Society of American Archivists—Student Chapter
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2007
5pm, LI030
7 people were in attendance

Donald Force opened the meeting with general announcements:

- Elections for next year’s officers will be held through email—ballots will be mailed out soon.

- Five members of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign SAA-SC will be touring the Black Film Center’s Archives on Friday and the Lilly Library on Saturday. Anyone wishing to go out for dinner with them should contact Donald.

Upcoming Events:

- The annual SLIS picnic is quickly approaching (Sunday April 15th at noon). Sarah Patterson volunteered to send out an email this weekend about bringing food to the event.

- The digitization panel has come to fruition. Phil Bantin, Eric Sandweiss, and Geoffrey Brown will speak on how digitization has affected their own fields of archives, research, and technology, respectively. This event will be on Monday, April 16th from 6-8pm in the IMU Walnut Room. For more information, visit: http://www.indiana.edu/~saarchiv/symposium.html

- MAC (Midwest Archives Conference) spring meeting will be held in Columbus, OH May 3rd-5th. Four people in SAA-SC have signed up to go. Spots are still open—sign up by April 5th (Fri.) for the cheapest deal ($45 now/$50 after Friday and until the conference). For more information, visit: http://www.midwestarchives.org/2007Spring/

Semester Recap:

- State Archives trip—Success—Possibility was raised that next time a trip is planned to Indianapolis, interested members of IUPUI could join us for the tour and possibly lunch.

- Archival Job Hunting Process Panel—Worked out well—Phil Bantin, Ryan Lee, and Ashley Large all spoke from different angles about the job search in the archives field. To watch or see the discussion, visit: http://www.indiana.edu/~saarchiv/advice.html
• Walking Tour of Bloomington’s Historical Sites—Good deal—Possibility of planning another tour for the fall, perhaps changing the route a little, or else driving to some places.

• Outreach—Great Success!
  
  o Lisa Hooper talked about her experience taking a workshop with the Society of Indiana Archivists and the possibility of forming a relationship with them for events or discussions. (The cost for membership in the SIA is only $5 for students.)
  
  o There was talk of trying to get IUPUI more involved in our events—the possibility of teleconferencing, changing the location of the SAA-SC home base each year, and holding more events together were discussed.
  
  o Virginia Luehrsen spoke on the presentation she gave at the Senior Center on good archival methods of scrapbooking. (A special shout out to Trish Pearson for connecting the SAA-SC to Senior Center.) It may be desirable to create a list of Frequently Asked Questions for these events and hand them out to people interested.
  
  o Donald talked about Becky Smith and Meredith Saba’s presentation at Bloomington South High School to AP History students on what archives are and why they are important. (Kudos to Meredith Saba for getting the ball rolling on this one.)
  
  o Donald also talked about judging the History Day Contest at Nashville High School with Jennifer Daugherty, Emily Symonds, and Alicia Keebaugh. He addressed the problem of kids not knowing the difference between primary and secondary sources and the increasing use of the internet as the sole method of research. A proposal was made to try to include middle school outreach on next year’s agenda. Brad Cook offered to serve as a possible contact with the principal at Summit, since his daughter attends the school, to see if we could do a presentation there. ***Also, volunteers are needed to judge the State History Day Competition. Go to http://www.indianahistory.org/historyday/ for more information, if interested.***

Possible events for next year:

• Brad Cook has agreed to do a presentation on the care of photographs
• Fall Walking Tour of the Historical Sites of Bloomington
• Joint venture with ALA to take a tour of the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Society in Indianapolis (Send out an invite to anyone interested at IUPUI)
• Black Film Archives Tour & Other repositories
• SAA-SC Preservation Workshop (Possibly asking Jim Canary or Garry Harrison to give a presentation)
• Do an event for Archives and Special Collections Month in October
• Ask Kenneth Crews to do a presentation on copyright
• Continuation of outreach to high school students and senior citizens, possibly including presentations to middle/elementary school students
• Continue the symposiums/panel discussions (This year’s being the digitization panel)
• Possible trip to University of Illinois’ campus to view their archives?

The meeting concluded at 6:10pm.