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KCAA Spring Meeting: Pioneering Psychiatry on the Plains

Kansas Historical Society, March 29, 2012, 12-4 pm

Come to the KCAA spring meeting on March 29 at the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka! The program, "Pioneering Psychiatry on the Plains: The Menninger Archives" will focus on this significant 2300 cubic foot collection in the State Archives Division at KHS, currently undergoing detailed processing through a grant from the National Historic Public Records Commission.

The Menninger Foundation, begun as a family group practice in psychiatry in Topeka in 1919, played a major role in de-stigmatizing mental illness in the public mind in the 20th century. The Foundation's clini-

cal, research, educational, and preventive psychiatric divisions pioneered and revolutionized the roles of psychiatry in a variety of ways, including treating children, serving in the community, and working with law enforcement, clergy, and business people in efforts to strengthen understanding regarding the application of psychiatry in their fields.

Marcella Wiget, project archivist for the NHPRC processing grant on the collection, will provide a brief overview on the history of the Menninger Foundation and what can be found in the collection.

The meeting will include lunch from Jose Peppers, the annual business meeting, and a tour of the Kansas State Archives facilities for those interested. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Volunteers Wanted!

Want to get involved? The Education Committee will start planning the 2012 Fall Symposium in the next few months and can use your help. For more information, contact Kristine Schenk at: kschenk@ku.edu.

Open Positions

Junior Co-Chair

The Junior Co-Chair serves alongside the Senior Co-Chair and is responsible for organizing membership meetings as well as the activities of the steering committee. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to build leadership experience.

Education Co-Chair

The Co-Chairs of the Education Committee are responsible for the activities of the Education Committee and coordinating the Fall Educational Symposium. This is perfect for archivists interested in expanding their skills in outreach and programming.

Awards and Nominations Chair

This position helps to recruit officers and committee members as well as organizes the annual KCAA awards presentation at our Spring meeting. This important position works closely with the steering committee.

Good-bye, Kansas City!

It has been my pleasure to serve as Senior Co-Chair of the Kansas City Area Archivists for almost two years. I leave knowing that the organization is in the good hands of incoming Co-Chair Tonya Crawford and that many good things lie ahead for archivists in the KC area.

Taking on a leadership role in an organization such as KCAA is often seen as a thankless job—just more work on top of what you are already doing which goes largely unrecognized. What I implore you all to think about however is that taking on a leadership role is tremendous experience. Co-chairs, officers and committee chairs build professional skills such as strategic planning and management, while also expanding their professional network.

Please consider taking a leadership role with KCAA. Students, professionals and even people not currently working in the archival profession are all encouraged to participate. There are several open position with KCAA which need to be

filled as soon as possible. If you would like to learn more about these positions or are interested in volunteering please contact Tonya at crawfordt@umkc.edu.

Thank you to everyone who I have had the good-fortune to work with over the past few years.

People who volunteer for KCAA make it possible to conduct meetings, share experiences and keep in touch. Thank you to everyone who I have had the good-fortune to work with over the past few years. I know KCAA will continue to grow and become even better.

I will be starting a position at the University of North Texas in March, but I hope to keep in touch with all of my friends in KCAA.

-Morgan Davis, Outgoing Senior Co-Chair

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Message from Incoming Senior Co-Chair

To the KCAA membership, As I take up the Senior Co-Chair position I want thank Morgan Davis for all her hard work on behalf of KCAA over the last several years and wish her well in her new position. I would also like to extend thanks to Marcella Wiget and the Kansas State Historical Society for agreeing to give a presentation and host our spring meeting.

I came to Kansas City and the UMKC Archives seven years ago, however, my ser-

vice as Junior Co-Chair for the past few years has allowed me to become more

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active in the Kansas City area archival community. I have met many new people and made a number of new

professional connections. From what I have learned I hope to strengthen ties and build new connections among the historical institutions and information service providers of the Kansas City area. There are a great many individuals and organizations in the region dedicated to educating the public on state and local history, as well as the preservation and propagation of history in all its various forms. I would like to see KCAA working closely within this community to provide resources and information. In pooling our different strengths we can increase

knowledge and foster a greater understanding of the importance of the historical record at large.

Going forward, I welcome any suggestions from the membership in ways to improve KCAA's service to our members – both institutional and individual. My door, phone, and e-mail inbox are always open and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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KCAA has a new web address! Visit us at <http://www.kcarchivists.org>

KCAA Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee would like to remind KCAA members that the organization has funds available for scholarships of up to \$250 each to defray the costs of attending a conference, workshop, webinar, or other professional development event. Awardees write up a brief article about

what they learned for the Dusty Shelf newsletter and/or provide a brief presentation at one of KCAA's semi-annual meetings. Preference is given to members who have never applied for a scholarship before.

The Scholarship Committee updated and revised both its

guidelines for applying as well as the application form last year. Please check out the new information and form on the KCAA website at <http://www.kcarchivists.org/kcaa/index.php/scholarships/>.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to send in a

Need some extra money to attend that webinar or conference?

scholarship application, please email the committee chair, Marcella Wiget, at mwiget@kshs.org.

2011 Fall Symposium Recap

The 2011 Fall Symposium "Open Source: Primary Sources in the Secondary Classroom" was a success! The event was held at the Black Archives of Mid-America's new building in Kansas City where three marvelous speakers shared their experiences reaching out to high school students using primary sources. We concluded the Fall Symposium with a tour of the archives.

The symposium opened with Letha Johnson, the Assistant University Archivist at the University of Kansas, who presented on her work with the Kansas History Day Foundation. She discussed how high school students use primary sources in archives to enhance their projects so that they can com-

pete at the National History Day Contest and described ways in which local institutions can get involved with the program.

Next, we were given insight into "Using Archival Material to Create Educational Programs" by Mark Adams, the Education Director for the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. In this session, Adams explained how Truman Library and Museum created their high school program "White House Decision Center" where the students play out real-life historical decisions using primary source materials.

After exploring the world of Harry S. Truman, we moved to the world of online primary sources. Mickey Ebert, educa-

tional Specialist for the National Archives at Kansas City gave her presentation "Primary Sources in a Secondary World" featuring the National Archives educational website

www.docsteach.org. This website features interactive activities for the classroom and gives teachers and students access to primary source documents on a variety of topics without ever leaving their classrooms.

The Kansas City Area Archivists would like to thank the Black Archives of Mid-America for

providing us with the space and a tour of their new facility. We would also like to thank all our speakers for sharing their experiences and insights into the world of educational opportunities for high school students. Of course, this would not be possible without all the volunteers that worked so hard to make this event happen. Thank you for your hard work, it really paid off. If you are interested in helping with the 2012 Fall Symposium, please contact Kristine Schenk at kschenk@ku.edu.



Guides to Collections Now Available

The Dole Institute of Politics is happy to announce the completion of a two-year NHPRC to process and create guides for the collections of Senator Robert J. Dole. This project involved folder-level processing for over 33,000 files documenting Dole's service in the House of Representative, U.S. Senate, Office of the Republican Leader and as a 1996 Presidential candidate. Detailed collection information and finding aids can be found at <http://dolearchive.ku.edu/>.

Dole entered the House of Representatives in 1960 where he advocated for Kansas farmers as a member of the House Agriculture Committee and supported important civil rights legislation. Representative Dole

authored a portion of the historic Food for Peace bill as well and supported programs to provide food for needy families.

The Dole Senate Papers cover the years of the Dole's Senate career, 1968-1996, and include everything from reference materials to files on specific legislative and policy efforts. They document the various ways in which bills are drafted and the cooperative and/or competitive relationships between Senators and between their staffs. These documents are heavily annotated by their creators, thus they contain a wealth of unfiltered opinions on issues such as disabilities, The American's with Disabilities Act, the savings and loan crisis on the

1980's, the Helsinki Commission, education, environmental issues, nutrition and child welfare and national defense.

Senator Dole is the longest serving Republican Leader in the Senate, serving for over 11 years. The Republican Leader's collection documents the Leader's office and its influence on lawmaking in the Senate. As the Republican Leader, Senator Dole had sweeping influence over the Senate, including determining legislative agendas, securing Republican votes, and, most importantly, working with Democratic leaders in the Senate to reach compromises on crucial pieces of legislation. Some of the subjects covered here include the Mexican debt crisis, the Strategic Arms Re-

duction Treaty (START), labor issues, tort reform, AIDS awareness, and the Persian Gulf War and reconstruction of Kuwait. Human rights issues in Kosovo, Medicare, unemployment insurance, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and budget reconciliation in particular are covered in depth.

Collections are open to the public and can be accessed at the Dole Institute Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m. People interested in accessing are encouraged to contact the archivist prior to arrival. Fellowships and travel grants are available to defray travel related costs for use of the collection.

2012 Archive Summer Internships

The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics awards three paid archival internships each year to students currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in Archives, Library Science, Museum Studies, Political Science, Education or History.

Under the supervision of the Senior Archivist, Archivist, Digital Archivist, and the Education and Interpretation Specialist, interns will engage in team and individual projects focused on professional archival activities including acquisition, appraisal, ar-

rangement and description of archival collections; reference services; and exhibit development. While contributing to the work of the institution student interns will gain career-relevant archival experience.

Interns are required to work 350 hours (35 hours per week) during the time period between May 14, 2012 and August 17, 2012.

For more information or to apply for an internship please visit <https://jobs.ku.edu> and

New Staff at the Dole Archive

Senior Archivist Morgan R. Davis will be leaving the Dole Institute in February to join the University of North Texas as the Head of Archives and Rare Books. Morgan's departure was preceded by that of Archivist Judy Sweets who retired in 2011 and Archivist Robert Lay who is currently serving as Archivist at the Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma.

The Archive recently welcomed three new employees. Kristine Schenk, Education and Interpretation Specialist; Erin Wolfe,

Digital Archivist and Sarah D'Antonio, Archivist.

Erin Wolfe received a BA in English from the University of Oregon and a Master of Library Science from Emporia State University. He holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Archives and Records Administration through the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Sarah D'Antonio oversees the care and handling of and access to the paper and photograph collections of the Dole

Institute. She holds a B.A. in Art History from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and an M.S.I.S. specializing in archives from the University of Texas at Austin. She was awarded certification by the Academy of Certified Archivists in 2011.

Kristine Schenk received a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of Florida and a Master's degree in Museum Studies and Anthropology from the University of Kansas. Before joining the

Dole Institute, Kristine worked with the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Historic Farm in Olathe, KS and the Lenexa, KS Historical Society.

Recognition and Current Research at the Osteopathic Museum

Every year the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) selects a cadre of funded applications based on panelist recommendations that they put on their website (www.imls.gov) for 2012 applicants to use as models for development of their own proposals. Steven Schwartzman, Senior Program Officer for the IMLS notified the curator, Debra Loguda-Summers that the grant for the *Osteopathic Heritage Collection Inventory Project Phase II* was selected as one of these to be used as models for other museums. Congratulations to Susanna Hannah, grant writer special projects and Debra Loguda-

Summers, curator for their hard work in obtaining this \$142,766 grant.

http://www.imls.gov/applicants/sample_applications.aspx



Dr. J.C. Burnett and Cora Timken-Burnett, Museum of Osteopathic Medicine [PH 147(D)]

The curator of the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine was contacted by The Metropolitan Museum of Art in February of this year, regarding a collection of personal photos from the John Clawson, D.O. and Cora Timken Burnett Collection. Dr. Burnett was an ASO 1911 graduate who studied electromagnetism.

His wife, Cora was a dedicated painter, sculptor, and antique collector and was particularly attracted to art from Persia, India and China. Her bequest to the Met in 1956 includes selection of Indian sculptures, Persian miniatures and an

illustration on a rare 14th-century manuscript featuring renderings of horses and warriors.

There is also a collection of Japanese prints donated to the San Diego Museum of Art from the Timken family.

The Making of a Collection: Islamic Art at the Metropolitan exhibit dates are November 1, 2011 – February 5, 2012 in the Hagop Kevorkian Fund Special Exhibitions Gallery.

Cora Timken Burnett (1872–1956)

"Rustam Pleads for Tus Before Kay Khusrau," from the *Shahnama* (The Book of Kings); Calligrapher: Hasan ibn Muhammad ibn `Ali ibn (?) Husaini, known as al-Mausili Commissioned by: al-Hasan Qawam al-Daula wa'l-Din Iran, A.H. 741/A.D. 1341

Ink, opaque watercolor, and gold on paper Page: 14–1/2 x 11–7/8 in. (36.8 x 30.2 cm) Painting: 3–11/16 x 9–3/8 in. (9.4 x 23.8 cm)

Text block: 11–7/16 x 9–11/16 in. (29 x 24.6 cm)

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Cora Timken Burnett Collection of Persian Miniatures and Other Persian Art Objects, Bequest of Cora Timken Burnett, 1956 (57.51.36) Image: © The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York



Genealogy Programming at the National Archives at Kansas City

The National Archives at Kansas City has recently redesigned its genealogy programming for the public. Launched in December 2011, the program features free bi-monthly classes taught onsite at the National Archives at Kansas City on topics including: Federal census records, immigration records, land records, military records, and more. The workshop calendar can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nationalarchiveskansascity>. In

addition, we have developed a course catalog listing classes we are able to teach for groups offsite. If you would like a paper or electronic copy of the calendar or the entire course catalog, contact us and we will be happy to send them. For more information contact us by phone at 816.268.8000 or via email at kansas-city.archives@nara.gov.

Staff News and Notes from the National Archives at Kansas City

After 25 years of service, Barbara Larsen of the National Archives at Kansas City will be retiring on May 4, 2012. Barbara started with the archives as a volunteer in the winter of 1987. She went on to become an intermittent employee in October 1988 and became full time in September 1998. Barbara has spent the bulk of her

career answering reference requests and working on large arrangement and description projects with a variety of record groups. Barbara has also served as a mentor to almost all of our current staff. Her tremendous knowledge of Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Indian Affairs records will be sorely missed.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Records Made More Accessible at the National Archives at Kansas

Staff at the National Archives at Kansas City recently completed two major processing projects for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) records. Approximately 381 cubic feet of Aberdeen Area Office records and 650 cubic feet of Winnebago Agency records were arranged and re-

housed. Finding aids include series-level descriptions in the Archival Research Catalog (<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>), folder lists, and item lists. Elizabeth Burnes, Mollee March, and Michael Sweeney processed the Aberdeen Area Office records, 1925

-1971, which provide administrative history on numerous BIA agencies including Cheyenne River, Pine Ridge, Standing Rock, Turtle Mountain, Rosebud, and Winnebago. Joyce Burner, Kara Evans, Kate Hill, Barbara Larsen, and Jennifer Audsley-Moore processed the

Winnebago Agency records, 1857-1989, which provide administrative and personal information related to the Winnebago, Omaha, Santee Sioux, Ponca, and Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribes in Nebraska.

1940 Census Preparations at the National Archives at Kansas City

Since the opening of the 1930 Census in 2002, National Archives staff and patrons have anxiously awaited the availability of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census. The 1940 Census will open to the public on Monday, April 2, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. EST. This will be the first time that the Census will be accessible from any computer for free. During the initial months following its release, researchers will conduct their searches via enumeration districts as opposed to name indexes. Conducting

successful searches will require some advanced planning. The National Archives at Kansas City is offering a series of classes explaining how to search and what information researchers will find on the 1940 Census. For more information, visit <http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/index.html> or contact kansas-city.archives@nara.gov.

Truman Library opens 3,200 page accretion to the Bess Wallace Truman Papers

On February 13th, the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri opened a 3,200 page accretion to the Bess Wallace Truman Papers. This latest batch of material contains letters written by the families of Harry and Bess Truman. Included in this opening are letters that Harry received from his cousins, Mary Ethel and Nellie Noland, his sister Mary Jane Truman, and his mother, Martha Ellen Truman. This new material also contains extensive letters to Bess from her

mother Madge Gates Wallace, as well as the letters that Bess wrote to her mother in reply. Among the topics mentioned in these letters are updates about all the family members; Missouri and national politics; Margaret Truman; the Truman farm; the Wallace home at 219 North Delaware; the elections of 1940, 1944, 1948, and 1952; the 1949 Inaugural; and the Korean War and Douglas MacArthur. Inquiries regarding this collection should be sent to truman.reference@nara.gov.



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