pm / Workshops

Legal Issues with Digital Archives (SAA DAS)

Instructor: Howard Besser

This one-day course covers legal issues specific to archives of digital material. During this course you'll examine the most common legal issues around electronic records including copyright, digital rights management, acquiring and securing rights for particular uses of records, basic privacy issues, and providing access to sensitive materials. You'll look at the basic text of a number of federal statutes, but most of your time will be spent examining both hypothetical and real cases. The focus of the day will be on how to think through and identify options for resolving the most common legal issues around a particular set of electronic records.

Basics of Archives

Instructor: Melanie Sturgeon

A strong archives program puts into practice long standing archival principles. What are those principles and how do you implement them? This workshop will provide an overview of basic archival functions, including appraisal and accessioning, arrangement and description, preservation, and reference. Gain a greater understanding of the role of the archives in fulfilling the mission of your institution!

1:00PM-5:00 pm / Workshop

Paper Preservation Issues and Conservation Techniques

Instructor: Michael Fraiser

Preservation planning and conservation techniques for paper documents and published pages will be discussed in this fast paced 4 hour lecture. With a focus on archival and manuscript materials, your instructor will discuss paper making history, archival storage, temperature and relative humidity, and other issues. Demonstrations will include paper cleaning and mending, paper humidification and flattening, de-acidification, backing with paper, and encapsulation. If time allows, we will address case specific issues; so participants are encouraged to bring sample items with them for discussion and evaluation.

Wednesday May 23, 1-5pm – SSA Board meeting at hotel

Thursday May 24, 7:30am-4:30pm / Registration table

Thursday 8-9:30 / Plenary session

Thursday 9:30-10 / Break with vendors (exhibitors) with light snacks

Thursday 10-11:30 am / sessions

Improving the Discovery and Access of Archival Content Through Institutional Repositories:

- *Presenters:* Julia Stringfellow, Boise State University (chair); Marianne Buehler, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Clint Pumphrey, Utah State University; Andrew Wesolek, Utah State University
- Institutional repositories and open access of information have greatly increased at universities in the last few years. While this has provided faculty scholarship to more researchers, it has also allowed a larger audience to view online content from Special Collections and Archives departments in these institutional repositories. This session will look at three institutional repositories and their procedures in determining what content to add to their university's IR vs. another content system, adding born-digital content vs. scanning and adding paper-based materials, and the ways this has allowed more audiences to access these collections.

Educate, Mentor, Lead:

- *Presenters:* Gerrienne Schaad, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum (chair); Christina Wolf, Oklahoma City University; Kate Blalack, Oklahoma State University Library; Melissa Gonzales, University of Texas at Arlington; Jan Davis, Archives and Records Commission, Oklahoma City, OK
- While teaching others, we teach ourselves. Four archivists at various stages in their careers will lead a panel discussion regarding their experiences educating student workers, interns, volunteers, staff, inadvertent archivists, and the general public. They will also talk about how mentoring others helps us as archivists become better leaders in our places of employment, and ultimately, in the archival field.

Demystifying Digital Storage:

- *Presenters:* Lauren Goodley, Texas General Land Office; Michele Reilly, University of Houston Libraries
- Do you have digital stuff? Want to keep it? In this session we'll share key concepts, considerations, and strategies for storing and protecting your digital materials. Whether you are new to the digital game, or would like a refresher, all are welcome to join us to learn about some basic digital preservation steps. The presentation will be very high-level and conceptual, with examples and discussion, but no consulting questions or detailed discussion of tools.

Thursday 11:30-1pm / Lunch on your own

Thursday 1:00-2:30pm / sessions

If You Build it They Will Come: Consortial Finding Aid Sites Forum

- *Presenters:* Stephanie Malmros, Briscoe Center for American History, UT Austin (chair); Kathlene Ferris, University of New Mexico; Merrilee Proffitt, OCLC Research - ArchiveGrid
- Join the panelists for a dynamic discussion of collaborative efforts to improve and enhance researchers' access to EAD finding aids at the state, regional and national level via Texas Archival Resources Online, the Western Archival Network and ArchiveGrid.

Arizona's Collaborative Archives Community

- *Presenters:* Libby Coyner, Arizona State Archives (chair); Jonathan Pringle, Northern Arizona University for "Arizona Archives Matrix ;" Todd Welch, Northern Arizona University for "Arizona Archives Online"; Richard Prouty, Arizona State Library for "Arizona Memory Project"
- This panel will highlight the collaborative archives projects in Arizona, from the macro down to the micro level. Libby Coyner will comment on the annual Archives Summit (annual meeting to discuss collaboration), Jonathan Pringle will talk about the Archives Matrix project (collaborative collection development tool), Todd Welch will describe Arizona Archives Online (EAD consortium), and Richard Prouty will discuss the Arizona Memory Project (collaborative website featuring digital content from institution around the state).

More Precious than Gold: Exhibits and Outreach

- *Presenters:* Sarah Langsdon, Weber State University (chair); Tom Sommer, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Paula Mitchell, Southern Utah University
- Special Collections and Archives can promote public outreach and awareness of their actual and digital collections through hosting events and celebrations. Anniversaries can be a good way to accomplish this. Panelists from Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas, Southern Utah University and Weber State University will discuss their experiences.

Documenting the Borderlands: Stewards in the Field (Part I of II)

- *Presenters:* Linda Whitaker, Arizona Historical Foundation (moderator); Dr. Gregory Hess, Pima County Medical Examiner; Kat Rodriguez, Coalición de Derechos Humanos
- This session will provide insight into the creators of Borderland records. The panelists - a medical examiner and a grass roots activist - are records creators working both within and outside of borderland public policy. They will describe the obligations, tensions, obstacles and synergies of record keeping and reporting in their own politically charged environment.

Thursday 2:30-3pm / Break with vendors (exhibitors) with light snacks

Thursday 3-4:30pm / sessions

Crossing State Lines for Collaborative Newspaper Digitization

- *Presenters:* Jennifer Day, Oklahoma Historical Society (chair); Mallory Newell, Oklahoma Historical Society; Ana Krahmer, Coordinator Digital Newspaper Program, University of North Texas; Chad Williams, Oklahoma Historical Society Research Division
- The Oklahoma Historical Society and the University of North Texas Libraries have joined forces to build the Portal to Oklahoma History to preserve and digitize Oklahoma's historically-significant newspapers. Funded in part by the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation and modeled after the Portal to Texas History, this project merges the University of North Texas Libraries' technological capacity with Oklahoma's treasure trove of content. The collaboration will provide the greatest amount of access to Oklahoma newspapers published prior to 1923 at a low cost while preserving Oklahoma's newspapers in digital form. This presentation will discuss how the two institutions are merging their resources in order to complete the project.

Being All We Can Be: Innovative Outreach, Access, and Research at the Vietnam Archive

- *Presenters:* Katrina Jackson (chair); Amy Mondt; Sheon Montgomery; Anna Mallett ; all of the Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University
- The Vietnam Archive has been highly successful in the innovation of outreach, access and patron research. We provide cultural events, exhibits, lectures and conferences to enrich archival holdings and strengthen donor, patron and public relations. Our virtual archive serves as an outreach and research tool and has changed the ways patrons discover materials. To compliment this, the keyword thesaurus, an access tool, provides online researchers with context and additional closely related terms to expand research.

Archival Institutions in the West: Three Histories

- *Presenters:* Dr. David Gracy III (chair); Su Kim Chung, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Linda Meyer, Colorado State University; Cory Nimer, Brigham Young University
- The historical development of the archives profession and archival institutions has often been neglected in the professional literature. Nowhere is this omission more glaring than in the West. This session will feature three presentations on the history and development of archival institutions in the West, in particular the inter-mountain region. Presenters will consider the history of archival institutions in Nevada, Utah and Colorado with some emphasis on the factors that have challenged the development of archives in the West.

Borderlands panel: Stewards in the Field (Part II of II)

- *Presenters:* Linda Whitaker, Arizona Historical Foundation (moderator); Chrystal Carpenter, University of Arizona (chair); Charles Stanford, New Mexico State University; Peter Steere, Tohono O'odham and Bernard Siquieros, Nation Cultural Center and Museum
- Archivists and record keepers who live and work in the borderlands function in a politically-charged environment. They also know it is nuanced and complex. The normally routine duties of building collections, diversifying holdings and filling gaps in the historical record are increasingly unpredictable and often lead into uncharted territory. Two panelists representing academic repositories and two representatives from the Tohono O'odham Nation discuss the problems they encounter and the strategies they use to overcome them.

Thursday evening 6pm-8pm: SSA/CIMA Reception at Mesa Arts Center

Friday May 25, 8am-1pm / Registration table

Friday 9:30-10am / Break with exhibitors / light snacks

Friday 10-11:30am / sessions

SSA Past, Present & Future

Annual session where the leadership of SSA attends and facilitates discussion. At this informal meet and greet, you can learn about the organization, our meetings, educational opportunities, how to get involved, and make new contacts. The session is intended for new members and old - we look forward to hearing all questions and suggestions.

Route 66 Archives and Research Collaborative

- *Presenters:* Kaisa Barthuli, National Parks Service, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program (moderator and participant); Sean Evans, Northern Arizona University; Jennifer Day, Oklahoma Historical Society
- Scholarship regarding America's "Mother Road" takes many forms, guidebooks, histories, social and economic studies, as well as the popular culture iconography. A recent collaboration between Federal, State, and private institutions is working to bring more attention to the historical record of Route 66. The National Park Service (NPS) is collaborating with archival institutions along the route to develop the Route 66 Archives and Research Collaborative, or "Route 66 ARC". The mission of Route 66 ARC is to stimulate the collection and preservation of historical records, and increase their accessibility to the public. Ten institutions have partnered with the NPS as key repositories and have contributed significantly to the development of the initiative. Current goals are to promote the archives; identify important Route 66 collections throughout the states; encourage cross-collaboration between archives, libraries and museums; and develop a website to serve as a rich resource of archival information to help preserve the memory and materials of the route.
- Panelists Jennifer Day and Sean Evans represent two of the ten institutions in ARC, and Kaisa Barthuli represents the NPS. Each

panelist will speak briefly regarding the history of the road in their state and how they contribute to the goals of ARC. Ms. Barthuli will explain the contribution of the NPS to the collaborative and the relationship between historic preservation and archives from a federal perspective.

Friday 11:30-1PM / Lunch on your own

Friday 1-2:30 / sessions

Six Years and Counting: The Evolution of MPLP

- *Presenters:* Mike Strom, Wyoming State Archives (chair); Stephanie Malmros, Briscoe Center for American History, UT Austin; Dennis Meissner, Minnesota Historical Society; Claudia Thompson, University of Wyoming, American Heritage Center
- A panel discussion on how MPLP has been implemented to make processing more efficient, with specific examples concerning re-processing collections and bringing donors into the appraisal process more fully. Some of the misconceptions about MPLP's key messages will also be discussed.

Digital Order and Disk Imaging (Student Projects in Digital Preservation)

- *Presenters:* Dr. Pat Galloway and students from the University of Texas iSchool
- Work on digital preservation at the School of Information, University of Texas at Austin, has begun to standardize on accomplishing capture of digital objects through the use of forensic imaging technology. In this session students will present their work on three class projects demonstrating and explaining the use of this technology on different media and content and the issues it raises.

Improving Access to Archival Collections: Finding Aid delivery & Microformats

- *Presenters:* Cory Nimer, Brigham Young University (chair); Max Evans, Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Gordon Daines, Brigham Young University; Amanda Focke, Rice University; Danielle Plumer, Digital Projects Consultant
- This session will examine how archivists are seeking to improve access to their collections. A variety of techniques including the use of innovative finding aid delivery tools, a survey of ways finding aids are currently presented and the value of micro-formats will be discussed.

Friday 2:30-3pm / Break with vendors (exhibitors) with light snacks

Friday 3-4:30 / sessions

Student Poster Sessions

- *Coordinators:* Lauren Goodley, Texas State General Land Office; Lisa Cruces, Graduate Student at University of Texas at Austin, School of Information
- Students will present posters at the Student Poster Session, providing an opportunity for SSA and CIMA members to meet incoming professionals and learn about new topics, projects, and research in the field. It's also a great chance for students to present their work in a professional arena, participate in the annual meeting, and meet archives professionals (and potential employers!). The poster session is open to all Master's and PhD candidates who are pursuing a career in archives or the related fields of museum studies and public history. Posters generally present a semester-long or longer project or research study.

Working Together: Strengthening the Archival Community

- *Presenters:* Gordon Daines, Brigham Young University (moderator); Charles Stanford, New Mexico State University, representing CIMA; Thomas Sommers, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, representing the *Journal of Western Archives* and *Western Roundups*; Carol Bartels, The Historic New Orleans Collection, representing SSA; Lee Miller, Tulane University, discussing SAA and the regionals
- This panel will discuss the role of regional archival associations and how they are working together. It will also examine how regional associations interact with the Society of American Archivists. Plenty of time will be left for audience members to share their ideas on how we can strengthen the archival community.

The Asian Pacific and the American West: Illustrations of the Archival Record During and Post World War II

- *Presenters:* Michael Lotstein, Yale University (chair and presenter); Philip Montgomery, Texas Medical Center Library, John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center; Karen Green, The National Atomic Testing Museum
- This session will provide a detailed sampling of archival collections documenting the cultural and political histories of the Japanese and Japanese Americans (Issei, Nissei, and Sansei) in the 20th century American west as well as records documenting the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission's study of the survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and records recounting U.S. atomic bomb testing in the Marshall Islands and their impact on the American participants and the Marshallese.

Friday evening / SSA 40th Anniv. Party at hotel (separate ticket item)

Saturday 8-10am / SSA breakfast / business mtg / SLOTTO

Saturday 8-10am / CIMA breakfast

Saturday 10-11:30 / sessions

Truly, Madison-ly, Deeply: Experiences at the Archives Leadership Institute

- *Presenters:* ALI Alumnae including Brenda Gunn, Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin; Max Evans, Senior Archives Advisory, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; John Slate, Dallas Municipal Archives; Gerriane Schaad, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
- The Archives Leadership Institute (ALI), an NHPRC grant-funded workshop held on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, is an important professional development opportunity for mid-career and emerging archival leaders. Setting the stage will be a presentation on the background and context for a leadership institute for the archives professional. Two ALI alumni will discuss the institute's course content and effectiveness, as well as lessons learned from this engaging program. Plenty of time will be allotted for group discussion. Other ALI alumni and anyone considering applying are encouraged to attend.

The Design Workshop Archive and Digital Collection

- *Presenters:* Todd Welch, Northern Arizona University (chair); Brad Cole, Utah State University Libraries; Cheryl Walters, Utah State University Libraries; Hillary Osborne, Associate Design Workshop Inc.
- This session deals with the Design Workshop Archive and Digital Collection, a collaborative project involving Utah State University Libraries, the University's Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning Dept. and Design Workshop, an architectural firm based in Denver, Colorado. The story of this project will be told from the above three perspectives. Issues discussed will include evolution of protocols to assist firm principals in determining which projects and materials should be archived, strategies for handling diverse formats (obsolete through born digital), and innovative ways to broaden discovery, access and use of these design materials through digital collections and learning objects.

Saturday 12-2pm / SSA Board mtg in hotel with lunch