

SCAAZETTE



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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Celebrating 15 years with a renewed commitment to advocating for archives and archivists in South Carolina

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

We may be relatively small in number, but the work of archivists in South Carolina is integral to maintaining the fabric of our rich documentary heritage. We demonstrate the importance of primary source materials to elementary school students, collect oral histories to immortalize people’s voices and life experiences, and teach people how to search for and find the information they seek. We preserve evidence of the past to enrich people’s present and future experiences.

What better way to celebrate the South Carolina Archival Association’s fifteenth birthday than to renew our commitment to advocacy for archives and archivists in the state of South Carolina? In order to start the momentum, SCAA is reinvigorating the celebration of South Carolina Archives Month in October and creating an advocacy page on the SCAA Web site.

In addition, we have some very exciting events planned for the year. Directors Ashley Burdett and Virginia Ellison along with Secretary Grace Cordial have a spring workshop planned that will be both useful and engaging for attendees. Vice President Stephen Smith is working with Membership Officer Brent Burgin to host our Summer Social at USC’s Native American Studies Archive in Lancaster with proceeds going towards scholarships from the Derrick L. Hart endowment.

We will kick-off archives month in October with our annual meeting on the campus of beautiful Newberry College. The natural environment will serve as the theme and inspiration for both the annual meeting and archives month so look for a call for presentations and more information about participating in archives month events, lectures, exhibits, workshops, open houses, and other related happenings in this issue of the *SCAAzette*, the SCAA Web site, and our listserv.

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(843) 953-8013**JOIN US!****2014 SCAA Spring
Workshop****May 2, 2014 | 11:30 AM****11:30 Registration****12:00 Lunch****1:00 Webinar****2:30 Panel Discussion****Session I:**

Protect Your Holdings AND Provide Access?

This webinar, developed by SAA, focuses on mitigating risks, building bridges with local law enforcement, and developing a holdings protection program.

Upon completion of this webinar, you'll be able to:

- Identify risks and how to mitigate them;
- Start developing a holdings protection program;
- Recognize unusual or suspicious behavior; and
- Begin building bridges with local law enforcement/crime prevention professionals.

Session II:

A lively discussion giving participants the opportunity to dialogue with panelists representing a variety of different repositories will follow the webinar. Panelists include Gina White (Winthrop University), Steven Tuttle (South Carolina Department of Archives and History), Lynette Stoudt (Georgia Historical Society), and Douglas Henderson (Charleston County Public Library).

For more information, please visit <http://scarchivists.org/>**Location:** Beaufort County Library, St. Helena Branch
6355 Jonathan Francis Sr. Rd., St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Lunch will be provided.

\$25 SCAA Member

\$35 Non-member

\$15 Students

Register online at: <http://scarchivists.org/events>

President's Corner Continued...

I want to end by underscoring the importance of the participation of SCAA members in making our organization a powerful resource for creating higher levels of awareness and appreciation for archives. As many of you know, SCAA was established in 1999 with the support of the South Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board (SC SHRAB). Dedicated to fostering and supporting communication and collaboration between repositories, SC SHRAB provided cohesive support and successfully advocated and promoted issues, ideas, and events for South Carolina archives for decades. Unfortunately, funding for the important work accomplished by SC SHRAB was not renewed in 2013. Therefore, the responsibility for promoting greater public

awareness of historical records and demonstrating their relevance to our communities falls on the shoulders of SCAA members. As the primary stakeholders in this endeavor, I know we can rise to the occasion!

The intellectual and experience-based contributions of SCAA members are priceless. Your suggestions and feedback on programming, advocacy efforts, and governance are essential to the health of our organization. I hope to see you at one or several of the events we have planned for the year and thank you for your support!

~ Mary Jo Fairchild

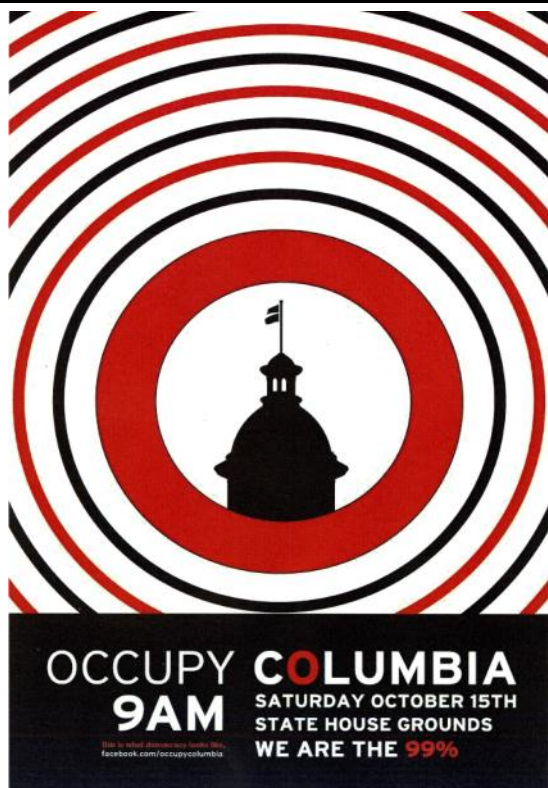


MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 2** [SCAA Spring Workshop](#), Protecting the Past to Safeguard the Future: Balancing Access with Security in S.C.'s Cultural Heritage Repositories
- June 9** [International Archives Day](#)
- July 11** [SCAA Social](#) at USC-Lancaster Native American Studies Archive
- Oct 10** Annual Meeting at Newberry College and Kick-off of South Carolina Archives Month



Newberry College. Newberry, S.C.



South Caroliniana Library's Office of Oral History, USC, has launched a new project: **"Occupy Columbia (SC): Southern Genesis of a National Movement"**. Andrea L'Hommedieu, oral historian, will invite the telling of stories from those who founded the local effort and those who joined as momentum grew, opposers and supporters in government and business circles, and reflections on the movement as a whole---documenting the growth, structure, interactions and challenges. Seven interviews have been done so far, with another dozen in the works. Anyone interested in participating, suggesting narrators or have related materials to donate, please contact Andrea: library.sc.edu/socar/oralhist/contact.html

SCAA Membership Renewals

SCAA Memberships expire on January 1st of every year. Membership is very affordable at: \$15 for professionals, \$10 for students, and \$50 for institutions. To renew, visit our Web site at <http://scarchivists.org/membership>. Fill out your form online, or download and mail it in.

Please email Brent Burgin with any questions at membership@scarchivists.org.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S NEW DIGITAL COUNCIL

In late February, the South Carolina State Library hosted the first Digital Council meeting. The recently-formed organization is comprised of representatives from academic, public, and state libraries who contribute to digital projects in the state. They will focus on "advocacy, outreach, and promotion to constituents" through the council's four committees on grant opportunities, outreach, assessment, and metadata.



Kate Boyd (USC Libraries), Sam Hastings (USC SLIS), Jessica Dame (SCSL), Chris Yates (SCSL), Margaret Dunlap (Richland Library), Bryan Collars (Archives), Amanda Stone (SCSL), John White (College of Charleston), Chris Vinson (Clemson), Hulen Bivins (SCSL), Julie Warren (Georgetown County Library)

For more information on the council and how to become involved, please contact Amanda Stone, Innovation & Digital Librarian at the South Carolina State Library: astone@statelibrary.sc.gov.

MARY JO FAIRCHILD SELECTED TO 2014 ARCHIVES LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT LUTHER COLLEGE

DECORAH, Iowa—In a competitive application process consisting of nearly 75 candidates, Mary Jo Fairchild has been selected as a participant in the 2014 Archives Leadership Institute.

ALI is a program funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration, and is being hosted at Luther College for the years 2013-15. The Archives Leadership Institute at Luther College (ALI@Luther) will provide advanced training for 25 innovative leaders, giving them the knowledge and tools to transform the archival profession in practice, theory and attitude. To learn more about ALI@Luther see www.archivesleadershipinstitute.org.

In support of the project, Luther College Archives was awarded \$216,150 by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the granting agency of the National Archives and Records Administration.

Participants were selected for the 2014 ALI@Luther program based on their exceptional leadership skills and potential, the ability to influence change within the archival field, a strong commitment to the archival profession, demonstrated professional organizational involvement and service, a collaborative and innovative spirit, and representation and/or support of diversity within the profession.

Mary Jo Fairchild is the Director of Archives and Research at the South Carolina Historical Society and holds a MA in History from the College of Charleston, a MLIS from the University of South Carolina, and is a Certified Archivist. Currently, Mary Jo is the President of the South Carolina Archival Association and serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Charleston County Public Library.

The leadership intensive held at Luther College is a weeklong immersion program that embraces a distraction-free, focused opportunity for emerging archival leaders to develop necessary theories, skills and knowledge. Participants will engage in daylong workshops focusing on current and

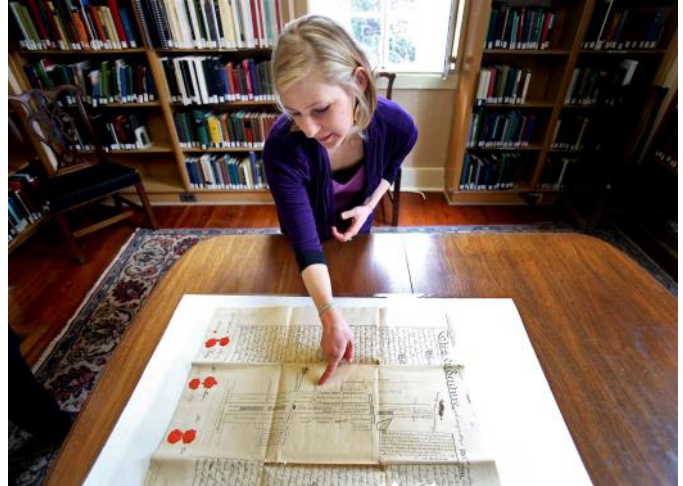


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vital strategies for archival leadership such as new leadership thinking and methods, strategies for born digital resources, project management, human resource development and advocacy and outreach. Participants will also take part in team building activities that embrace the beauty and fresh-air of the Upper Iowa River bluff country in northeast Iowa.

Following the weeklong intensive at Luther College, participants will return to their institutions to develop a post-intensive practicum project. The chosen practicum project will serve as the primary focus for all ALI@Luther participants in the following year and will meet the goal of connecting archival leadership skills with practical application. Throughout this process, an ALI steering committee mentor will provide guidance and support for the proposed project.

The institute will conclude with a practices workshop to be held in conjunction with the joint annual meeting of the Council of State Archivists, the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, and the Society of American Archivists Aug.10-16 in Washington D.C. The content of the practices workshop will consist of facilitated conversation focused on applying leadership learning to ongoing projects and practicums.

ACROSS THE SAVANNAH RIVER

NEWS AND NOTES FROM YOUR GEORGIA NEIGHBORS

By Carol Waggoner-Angleton

It has hardly seemed like the south this winter, what with the ice, cold, falling tree limbs, an earthquake, and that nasty white stuff called snow; but, spring is coming. This spring brings new opportunities to network and learn.

While not strictly a forum for archivists, those of us attached to libraries should be aware that the Central Savannah River Area Library Association is holding its 5th Annual Conference on May 30th at University of South Carolina, Aiken. The membership is excited. It's our first conference across the river!

Drawing its membership from libraries in fourteen Georgia counties and the South Carolina counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, Hampton, Jasper, and McCormick, the objectives of this Association are to encourage and promote the utilization of knowledge through the collection, organization and dissemination of information; to enhance usefulness and efficiency of libraries in the CSRA; to promote high professional standards; to facilitate communication among its members; and to cooperate with organizations which have similar or allied interests.

Past presentations have included archives and special collections specific topics, in keeping with the commitment to organizations which have similar or allied interests. Plus, it's just an all-around good conference, especially for those with limited budgets for professional development and networking. Presentation proposals are still being accepted. To learn more about the CSRA organization and to register for the upcoming conference, go to csralibraryassociation.com.

The second great learning opportunity is the Digital Public Library of America, or DPLA for short. Yours truly is a DPLA Community Representative for Georgia, but I'll gladly travel to any of the above

mentioned CSRA South Carolina counties to talk about this amazing public resource and its efforts to promote open access initiatives to cultural heritage. To get in touch, email me at cwaggone@gru.edu, and put "DPLA" in the subject line. The South Carolina Digital Library has been designated as a service hub for the DPLA in South Carolina. Consider becoming a DPLA Community Representative and help promote new uses of cultural heritage across the nation. Go to the DPLA Web site for more information on the project or just to have fun exploring all the resources and tools available. <http://dp.la/>

Applications are still being accepted until April 1, 2014 for the 47th Annual Georgia Archives Institute June 9–20, 2014. Instructors for 2014 include Georgia's own Christine Wiseman, Cliff Landis, and Randall C. Jimerson, director of the Graduate Program in Archives and Records Management at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. Jimerson is a prolific writer on archives theory and practice, and his latest work is *Archives Power: Memory, Accountability, and Social Justice*. While this goes to press after the deadline, there is a possibility that registration could be extended, so be sure to check.

Emory University will be hosting a week-long series of Society of American Archivists workshops on May 19-23, 2014. These workshops will all count toward SAA's Digital Archives Specialist (DAS) Curriculum and Certificate Program. There is a discount for week-long registration. Visit this Web site for more details: <http://saa.archivists.org/events/digital-curation-creating-an-environment-for-success-1482/474/>

So you can soak up a little spring sunshine, get over this nasty cold winter, and have a fine time learning something new just by coming "Across the Savannah River".

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We want your news!

Be sure to send
submissions in for
the next edition by
August 15, 2014!

The South Carolina Archival Association is a statewide network of individuals interested in the management of, preservation of, and access to South Carolina's historical records.

SCAA membership is diverse, and includes everyone from individuals working in colleges and universities, historical societies, museums, and churches to those in state, county, and municipal governments. Our membership is open to anyone interested in SCAA's mission.

Benefits of membership include:

- Spring/Fall Conferences and/or Workshops
- Semiannual newsletter, SCAAzette (electronic)
- Annual Membership Directory
- Annual Social Event
- Award Opportunities
- Professional Development Contacts & Resources
- Disaster Preparedness Contacts

To join, visit our Web site at www.scarchivists.org
Questions? Contact Brent Burgin, SCAA Membership Officer, at
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Be sure to "Like" SCAA on Facebook to get updates on historical happenings in our region, job openings, professional development opportunities, and other information pertaining to work (and play!) in archives!

[South Carolina Archival Association](http://www.scarchivists.org)

