Plans and Strategies for the Future of Archives
Society of Georgia Archivists 2014 Annual Meeting
November 6-7, 2014
Classic Center, Athens, Georgia
Many thanks to our sponsors:
Thursday, November 6

7:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Registration

8:30–9:30 A.M.

Welcome by Courtney Chartier (President, SGA) and Keynote by Rich Mendola (Enterprise CIO and Sr. Vice Provost for Library Services & Digital Scholarship, Emory University)

9:30–10:00 A.M. Poster and demonstration display; beverage break

Posters and demonstrations:

Cutting Your Grant Teeth: The GAM Spotlight on Archives Grant
Carol Waggoner-Angleton, Georgia Regents University

The Complexities of Preserving Sacramental Records
Angelique M. Richardson, CA, Archdiocese of Atlanta, Office of Archives and Records

Takes from the Knowledge Box: Georgia College's Archives-led Institutional Repository
Joshua F. Kitchens, Georgia College

Taming the Born Digital Beast (or at least trying to)
Erin Lawrimore and Richard Cox, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Wired Archives: Ensuring Visibility via the Application of Web 2.0 Tools
Kristin H. Morgan, Emory University

Morning Breakout Sessions

Everyday Digital Archives: How Is SGA Feeling about Digital Stewardship?
This series of four breakout discussion sessions will serve as an engaging culmination of SGA’s Everyday Digital Archives outreach campaign, which has aimed to make digital archives stewardship feel more “every day.” Participants will discuss current challenges, what’s working, and support needed from the profession. Findings will be shared with the membership at large and will inform SGA’s future digital archiving-related outreach, education, and programming.

10:00–11:00 A.M.

Session 1, Breakout session: Acquisitions

This breakout group will discuss current practices and challenges related to acquiring digital archives. Topics will include collection development, donor relations, and policies and procedures for accessioning digital materials. Wendy will facilitate the discussion and document emerging trends and critical gaps as they are identified throughout the session.

Discussion leader: Wendy Hagenmaier, Georgia Institute of Technology
10:00–11:00 A.M.
**Session 2, Breakout session: Access**
Olympia II
This breakout group will discuss current practices and challenges related to providing access to digital archives. Topics will include policies regarding access, venues for access (reading room, online, etc.), and how archivists can understand and assess the modes of access needed by users. Heather will facilitate the discussion and document emerging trends and critical gaps as they are identified throughout the session.
**Discussion leader:** Heather Oswald, Kennesaw State University

11:00–12:00 P.M.
**Session 3, Breakout session: Processing**
Olympia I
This breakout group will discuss current practices and challenges related to processing digital archives. Topics will include examining how archivists are defining “processing” for digital archives, and the policies, workflows, and tools they are using to arrange and describe digital records. Cathy will facilitate the discussion and document emerging trends and critical gaps as they are identified throughout the session.
**Discussion leader:** Cathy Miller, NARA, Atlanta

11:00–12:00 P.M.
**Session 4, Breakout session: Digital**
Olympia II
This breakout group will discuss current practices and challenges in storing and preserving digital archives. Topics will include preservation metadata, storage approaches, and relevant workflows and tools. Erika will begin this session with a brief description of MARBL’s ongoing work in these areas and will document emerging trends and critical gaps as they are identified throughout the breakout discussion.
**Discussion leader:** Erika Farr, Emory University

12:00–1:15 P.M.
Lunch and SGA Business Meeting
Parthenon

1:15–2:40 P.M.
**Session 5, A Place in the Archives: Building collections that document local LGBT communities**
Olympia I
How do several Georgia repositories acquire, preserve and provide access to unique materials that document the history, culture and diversity of LGBTQ communities? Join us for a discussion about efforts and strategies for reaching out to donors and organizations, developing collaborative oral history projects, and dealing with issues particular to these collections.
**Speakers:**
- Morna Gerard, Georgia State University
- Heather Oswald, Kennesaw State University
- Anne Graham, Kennesaw State University
- Lauran Whitworth, Emory University
- Paul Crater, Atlanta History Center
1:15–2:40P.M.
Session 6, Managing Digitization
Georgia State University Library has a small digitization unit that creates a large amount of output. The unit comprises three full-time employees. The unit’s success is the result of adherence to established standards and workflows that create an efficient infrastructure. GSU’s digital projects staff will share strategies for streamlining production and project management. They will discuss simple methods for ensuring consistency and efficiency in your digital projects program, no matter the size of your staff.

Speakers:
  Katheryn Michaelis, Georgia State University
  Jeremy Bright, Georgia State University
  Olivia Carlisle, Georgia State University

2:40–3:10P.M.
Afternoon Cupcake Bar break sponsored by Preservation Technologies, L.P.
Grab a cupcake and visit our vendors!

Mentee/Mentor Meet and Greet (Mentoring Table in the pre-conference area)

3:10–4:35P.M.
Session 7, Who You Gonna Call?
A critical component in preparing an institutional disaster plan is to identify resources available to cultural heritage organizations before disaster strikes. Georgia has two local emergency networks whose members have an interest and specialized training in disaster planning and recovery for cultural collections. Learn about these networks and how they coordinate with the state’s emergency response framework.

Speakers:
  Christine Wiseman, Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA)
  Lynette Stoudt, Savannah Heritage Emergency Response (SHER)
  Kim Norman, Conservator Georgia Archives
  Venessa Sims, ESF-11 coordinator for the state (Department of Agriculture)

3:10–4:35P.M.
Session 8, Managing Our Digital Assets
This session will cover practical approaches used at the special collections libraries at the University of Georgia for accessioning, processing, preserving, and providing access to electronic records. The focus will be on how we are adapting free tools, or tools that were already in use at our libraries, to address the needs of electronic records as well as criteria for deciding on content. The talks offer the perspective of a political archives, manuscript archives, and media archives.

Speakers:
  Steve Armour, Hargett Library, University of Georgia
  Adriane Hanson, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies, University of Georgia
  Alex Kroh, Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection
  Donnie Summerlin, Digital Library of Georgia
5:00–7:00 P.M. Reception and silent auction at the Special Collections Libraries of the University of Georgia (directions in registration packet). The reception is sponsored by Crawford Media Services, Inc., and space was donated by UGA Libraries.

Friday, November 7

8:30-9:15 A.M. Registration

9:15–10:00 A.M.
Plenary Speaker Kate Theimer, Archives blogger and writer (ArchivesNext)

10:00–10:30 A.M. Poster and demonstration display; beverage break

10:30–12:00 P.M. Olympia I
Session 9, On ArchivesSpace: Introducing, Assessing, and Exploring the Collection Management Software
ArchivesSpace, one of the newest collection management programs, has generated much interest in the archival community. This session explores ArchivesSpace, its functionality, and how some Georgia archives are assessing and implementing it.
Speakers:
Sheila McAllister, Digital Library of Georgia
Eleanor Dickson, Emory University
Jody Thompson, Georgia Institute of Technology
Douglas Goans, Georgia Institute of Technology
Angela Stanley, Athens-Clarke County Public Library
Natalie Wright, Athens-Clarke County Public Library

10:30–12:00 P.M. Olympia II
Session 10, From Classrooms to Key Communities: The Bridge to Life Long Learning
This session will highlight how repositories can work with volunteers, schools, and faculty to promote the collections and educate the public about our holdings and procedures. It will cover the best ways to train volunteers as well as offering outreach plans for K-12 and university level students.
Speakers:
Josh Hogan, Atlanta History Center
Gabrielle Dudley, Emory University
Mary Miller, Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection