

## **Society of American Archivists, University of Washington Chapter 2018-2019 Annual Report**

### **Mission**

It shall be the purpose of this organization to explore and promote archives and archival preservation under the guidelines put forth by the Society of American Archivists.

### **Summary of Chapter Activities**

The Society of American Archivists, University of Washington (SAA-UW) Chapter devoted much of our energies this year to hosting online student-inclusive events and updating our internal processes. The newly elected officers in 2018 started the year with a membership survey that helped to guide our activities over the course of the year. We also developed a new social media strategy, creating an Instagram profile (<https://www.instagram.com/saa.uw.husky/>) and a new private Facebook group to better facilitate conversations between members of the organization.

In Fall, we held an election for two positions that had not been filled in the recent past, the First Year Representatives (one online and one residential). The officers in these positions helped us to better meet the needs of first year students. Additionally, we overhauled the chapter constitution, providing more clarity about officer expectations and updating policies to reflect current practices. In February we hosted an online panel, Decolonizing Archives, described in detail below. Finally, in Spring 2019 we hosted an online chat with MIPoPS - Moving Image Preservation of Puget Sound and a service and learning event with the Labor Archives of Washington (details below).

### **Programming**

#### September 2018 - All iSchool Fair & Happy Hour

SAA-UW staffed a table at the All iSchool Fair during orientation week to welcome new students and provide them information about our organization. We also organized a happy hour at a local bar that was well attended by current and incoming MLIS students interested in archives.

#### February 2019 - Decolonizing Archives Online Panel

SAA-UW hosted an online discussion panel with archives practitioners to talk about decolonizing archives, including aspects such as archival re-description, technology and power, balancing different values/protocols, and building relationships with communities. The panel was facilitated by Joan Hua and Kelli Yakabu and the panelists included Dorothy Berry (Harvard University), Steven Bingo (Eastern Washington University), Mariecris Gatlabayan (Filipino American National Historical Society's Secretary), Michael Pahn (Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center), and Annie Tang (Chapman

University). This event was a major endeavor and the majority of the work was done by our fantastic Diversity Officer, Joan Hua.

#### April 2019 - Informal Chat with MIPoPS - Moving Image Preservation of Puget Sound

SAA-UW facilitated an online chat with archivists from MIPoPS - Moving Image Preservation of Puget Sound about preserving and digitizing audiovisual materials in the Pacific Northwest. MIPoPS assists heritage organizations with the conversion of analog video recordings to digital formats according to archival best practices. MIPoPS supports heritage organizations with neither the resources nor expertise to address these at-risk materials.

#### May 2019 - Archives Service & Learning Event with the Labor Archives of Washington

Working with UW Labor Archives of Washington (LAW), students learned about the collection of archival materials, common preservation concerns and interventions, gained hands-on experience processing archival materials, made the collection more accessible, and met experts in the field.

### **Elections**

#### Outgoing officers of 2018-2019:

Co-Chairs: Candice Larson and Hannah Robinson

Vice President of Finances: Erika Wigren

Secretary: Bekah Leidenfrost

Diversity Officer: Joan Hua

Distance Liaison: Kelli Yakabu

Publicity Officer: Marie Williams Chant

Social Media Officer: Owen Prout

#### Incoming officers of 2019-2020

Chair: Kelli Yakabu

Secretary: Amanda Robb

Diversity Officer: Kay Cadena

Distance Liaison: Gisela Parker

Publicity Officer: Bekah Leidenfrost

First Year Representative (Residential): Kylie Snyder

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