Archives as Community: Building Bridges and Sustaining Relationships

Society of Georgia Archivists 2015 Annual Meeting
October 22-23, 2015
Columbus Marriott, Columbus, Georgia
Thursday, October 22
7:30 A.M.-3:00P.M. Registration

8:30–9:30A.M. Empire Mills Room

Welcome by Sarah Quigley (President, SGA) and

Keynote by Dr. Jeannette Bastian (Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Director of the Archives Management concentration, Simmons College)

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

Posters and demonstrations:
- Documenting Disability: The Georgia Disability History Archive
  Mat Darby, Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies, UGA
- History on the Lawn: Documenting Oconee County’s Past
  Allison Galloup, University of North Georgia
- A Communal Rock: Sustaining a Community Archives in Flat Rock, GA
  JoyEllen Freeman, Clayton State University
- “Bobby Jones: the Game of Life:” A Case Study in Expanding Archival Exhibitions
  Kristin Morgan, MARBL, Emory University

10:00-11:00 A.M.
Session 1, Thinking Cyber: Straddling the Cyber-Heritage Gap
Chattahoochee Room

Archives are increasingly reliant upon IT professionals to assist them in planning and implementing acquisition, preservation, outreach, and access initiatives. The speakers will discuss strategies for collaboration, with a particular focus on relationship development and communication tactics, as well as an examination of analytics and how IT can continually improve the way that archivists assess the impact of collections.

Speakers:
Jim Havron, Albert Gore Research Center, Middle Tennessee State University
Tommy Brown, Auburn University

Session 2, International Archives Training in Belize
Pemberton Room

Details a weeklong for-credit class offered by Deborah S. Davis and Joshua Kitchens in Belize in May 2015. The speakers taught the Belizean archival community classes on appraisal, preservation, description, digitization, and digital preservation. This international partnership strengthened ties between professionals in the two countries and helped ensure the ongoing preservation of archives globally.

Speakers:
Deborah S. Davis, Valdosta State University Archives and Special Collections
Joshua Kitchens, Clayton State University

11:05–12:05P.M.
Session 3, Collecting Stories: Oral History Projects
Chattahoochee Room

Panelists explore the purpose and processes of oral history through a discussion of their diverse projects documenting World War II veterans and Holocaust survivors, and Asian Pacific Americans. There will be a particular focus on community engagement and alternative means of capturing and preserving history.

Speakers:
Sara Wood, Southern Foodways Alliance
James Newberry, Museum of History and Holocaust Education, Kennesaw State University
Session 4, Identifying and Keeping Volunteers  
**Pemberton Room**

This session will discuss how archivists at three different types of institutions have worked with members of the public to provide mutually beneficial experiences for both the volunteer and the repository. Topics include the identification of projects for volunteers with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences and maintaining interest and dedication over time.

Speakers:
Maureen Hill, NARA Atlanta
Kaye Minchew, Troupe County Archives
Angela Stanley, Athens-Clarke County Library

12:10–1:30 P.M.  
Lunch and SGA Business Meeting  
**Empire Mills Room**

1:30–2:40 P.M.  
Session 5, Balancing Rights and Access  
**Chattahoochee Room**

The speakers will give an overview of the issues of balancing rights concerns with providing access to online surrogates of cultural heritage materials. The panel will address the importance of clear/reasonable rights and licensing statements; the philosophical disconnect of watermarking/banding with providing access; and the institutional benefits of making materials more widely available online.

Speakers:
Gretchen Gueguen, Digital Public Library of America
Ruta Abolins, Brown Media Archives, UGA
Kathryn Michaelis, Georgia State University

Session 6, Attracting the Next Generation of Archivists  
**Pemberton Room**

The experience of working in an archives is an essential component of archival education, teaching students the realities of the field and enhancing their skills. Archivists will discuss the roles their institutions have played in recruiting and training new archivists through practicums.

Speakers:
Chris Paton, Columbia Theological Seminary
Andrea Jackson, Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library
Judy Buchanan, Bryan-Lang Historical Archives

2:40–3:10 P.M.  
Afternoon Break  
Mentee/Mentor Meet and Greet (Mentoring Table in the pre-conference area)

3:10–4:35 P.M.  
Session 7, Innovating Archives through College Partnerships  
**Chattahoochee Room**

Archives around Georgia are partnering with university students in new and exciting ways: introducing primary resources to users; raising awareness and access to collections; and creating innovative platforms for sharing archives and history with our communities. The panel will introduce programs and projects that bring archives and students together.

Speakers:
Luciana Spracher, City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives
Morna Gerrard, Georgia State University
Jill Anderson, Georgia State University
Kevin Fleming, Georgia State University
Session 8, Increasing Connections to Collections
Pemberton Room
Archives strive to increase access to collections and grow and strengthen connections with current and new audiences. Digitization of collections can help to improve internal workflows, make materials more accessible and create new and engaging relationships with users. The speakers will talk about several digitization efforts and their impact internally and on external users.
Speakers:
Laurie Gemmill Arp, Lyrasis
Lynette Stoudt, Georgia Historical Society Research Center
Sheila McAlister, University of Georgia Libraries,

5:00–7:00 P.M. Reception and silent auction
Columbus Museum

Friday, November 7
8:30-9:15 A.M. Registration

9:15–10:30 A.M.
Plenary Session: The Future of the Digital Library of Georgia
Empire Mills Room
Facilitated by Sheila McAlister

10:30–11:00 A.M. Poster and demonstration display; beverage break

11:00–12:00 P.M.
Session 9, Public and Private Partnering: The College of Charleston and the South Carolina Historical Society Archives
Chattahoochee Room
In December 2014, the South Carolina Historical Society relocated nearly 5,000 linear feet of manuscript material and more than 3,000 rare books and monographs to a shared space within the Special Collections department at the College of Charleston’s Addlestone Library. Panelists will discuss the antecedents and recent evolution of this partnership between a private non-profit manuscript archives and a public academic repository and share lessons learned from the process of reallocating and re-purposing archival spaces including vaults, a shared service desk, and processing space.
Speakers:
Mary Jo Fairchild, College of Charleston, Special Collections
Joshua Minor, College of Charleston, Special Collections
Molly Inabinett, South Carolina Historical Society

Session 10, Seize the Tarantula, Weaving Webs of Collaboration
Pemberton Room
This session will explore ways that archives, museums, and university history departments collaborate. Learn how to “seize the tarantula” as speakers highlight effective approaches and roadblocks through their own experiences. Partnerships on major projects like developing exhibits, collecting oral histories, and bringing archives into the classroom, as well as routine day-to-day tasks will be discussed. Incorporating the community and other stakeholders in a shared authority approach will also be explored through our avenues of collaboration.
David Owings, Columbus State University
Rebecca Bush, Columbus Museum
Ilaria Scaglia, Columbus State University