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KCAA Visits The Jackson County (Mo.) Historical Society Archives & Research Library

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The Independence Day celebrations of 1909 included a Jackson County Historical Society picnic for 200 people on the shaded lawn of the John B. Wornall House in Kansas City, Missouri. Amazingly, these participants also had the foresight to recognize and envision a great need for “the preservation...[and the] care and exhibition of historic articles and documents relating to Jackson County.” The spirit of that 1909 gathering ... and their vision of collecting, preserving and making available to the public “historic articles and documents relating to Jackson County” is one that continues today after nearly 100 years.

The Jackson County Historical Society formally organized as a not-for-profit educational organization January 19, 1940, when Roger T. Sermon, then mayor of Independence, Missouri, called an organizational meeting to choose officers and prepare by-laws. The headquarters were to be at the County Seat in Independence, and its historical records (now its archives and research library) were then maintained in one fireproof cabinet in the Jackson County Library.

The Society ramped up its activity in 1958 when the oldest structure on Independence Square was slated for demolition . . . the 1859 Jackson County Jail and adjoining Marshal’s Home. After a fervent capital campaign under the leadership of Society President W. Howard Adams, the 1859 Jail, Marshal’s Home and Museum opened to the public in June 1959, in the buildings’ 100th year. The one-room schoolhouse used for 90 years on the William B. Howard farm near Lee’s Summit, Missouri, was also relocated to the site for preservation and interpretation. The restored structures and period rooms were furnished through the acquisition of significant Jackson County-related artifacts from the late 19th Century. The Society’s archives collection also grew significantly during the surging interest in historic preservation.

Membership grew from 700 in 1958 to 2,351 just a decade later. During this period, the Society acquired the John B. Wornall House on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Westport (an event significant to that site’s history) in October, 1964. Although the home was open by 1969 for “under restoration” tours, it took another three years of research, planning, fund-raising, and restoration before the historic house museum opened to the public in September, 1972.

That autumn, the Society’s Archives and Research Library, which had outgrown temporary quarters in the basement of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library, relocated to space provided by Jackson County government in the historic Courthouse on Independence Square.

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Corner Chair



The December meeting proved to be enlightening and fun. KCAA met at the Jackson County Historical Society Archives in Independence, Missouri. Independence alone is filled with historic sites. As one walks the square of Independence, it is easy to see how Truman's life was shaped – the old soda fountain shop where he worked as a boy and the old courthouse where he was first introduced to the world of politics. What a magnificent area to take in the life of the 33rd president: Harry Truman. Thank you David Jackson for the many hours you and the staff at the Jackson County Historical Society Archives dedicate to the history of Truman and Independence.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 9 March 2006 at the Liberty Memorial Research Library at 2 p.m. Our host will be Jonathan Casey.

Two more members stepped up to help KCAA continue on its path of growth. Jonathan Casey has agreed to chair the publicity committee, Emily Hughes Dominick has agreed to chair the membership committee, while Maggi Mueller has agreed to chair the publications committee. Emily, Maggi and Jonathan will be a fantastic addition to KCAA's Steering Committee. Thank you Emily, Maggi and Jonathan. Unfortunately, KCAA's Steering Committee lost two members – Education Chair Gloria Creed-Dikeogu and Awards and Nominations Chair Kim Glover. So, if anyone would like to assist the Steering Committee continue its move forward, please contact someone on the committee and let us know.

The KCAA Steering Committee wishes all of you a wonderful and successful new year!

Until March,
Trish Schurkamp

Cover Story Continued...

Today, the Jackson County Historical Society collections continue to grow and are moving into the 21st Century with exciting technological projects that will make our collections available to a worldwide audience.

In successive years the quantity and quality of the Society's products, services, sites and programs have adapted to meet the needs of its patron's. Generous benefactors have also helped establish permanent endowment funds for the long-term care of the Society's historic sites and rich local history collections.

Another successful year is concluding. We've fielded more than 4,200 contacts at our archives and research library alone, and accepted more than 125 generous collections donations. Our educational programs have been captivating and well-attended. And, our scholarly JOURNAL continues to receive wide acclaim.

We are grateful for dedicated volunteers and interns who help us excel. Christina Thompson, Central Methodist College, completed a 120-hour summer internship this year. In addition to being introduced to all facets of our work and delving into many projects, her main project was to "overhaul" our vertical files, a project that is wrapping up with volunteer efforts. A backlog of newspaper clippings that relate to local topics of historical interest, which are used by researchers regularly, will soon be filed. After a year and a half, regular volunteers who give their time every week have finished indexing more than 4,500 "Abstract of Title" for property in Jackson County, Missouri. Names and property information is being entered into an in-house database that will be useful to genealogists, as well as house historians. (A donation of several hundred additional abstracts has recently arrived and they will undergo the same process.) We've also recently prepared an in-house database for our 2,000+ volume Research Library, which continues to grow with each donation.

Over the next 2-5 years you will hear more about large-scale projects we are launching, including retro conversion of our card catalog, processing Jackson County Circuit Court Records, and digitization of our photographic collections (and other selected holdings). Researchers are welcomed by advanced appointment; Society members who support our mission receive numerous benefits, including free access to our facilities. For more about our non profit organization's products, services and programs, or to sign up for our FREE HistorE-mail newsletter communicated monthly, visit us at www.jchs.org.

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

KANSAS CITY AREA ARCHIVISTS
Winter Quarterly Meeting - Thursday, December 13, 2005
Jackson County Historical Archives, Independence, Missouri

Senior Co-Chair Trish Schurkamp called the meeting to order and introduced our host David Jackson, Archivist of the Jackson County Historical Society Archives.

Secretary—Heidi Hornaday

The Secretary was unable to attend. The minutes for the September meeting were reviewed and approved.

Education—Gloria Creed-Dikeogu

Gloria Creed-Dikeogu has resigned her post as education committee chair. The committee only has 3 members, and is in need of several committee members in addition to the chair position. Gloria announced the education fair held in November at the Wyandotte County Museum was a success. Trish thanked Gloria for her dedicated service over the last few years as education committee chair.

Membership—Marilyn Burlingame

Marilyn Burlingame is retiring as membership committee chair this month. Trish read her submitted report. Membership renewal has proceeded slowly. We currently have 137 members. The directory had a late mailing this year because of the difficulty of getting all memberships to renew. Emily Hughes Dominick has been nominated to be the new membership committee chair.

Minority Intern—Letha Johnson

Kim Glover has resigned as a committee member. The committee is hoping to find a few new members to help with mailings and interviews. The committee is planning to solicit money from KCAA members by way of a direct mailing. We are currently \$800 dollars short for next year's internship. The committee is also looking into additional funding sources including corporate funding.

Newsletter—Kara Kelly

The next newsletter will come out in January of 2006. Not many news items have come in thus far, and the issue is predicted to be short this time. Institutions were encouraged to submit information by Christmas for inclusion in the January newsletter.

Scholarships—Audrey McKanna Coleman

Emily Hughes Dominick received a scholarship for attending the fall MAC meeting. She has submitted an article for the Dusty Shelf relating her experiences. There are currently sufficient funds for this programs continuation. Members are eligible for up to \$200 in assistance, to be used for attending conferences or workshops.

Awards and Nominations—Kim Glover

Kim Glover was unable to attend the meeting. She has resigned from the committee due to family commitments and a new job. If you are interested in helping out, please contact a steering committee member.

Treasurer—Jean Bischoff

The treasurer was unable to attend. Trish read her submitted report. The report was approved.

New Business

The Senior Co-Chair read bio's for the three nominated committee chairs.

1. Jonathan Casey for publicity committee chair. Jonathan is currently archivist at the Liberty Memorial Museum. He received his master's in historical administration and museum studies from the University of Kansas in December 1995. Nomination approved by the membership.
2. Emily Hughes Dominick for membership committee chair. Emily is currently an archives technician at the Unity Archives. She graduated with a museum studies degree from the University of Kansas in 2004. Nomination approved by the membership.
3. Maggi Mueller for publications committee chair. Maggi is archivist at the St. Paul School of Theology. She received her associate's degree from Westark Community College and her bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Arkansas. Nomination approved by the membership.

Trish welcomed the new committee chairs and thanked them for volunteering their services.

She then introduced David Jackson, archivist at the Jackson County Historical Archives. David gave a brief explanation of the archives and the other exhibits on our tour including the Truman courtroom and the 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum.

Trish then invited Letha Johnson to introduce Richard Pearce-Moses, who would be speaking at 4pm, after the conclusion of our regular meeting. Letha introduced Richard as the President of the Society of American Archivists and Director of Digital Government Information at the Arizona State Library. Richard is currently working with staff at the Kansas State Historical Society Archives on their Kspace digital records program.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Kelly
(For Heidi Hornaday)

Committee Chair Reports

Scholarship Committee

Have your eye on attending an upcoming conference in the new year? KCAA can help you get there! The Scholarship Committee urges the membership to take advantage of this benefit - You all, as members have invested in it: Ten percent of your annual dues are allocated to the Scholarship Fund. Take an opportunity this year to enrich your professional experience, and bring your newfound knowledge back to KCAA to share !

Scholarships are available to KCAA members to defray the cost of attending professionally related educational conferences, workshops, symposia, and institutes. Grants are awarded to a qualifying member of up to \$200 per fiscal year as available. Awardees will be required to submit a brief report (approximately 300-500 words) summarizing their funded experience, which may be used for Scholarship promotion purposes in the Dusty Shelf newsletter.

Application for funding may be made at any time within one year of the date of indicated educational activity. Application forms are available from KCAA Scholarship Chair, or online at www.umkc.edu/kcaa/Scholarships/SCHOLAR.HTM in PDF form and also available in this newsletter. All applications shall be returned to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee for consideration. Scholarship Committee will give consideration to merit and situation of applicant and worthiness of the solicited activity per the intent and purpose of KCAA scholarships. Scholarship Chair will notify applicant of the disposition of their request in a timely manner.

Minority Internship Committee

Committee Members Update

Kim Glover has resigned from the committee and will be taking an inactive role in KCAA so she can concentrate on her family and new job at Kansas State University. Kim played a key role in getting the internship program back up and going. We will miss her tremendously. The committee is currently looking for one or two new members. The primary duties are: working on the mailing list for the internship flyer, participation in the selection of the intern, and some statistical research as needed. Please contact Letha Johnson if you would like to join the committee: ljohnson@kshs.org or (785) 272-8681, ext. 306.

Fundraising Update

The committee has decided to solicit donations from the KCAA membership, via direct mailing, as the first attempt to raise funds for the internship program. The fund currently does not have enough money for this year's internship. The committee will continue to work on additional fundraising ideas throughout the year. Please pass along any suggestions to committee members.

New Committee Chairs

The following KCAA members have been elected to Committee Chair positions

Publications

Maggi Mueller is currently an employee at St. Paul School of Theology. At St. Paul, she works in communications, where she is sharpening her skills in editing and writing, and in the library as an "accidental" archivist. As archivist, she is responsible for processing the archives. As St. Paul moves toward its 50th anniversary, Maggi is gathering information and pictures for the anticipated celebrations. Maggi received her Associate degree from Westark Community College and a Bachelor degree in liberal arts from the University of Arkansas.



Membership

Emily Hughes Dominick graduated with a museum studies degree from the University of Kansas in 2004. During her time in graduate school, she held internships at the Johnson County



Museum and the Ottawa University Library. Upon graduation, she worked as an archives contractor for the National Archives Central Plains Region where she provided preservation treatments to oversized archival materials. Currently she is working at the Unity Archives as Archives Technician.

Publicity

Jonathan Casey is currently employed at the Liberty Memorial Museum as Museum Archivist. He had previously worked at the Kansas City Missouri Parks and Recreation Archives as a project archivist. Jonathan received his master's in Historical Administration and Museum Studies from the University of Kansas in December 1995. He received his Bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary.



Humor Column

By Bob Knecht, Kansas State Historical Society

YES, IT IS ALL ABOUT US

Some time ago, in the midst of budget and personnel cuts and threatened cuts, I provided a number of important and significant ways that archives could demonstrate to their users and the general public how badly our institutions needed additional funding. I have been told that a number of organizations successfully used these tips and significantly increased their budgets.

Now that the holiday season, with its message of thinking first of others, is over, I feel it's time to think about US. Yes, us (or is it we?): the archivists, archival assistants, librarians, library clerks, archives techs, archival aides, known by whatever title, that are the heart of every archives. Without us, remember, those valuable papers, books, records, and other materials that we hear so much about would just sit on the shelf, gather dust, and continue to be a host for mold and heaven knows what else. We (or is it us?), the ones who—when we find something valuable or something an important person or reporter wants to see—are their best friends, but when budget time rolls around, we're just another cell on the ol' spreadsheet, our valuable contributions unremembered.

As I mentioned in my earlier article, our comfortable surroundings and impressive reading rooms sometimes make visitors think that we have no monetary problems. Similarly, when researchers and others see us at work looking totally "professional," they may not realize how many of us are eligible for food stamps. So, to demonstrate our plight, I suggest the following steps you may want to consider to bolster your chances for a pay raise:

Drive a junker to work: It may be apocryphal, but the story has gone around government circles about the legislator, who, in the midst of consideration of a bill to raise State employees' pay, remarked: "I drove through the employee parking lot, and most of those cars looked pretty new, so I don't think they really need more money." To counteract this kind of errant thinking, be sure the car in the lot that's yours truly looks like a refugee from the salvage yard. If it was manufactured in a year beginning with the numeral 2, it is too new to be driven to work!

Watch what you wear: We need to look professional while serving the public, but we can go overboard, you know. Particularly watch those designer clothes with the little labels: They're a dead giveaway that we might have more disposable income than we need. If we're wearing clothes that say "Eddie Bauer" or "Ralph Lauren" or "Paris Hilton," or have little animals on them, it won't help our chances one iota. A better strategy would be to wear clean but obviously worn clothing. Something with a faded institutional name or the word "discarded" stenciled on it in black would be ideal. If you must wear celebrity clothing, make sure it's a has-been celebrity such as Jerry Vale or Phyllis Diller.

Be friendly: Every time someone enters your archives, give them a cherry "hello" followed by "You look very familiar. Have we met before?" When the person gives you a puzzled look, just smile sweetly and say, "Oh, it must be from my other job as a Wal-Mart greeter."

Monitor visitors eating lunch: If you have a snack bar or cafe that allows researchers to use it, be sure and closely observe any visitors. If they're about to throw something away uneaten, immediately show up with your best "long face" and say, "Rather than discarding that, would you mind giving it to me? My children really love those, and unfortunately we cannot afford them except at Christmas and on their birthdays."

And finally, Work smart: If you're working in full view of the public, make sure there's a blank food stamp, WIC, Medicaid, or similar application on the desk that is plainly not an archival record. If you have a name badge, it might help to make sure your name is on the application as well so patrons can make the connection. If you're using a computer, make sure your home page is the on-line eligibility guidelines from your State welfare office.

By using a few of these techniques, we'll all have a joyful, and more prosperous, 2006!

(The author, an archivist, drives a 1989 car to work.)

National Archives – Central Plains Region


George Washington Carver Exhibit


The Central Plains Region branch of the National Archives and Records Administration has created a small, temporary exhibit in honor of Dr. Carver. *The George Washington Carver exhibit* will be on view in the main lobby of the Central Plains Region, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., from January 5 – March 31, 2006. For more information please contact: lori.cox-paul@nara.gov

The display is made up of documents from the holdings of both the Central Plains Region and the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The Central Plains Region houses records relating to the development of the George Washington Carver National Monument. These documents are part of Record Group 79, Records of the National Park Service. They include correspondence relating to the development of the site, maps and blueprints, copies of legislation enacted, newspaper articles, and a few photographs. This National Park Service site—the birthplace of Carver—is located near Diamond, Missouri. Among the items on view from the holdings in Washington, D.C. are facsimile copies of drawings made honoring Dr. Carver during World War II and copies of photographs of African American women building the World War II liberty ship the *George Washington Carver*.

Know Your Records Genealogy Lecture Series

The Central Plains Region and the National Archives in Washington D.C. will broadcast for the general public the following lectures in the Central Plains Conference Room located at 2312 E Bannister Rd. Kansas City, MO. Call (816) 268-8072 or email: kimberlee.ried@nara.gov for more information. All lectures are free.

 **Tuesday, January 24, 10:00am:** *Land and Native Americans* – Richard Fusick, speaker.

 **Tuesday, February 14, 10:00am:** *Preserving the Legacy of the United States Colored Troops* - Budge Weidman, speaker.

Offsite exhibits at Mid-Continent Public Library branches

The following will be on display at the branches listed for a minimum of one week at various Mid-Continent Public Library branches in western Missouri: www.mcpl.lib.mo.us


 **Begins January 17:** *The Real Deadwood*, Parkville.

 **Begins January 31:** *Wild, Wild Archives: Cowboys, Indians, and Other Assorted Gunslingers*, Kearney.

Liberty Memorial Museum film series – The Veterans Experience in Film

The National Archives – Central Plains Region and the Liberty Memorial Museum are presenting the following films free to the public. Each film will be introduced by a film or history scholar and will be shown in the Nichols Auditorium at the Liberty Memorial Museum, 100 W 26th St. Kansas City, MO 64108


Dates: February 3 – March 31 (selected dates) **Time:** 7:00pm

 **Friday Feb 3:** *The Big Parade*

 **Friday Feb 17:** *I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang*

 **Friday March 3:** *Heroes for Sale*

 **Friday March 17:** *The Fighting 69th*

 **Friday March 31:** *The Roaring Twenties*

Spencer Research Library - University of Kansas

The Wilcox Collection of Contemporary Political Movements at KU's Spencer Research Library celebrated its 40th anniversary in November. The collection, one of the largest assemblages of left- and right-wing American political literature - including nearly 10,000 books, pamphlets and periodicals and more than 100,000 fliers, brochures, mailings, clippings and bumper stickers - was established in 1965 when the university purchased student Laird Wilcox's collection of materials on contemporary political activity.

Since then, the collection has grown to become national in scope and include holdings from the 1940s to the present day. It is among the largest and most heavily consulted collections of its kind in North America, attracting scholars from many countries. An online exhibit, *Free Speech and the Wilcox Collection*, serves as a companion to one featured at the Library. <http://spencer.lib.ku.edu/>.

Truman Presidential Museum and Library

The White House in miniature exhibit is back at the Truman Presidential Museum & Library until July 9, 2006. The White House replica broke attendance records at the Library in 1996. Americans will now have the chance to get an insiders tour of "The Presidents House" without the inconvenience of traveling to the nation's capital. That is why John and Jan Zweifel have labored since 1962 to create The White House in Miniature, a breathtaking scale model of the White House that is 60 feet long and 20 feet wide. The Truman Presidential Museum & Library is thrilled to bring this exhibit back to the Kansas City area for an extended stay in 2005-2006.

Nazarene Archives

Our newest exhibit focuses on the Dutch religious reformer James Arminius (d. 1609) and his associates. A minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, he developed a theology that rejected many basic tenets of Calvinism, the prevailing theology in Holland's state church. Arminius' followers, known as Remonstrants, were persecuted initially but later were allowed to form a free church. Arminius' circle included Hugo Grotius, founder of international law. Arminius' theology provided the framework for the thought of John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism, and underlies the theology of Methodist-related churches worldwide, including the Church of the Nazarene. The exhibit is composed of framed photographs of portraits and other art collected by Dr. Carl Bangs, late professor at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and Arminius' primary English-language biographer. Bangs was assisted in collecting the pieces by his son, Jeremy Bangs, a noted art historian, archivist, and curator, who lives in Leiden and founded the Leiden Pilgrim Museum.



We Want YOU!

For **Education** or **Awards & Nominations Chairperson**.

For descriptions or information please call any of your friendly chairpersons.

Address correction from the membership directory:

Sherrie Kline Smith

Kansas City Public Library

14 West 10th Street

Kansas City, MO 64105-1702

sherriesmith@kclibrary.org

People in the News

Federal Reserve Bank Archives

Cindy Edwards commenced work as Archivist for the newly established Bank Archives section of the Research Library for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City on August 31st. The Research Library undertook the project of overseeing the Bank Archives in anticipation of the opening of the Federal Reserve Bank's new building in spring 2008, as well as the upcoming Federal Reserve System Centennial Anniversary in 2013-14. Cindy most recently held the position of Senior Archives Specialist at the UMKC University Archives and before that was an Archives Technician working on a William T. Kemper Foundation grant project with the Harry S. Truman Library Institute.

Employment Opportunity

Sedgwick County Courthouse Records Center

Sedgwick County Government / Wichita, KS
RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVES
ANALYST (09-30-2005)

POSITION SUMMARY

Assists the Records Manager in implementing the County Records Management Policy, including records retention analysis, operation of the Courthouse Records Center, records destruction, and archival records preservation and access. Assists the Records Manager in implementing County compliance procedures for the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA).

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in History, Public Administration, Political Science, Business Administration or related field.

Interested persons should check <http://www.hrepartners.com/>, or email Douglas King at dking@sedgwick.gov to confirm the position is still open for application.

New Projects

Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics – Archives

The Archive of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas is very pleased to announce the launch of a new website (<http://www.doleinstitute.org/archives/>) in conjunction with the opening of Senator Bob Dole's House of Representatives papers. The Dole House of Representatives collection consists of 119 boxes of personal, political, legislative and constituent material, as well as several hundred press releases and 500 photographs. The papers document the years 1960-1969, when then-Congressman Dole served Kansas' Sixth and later First congressional districts. The complete finding aid is available on the web, with the exception of the collection's searchable Access database which is currently available only on-site.

The main body of the papers document Dole's campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1959-1960 and his subsequent Congressional campaigns. Extensively documented in the House Papers are both the early leadership roles and alliances Dole cultivated in Congress and his legislative efforts reflecting the interests and needs of his Kansas constituents. Material includes correspondence, memos, reports, newsletters, speeches, casework, statements, testimony, campaign and Republican Party records. Legislative initiatives relating to hunger and nutrition that Congressman Dole, as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, began in the House of Representatives formed the groundwork for his later work in the Senate on implementing school lunch programs, the WIC and Food Stamp programs. Dole also served on the Government Operations Committee and led well-documented delegations to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization meetings in Europe and, at the direction of President Johnson, accompanied a 1966 congressional delegation investigating famine in India.

For more information about the collection and research assistance, contact Senior Archivist Jean B. Bischoff (785) 864-1405 or Visit www.doleinstitute.org/archives/.

Scholarship Essay

By: Emily Hughes Dominick

At the end of September, I attended the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC) held on the beautiful campus of Indiana University in Bloomington. This was made possible in part by the generosity of the KCAA scholarship that defrayed my registration fees. As someone relatively new in the archival field, I was happy to participate in this annual meeting of MAC to become more familiar with the issues that archivists today are facing and also to learn the current 'best practices' in the field. During the two days of sessions and workshops I learned techniques in the five central archival tasks: appraisal, arrangement, preservation, access and outreach. As it was organized I could choose what level of instruction I would receive: basic, focus on a special topic

within the task, or focus on a specific technology within the task. In this way, I could cater the meeting toward my individual needs. I got helpful tips in the basics of appraisal and more pointed techniques from a scrapbook preservation session.

Apart from the technical instruction, there was also time to participate in discussions, both formal and informal, on the direction of the archives field. The plenary session provided a provocative discussion on the future of archival education. As someone not following the more "typical" path of the up-and-coming archivist (that is, I have a master's degree in Museum Studies rather than the ever-growing master's in Library and Information Science), I found the data presented about archival education to be very interesting. What is fairly typical of archivists new to the field and even those long-time archivists who want to keep up with technological advances that affect the way we store and share information is the need to supplement our formal training and experience with continuing education programs. Attending workshops and sessions at local, regional, or national archival meetings is one way to meet this need.

I came home from the conference invigorated and equipped with a handful of ideas that I brought back to my archives. I also returned with an awareness of knowledge that I still need to gain in order to do my job most effectively. Through my involvement with organizations such as KCAA and MAC, I am confident that my archival expertise will continue to grow.

Emily Hughes Dominick is currently an Archives Technician at the Unity Archives, Unity Village, Missouri.

Calendar

Missouri Library Network Corporation Grant Writing for Digitization & Preservation Projects Workshop

February 2, 2006
St. Louis, MO
[http://www.mlnc.org/Workshops/
grantwriting.html](http://www.mlnc.org/Workshops/grantwriting.html)

Society of American Archivist Workshop: Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)

March 08, 2006
Minneapolis, MN
For a full list of SAA workshops see:
[http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/
seasonal_schedule.asp](http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/
seasonal_schedule.asp)

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March 9, 2006, 2p.m.
Liberty Memorial Research Library
100 W. 26th
Kansas City, MO 64108

Annual Tri-Conference Kansas Library Association Kansas Association of School Librarians Kansas Association for Educational Communications and Technology

April 5-7, 2006
Wichita, KS
<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/tricon/2006/index.html>

Midwest Archives Conference Spring Biannual Meeting

April 27-29, 2006
Bloomington Normal, IL
<http://www.midwestarchives.org/>

American Association of Museums Annual Conference

April 27-May 1st, 2006
Boston, MA
<http://www.aam-us.org/am06/index.cfm>

Association for Recorded Sound Collections Annual Conference

Seattle, WA
May 17-20, 2006
<http://www.arsc-audio.org/conference2006.html>

American Library Association Annual Conference

June 22-28, 2006
New Orleans, LA
[http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/
2006a/nofaq.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/
2006a/nofaq.htm)

Society of American Archivist, with NAGARA & CoSA Annual Conference

July 31-August 6th, 2006
Washington, D. C.
<http://www.archivists.org/conference/index.asp>

KCAA Scholarship Application (08/05)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Employing Institution: _____

Job Title: _____

Salary: _____

Level of Education: _____

Major field(s) of study: _____

Other education in progress: _____

Previous Archival Training (check all that apply):

No Training

Volunteer work

On the job training

Formal job-related training course

Undergraduate internship

Graduate internship

Other: _____

Amount requested: _____

Purpose of request:

How will you, your institution, or KCAA, benefit from your participation in this requested activity?:

Exclusive of this request, what percentage of the cost of this activity will be paid for by:

You? Your Employer? Other Sources? _____

Will your employer require you to use leave time to participate in this professional training/educational activity?

Forward application to KCAA Scholarship Committee Chair (2005-06):

Audrey McKanna Coleman, Spencer Research Library
University of Kansas
1450 Poplar Lane
Lawrence, KS, 66045
Email: amcoleman@ku.edu

Kansas City Area Archivists

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please return to: Emily Hughes Dominick, KCAA Membership Chair, Unity Archives and Library, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065-0001.

Mail to home address (Office address is default)
 No listing in Membership Directory

Receive mailings by email **only**
 Please limit the address to one line and give Zip + 4

Name		
Home address		
City	State	Zip+4
Home Phone	Home FAX	
Home Email	URL	

Institution Name		
Institution address		
City	State	Zip+4
Work Phone	Work FAX	
Work Email	URL	

KCAA MEMBERSHIP LEVELS OF SUPPORT

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional \$30.00 <i>This dues level allows: Voting privileges, one free copy of the Dusty Shelf, and participation in KCAA activities by one representative of the institution and one copy of all KCAA publications at members' price.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate \$10.00 <i>For employees of Supporting Institutional Members</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Institutional \$50.00 <i>This dues level allows: Same as Institutional level above plus participation in KCAA activities by an additional non-voting representative of the institution at members' price.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$10.00 <i>Please include copy of current student I.D. or registration.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Institutional \$100.00 <i>This dues level allows: Same as Institutional level above plus participation in KCAA activities by two additional non-voting representatives of the institution at members' price. Also, any employee of a Supporting Institution may join at the Affiliate rate with full membership privileges.</i>

KCAA COMMITTEES....WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

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