Society of Georgia Archivists

What's Prologue is Past: SGA Faces the Future at Forty

Annual Meeting Program, 2009

Thursday, 5th November

8:30-9:15	Registration and Breakfast (Foyer)
9:15-9:30	Opening Remarks (Cumberland): Christine D. de Catanzaro, SGA President

9:30-10:15 Keynote Address (Cumberland): Dr. David B. Gracy II
Governor Bill Daniel Professor in Archival Enterprise,
University of Texas at Austin

10:15-10:30 Break and Vendor Visits (Foyer)

10:30-Noon Concurrent Sessions:

• Archival Metrics and Beyond: Creating a Culture of Assessment in Archives and Special Collections (Sapelo)

In these difficult economic times, it is more important than ever to be able to prove your organization's significance to funders and administrators. Based on her extensive research, Dr. Yakel will discuss the importance of assessment to archival organizations, strategies for reporting and analyzing data, and implementing plans for improvement.

Elizabeth Yakel, Associate Professor, School of Information, University of Michigan

Moderator: Jennifer Marshall, Assistant Professor, School of Information and Library Science, University of South Carolina

• Digital Disclosure: Electronic Records Projects Underway in Georgia (Ossabaw)

Learn about the current approaches your colleagues are using to preserve and create access to born digital records and digital surrogates. Topics include the Sir Ahmed Salman Rushdie hard drives and the Civil Rights Digital Library.

Laura Carroll, Manuscript Archivist, Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University

Toby Graham, Director, Digital Library of Georgia Ryan Speer, Digital Collections Archivist, Georgia Institute of Technology

Moderator: Renna Tuten, Project Archivist, Richard B. Russell Library, University of Georgia

Noon-1:30 Lunch and SGA Business Meeting (Cumberland)

1:30-3:00 Concurrent Sessions:

• What Surprises Electronic Records Yet Hold for Us (Sapelo)

Find out if your organization is ready for the future! Learn what's in store in preserving and managing electronic records.

Geof Huth, Director of Government Records Services, New York State Archives

Moderator: Deborah Harper Rouse, Archives and Special Collections Librarian, Savannah College of Art and Design

• More Product, Less Process: Implementing Minimal Processing (Ossabaw)

Has implementation of minimal processing been successful? What are the benefits and pitfalls? How can your institution implement minimal processing most effectively? Learn the answers to these questions and more when speakers from three diverse institutions discuss the practical side of implementing minimal processing.

Kayla Barrett, Descriptive Services Manager, Georgia Archives Elizabeth Delmage, Project Archivist, Georgia Historical Society Traci Drummond, Archivist, Southern Labor Archives, Georgia State University

Moderator: Courtney Chartier, Processing Archivist, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center

3:00-3:15 Break and Vendor Visits (Foyer)

3:15-4:15 Roundtable Discussions (Cumberland)

Ask a Preservation Expert • AT Users Group • Disaster Preparedness in Your Community • Interns and Volunteers in the Archives • SGA Mentoring Program • Outreach and Marketing • Web 2.0

5:00-7:30 40th Anniversary Reception and Scholarship Auction (Harborview Room, 15th floor)

Friday, 6th November

8:30-9:00 Registration and Breakfast (Foyer)

9:00-9:30 Healthy Collections Initiative Update (Cumberland)

Christine Wiseman, Healthy Collections Initiative Project Manager and Preservation Services Manager, Georgia Archives

9:30-10:30 Plenary Session: The Making of SGA: From Infancy to Generation Y (Cumberland)

As a tribute to SGA's 40th anniversary celebration, join us for an entertaining look back at our organizational history and a preview of what's ahead from our Vice President/President-Elect.

Dr. David B. Gracy II, Governor Bill Daniel Professor in Archival Enterprise, University of Texas at Austin

Pamela Hackbart-Dean, Director, Special Collections Research Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Jody Thompson, Department Head, Archives and Records Management, Georgia Institute of Technology

Moderator: Susan Potts McDonald, Coordinator, Arrangement and Description Services, Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University

10:30-10:45 Break (Foyer)

10:45-12:15 Concurrent Sessions:

• Skeletons in the Closet: Describing and Cataloging Non-Manuscript Formats (Sapelo)

We all have them... but are we describing and cataloging them according to the appropriate standards? Are we using the most effective tools? In this session the speakers will discuss describing and cataloging the non-manuscript formats that often accompany donations of archival collections including: print/published materials, audio-visual materials, and 3-D objects/artifacts.

Paul Crater, Vice President, Research Services, Atlanta History Center David Faulds, Rare Book Librarian, Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University

Katherine Winters, Assistant Curator, Atlanta History Center

Moderator: Nora Lewis, Director of Library and Archives, Georgia Historical Society

• Documenting Georgia's Under-documented Populations (Ossabaw)

This session will explore Georgia's changing demographics, how demographic trends relate to your organization's collection development, and highlight projects dedicated to documenting the lives and experiences of Georgia's underdocumented people.

Andy Carswell, Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics, University of Georgia

Dr. Catherine Rendón, Independent Scholar

Moderator: Jill Severn, Head, Access and Outreach, Richard B. Russell Library, University of Georgia