
Archives & Archivists SIG Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 3-4 p.m. MT, on Zoom

Facilitators:

- Dylan McDonald and Jonathan Pringle (Co-Chairs)

Attendees: 18

Agenda Items

Welcome/introduction

Jonathan and Dylan introduce themselves and welcome all attendees.

NMLA budget approval

- The request to host more SAA webcasts was approved; includes money to bring in a Zoom speaker (pay for honorarium)
- The website maintenance was also approved
- NMLA considers our SIG's request entirely reasonable; the board feels that our request has strong merit behind it

SIG professional development/workshops

- Jonathan announced the results of the professional development survey. Top responses point to an ongoing interest in digital archives, but also Indigenous issues. We will aim to host a webcast in September. The guest speaker could perhaps be invited to speak to the group in the Spring, when we have more time to coordinate.

General announcements

- **NMAO update:** Portia has been working with the State Archives on putting more guides into NMAO. Portia is thinking about training and will be putting together something in the Fall. If there is a good time for training, feel free to let Portia know. NMSU would be interested in training for their students. Possibly mid-September? Support questions (i.e. specific functionality requests) should go to Portia.
- **Sept. 23, 10-4 Border Regional Archives Group's Archives Bazaar (NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum):** A fun event; presentations throughout the day. Many users of the archives there; they talk about how they've used the archives.
- **Society of Southwest Archivists Labor/Salary Compensation Research:** Dylan and Daniel Alonzo (former SSA President) is looking into this topic and sees it as an area that has a lot of discrepancy among archivists. Daniel and Dylan want to request that the SSA develop a task force to address this issue. This is building off the Society of

California Archivists, who are looking at this similarly. Archivists not being valued for their work. For anybody interested in collaborating with Dylan, Daniel and SSA on forming this task force, please send Dylan an email.

- **Changes in SIG leadership:** Welcome to Abbie Weiser and Ada Negraru, our new co-chairs for the Archives & Archivists SIG! They will be assuming leadership of the SIG in the coming weeks. Anticipate future Zoom link updates for our meetings. Jonathan will assume the role of webmaster for the SIG website.
- **HINTS database:** Dylan will be helping Sue and Anna on the HINTS database.
- **NMLA conference:** A proposal was made to merge the NALSIG and Archives & Archivists SIG meetings during NMLA. Potentially Local & Regional History too. Julia will help coordinate this and get us a meeting time and location.
- **Other**
 - Archives Month: Can we add events we're doing to the SIG website? Jonathan will take care of adding these types of events to the website.
 - Gilda Baeza-Ortego (Western New Mexico University) has recently retired from the WNMU library and will be relocating to El Paso. Our congratulations to Gilda!
 - Jonna has been elected the incoming Vice President/President-Elect of the American Indian Library Association. She is also going to be an adjunct professor at IAIA in Santa Fe.
 - Jonna introduced Dylan to individuals at the Mescalero Apache Tribe; they received \$10,000 to help implement the Protocols for Native American Archival Materials. This seed grant will help NMSU partner with the tribe on a larger federal grant. They are hoping to get funds to digitize collections at NMSU. Mescalero is seeking funds to build a facility to house their THPO, library, and archives. NMSU is hosting a program (Nov. 13-14) where speakers from Mescalero will be presenting on aspects of their community.

Wrap-up and next meeting

Abbie and Ada will coordinate a new Zoom link for the next meeting and provide placeholders for subsequent meetings.

Next Meeting Information

Our meeting frequency is bi-monthly (every other month). The next meeting will be **TBD during NMLA (Oct. 25-27)**.

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.

