
Archives & Archivists SIG Meeting (special NMLA 2021 Conference edition)

Thursday, October 21, 2021; 4:10pm MDT, on Zoom

Facilitators:

- Dylan McDonald and Jonathan Pringle (Co-Chairs, Archives & Archivists SIG)
- Sarah Kostecky and Jennifer Laws (Co-Chairs, Digital Collections SIG)
- Guest speaker - Pamela Vadakan (California Revealed)

Attendees: 13

Agenda Items

NMLA Digital Collections SIG

1. **Digital Collections SIG Introductions**-Jennifer Laws and Sarah Kostecky. Digital Collections SIG does not currently have a listserv, and meetings are conducted intermittently throughout the year. The DC SIG can be a resource for individuals (and institutions) establishing a digital collection for the first time. The DC SIG works more from the angle of Digitization for Access rather than Digitization for Preservation, but all are welcome to share ideas, techniques, and resources. For more information you can contact
 - Jennifer Laws, UNM Law Library, email: laws@law.unm.edu
 - Sarah Kostecky, UNM Library, email: sarahrk@unm.edu
2. **New Mexico Digital Collections** (<https://econtent.unm.edu/>) -Sarah discussed some material and details about NM Digital Collections.
 - NM Digital Collections provides access to digitized: photographs, documents, audio and audiovisual recordings, maps, and books from libraries, museums, and cultural centers throughout New Mexico.
 - The Content Management System platform used is ContentDM.
 - If you would like details on how to get material at your institution included in the NM Digital Collection, you can contact Sarah.

Guest Speaker

3. **Pamela Vadakan**. Pamela is Director of California Revealed (<https://californiarevealed.org/>), which is an initiative of the California State Library. California Revealed helps public cultural heritage institutions and groups of California preserve, digitize, and provide online access to material pertaining to California's history and cultures. Here are some resources Pamela shared:
 - Community Archiving Workshop-Southwest Region <https://tot.communityarchiving.org/regions/southwest/>
 - Community Archiving Workshop Homepage <https://communityarchiving.org/>
 - Memory Lab Network, DIY Memory Labs <https://memorylabnetwork.github.io/>
 - Andrew H. Mellon Foundation Grants Database <https://mellon.org/grants/grants-database/>
 - Pamela's email address: pvadakan@californiarevealed.org

Update on NMAO

4. **New Mexico Archives Online Live Demonstration**-Portia Vescio.

- New Mexico Archives Online (<https://nmarchives.unm.edu/>) provides access to Finding Aids of archive collections from participating New Mexico institutions.
- The NMOA uses Archivesspace as the management system. Portia explained, and demonstrated, some of the features of the web-based system.
- If you have questions about the technical aspects of NMAO you can contact Portia, pvescio@unm.edu.

Side Notes

- **NMLA Presentation(s)**--brief discussion on the NMLA presentations "Demystifying Archives: A Guide for non-Archivists" (presented by members of the Archives & Archivists SIG) and Guide and Prejudice: Centering Users' Needs Over Dominant Narratives (presented by J. Pringle and Kelleen Maluski).
- **SSA Annual Meeting 2023**--Reminder that the 2023 Annual Meeting of Society of Southwest Archivists is scheduled to take place in Albuquerque. If anyone is interested in helping coordinate the event, you can contact Portia.

Next Meeting Information

Reminder that our meeting frequency is now BiMonthly (every other month), next meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 3pm Mountain Time

About the Archives & Archivists SIG

Our SIG aspires to be a *Community of Practice*: one that "grows out of a need for connecting with other people who share the same issues, learning environment, and/or passion." Our community is built on a foundation of trust, respect, optimism, and intentionality. Please exercise these core tenets with other members in all interactions, whether virtual or in real life.

Loa, Berlin, and Kruger, Pamela Nett (2021) "Community of Practice at the California State University Special Collections and University Archives," *Journal of Western Archives*: Vol. 12: Iss.1, Article 1.