



**COLUMBUS, GA**

# **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

**2:40–3:10P.M.****Afternoon Break****Mentee/Mentor Meet and Greet** (Mentoring Table in the pre-conference area)**3:10–4:35P.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 &amp; 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,

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

**Columbus Museum**

## **Friday, November 7**

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

**9:15–10:30A.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

**11:00–12:00P.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 Adlestone 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