



THE DUSTY SHELF

Kansas City Area Archivists
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Striving to provide an atmosphere of cooperation which will enliven and support the use and availability of historical records.

KCAA welcomes ten new members in 2006-07

Kate Crowe (Student)

Lon Dagley, Marge Smith Archives,
Mid-America Nazarene University
(Institutional)

Sara Lott (Individual)

Joan Hilger-Mullen, Piper Memorial
Medical Museum, St. Joseph Medical
Center (Institutional)

Kelley Martin, Marr Sound Archive,
UMKC (Individual)

Craig Pearman, University of
Kansas (Individual)

William Rice IV, Church of
the Nazarene, International
Headquarters (Individual)

John Simmons, KU Museum of
Natural History & Biodiversity
Center/Museum Studies Program
(Individual)

Kathi Whitman, In Credible English
(Individual)

Chris Wilborn, Wilborn & Associates
Photographers (Institutional)

Charlee Wilson (Student)

Holly Wright, Nelson-Atkins
Museum of Art (Institutional)

Joel Thornton to Speak at Next Quarterly KCAA Meeting

Plan now to attend KCAA's next quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2007. It will be held at the Truman Library Institute, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The featured speaker is Joel Thornton, Archivist at the Wyandotte County Museum. He will talk about the photographic project that he has been working on over the past five years. Joel will discuss the inventory process and digitization. He will also touch on copyright issues that most archivists seem to be facing now that photographs are much easier to access online.



Joel Thornton at his desk in the Wyandotte County Museum Archives

Eisenhower Presidential Library & KCAA Co-Sponsoring Spring Symposium on Archival Access Issues in May

The Eisenhower Presidential Library and KCAA will co-sponsor a symposium on "Archival Access Issues" on May 24, 2007 in Abilene, Kansas. Speakers will address access to archeological records, Federal prison records, historical access to patient case files, and access to the Richard M. Nixon presidential materials as case studies of access issues.

The lunchtime speaker, Kansas State Archivist Matt Veatch, will discuss providing access to digital documents and electronic records. There will also be a round-table discussion of copyright and archival collections. Registration is only \$15.00 including lunch or \$10.00 without the lunch program.

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Corner Chair by Patricia Schurkamp, Senior Co-Chair

Once again, KCAA is moving forward into a new year. I have been blessed to be a part of a great organization with wonderful and talented people.

Each committee strived to bring excellent programming to KCAA members. Two women stepped up and took over as Education Co-Chairs – Kate Rogge and Kate Crowe. They added guest speakers to the Quarterly program. If you have not had a chance to attend, please try. The guest speakers have given us an opportunity to learn and to challenge ourselves as archivists.

KCAA can be proud of its committee chairs: Heidi Hornaday, Tammy Kelly, Maggi Mueller, Joel Thornton, Letha Johnson, Audrey McKanna Coleman, Jonathan Casey, and the two Kates. Thank you for the work, dedication and time that you have put forth this year!

Heidi and several committee members have been working on a KCAA survey. As we continue to grow and change, we want to know how best we can serve the membership. It has been five years since the last survey.

We need your feedback. KCAA is

about its members and making sure that we present relevant programs and trainings.

As I wrote once before, KCAA isn't a card we carry showing that we are members of an organization, but what we put into that organization – our time, our energy, our strengths and even our weaknesses. It is our ability to work together and help each other that gives meaning to KCAA.

Until June,

Trish Schurkamp

Scholarship Essay by Heidi Hornaday, Junior Co-Chair

Last September, I received a KCAA scholarship to attend the Mountain-Plains Museums Association's 53rd Annual Conference. The funds helped to defray the cost of my lodging in Taos, New Mexico. My purpose in attending this particular meeting was two-fold. First, I was invited to present a paper about my Museum Studies internship, which I had completed the previous summer in partial fulfillment of my masters degree at the University of Kansas. Secondly, there were a number of sessions about digital collections that I wanted to attend.

As evidenced by a recent discussion on the KCAA listserv, digitization is the "name of the game" in archives today. Yet, it is an area in which I received minimal instruction as a graduate student. The conference sessions promised to expose me to current issues, projects, and best practices in the field. Moreover, the conference theme, "When Cultures Converge, Doors Open," resonated with me as an anthropology major. In return for the scholarship, I agreed to write an article about my conference experience for *The Dusty Shelf*.

Thanks in part to KCAA, I had the opportunity to hear several distinguished keynote speakers. My favorite was James F. Brooks, President and CEO of the School of American Research in Santa Fe. His presentation contrasted the image of the Southwest as a "multi-ethnic paradise" against an historical background of intense, painful and, sometimes, violent cross-cultural conflict fueled by scarce resources and immigration.



Scholarship recipient Heidi Hornaday (right) presented a paper about her archives internship at the conference

There were several sessions on digitization as well as a pre-conference workshop presented by Robert Hickerson from KU's Spencer Research Library. Of the projects that I learned about, the one that impressed me most is the Collaborative Digitization Program (CDP). Funded with a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in 1998 through the Colorado State Library, it began as the Colorado Digital Initiative. The CDP now partners with 34 institutions in 10 western states, including Kansas.

The goals are twofold: to achieve high quality digital access to cultural heritage collections, and to provide resources and training to its members. The CDP provides infrastructure for delivery of all types of digital content. It also offers a variety of workshops and professional development opportunities. Online projects include: Heritage Colorado, Colorado Main Streets, Western Trails, Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection and Sound Model, which digitized 2400 hours of audio material and became available in December. For more information log on to www.cdpheritage.org

Kansas City Area Archivists
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2006 2:00 pm
Center for the Study of the Korean War
1401 West Truman Road
Independence, MO 64050

I. Welcome-Trish Schurkamp, Senior Co-Chair

Trish called the meeting to order and thanked Greg Edwards of the Center for the Study of the Korean War for offering to host the meeting, and thanked Dave Boutros for being the speaker for this meeting.

2. Secretary's Report-Tammy Kelly

The Secretary's report for the last quarterly meeting in September will be forthcoming.

3. Treasurer's Report-Maggi Mueller

Maggi distributed copies of the Treasurer's report, dated November 30, 2006. The treasury has a balance of 16,916.48. Maggi also reported that she is in the process of revising some things related to the treasury reports, making things easier to understand, and having the quarters begin on the first of the month, rather than on the meeting date. Maggi also provided a revised Treasurer's report for last quarter, which reflected a slight decrease in the total balance, to 17,093.64.

4. Committee Reports

a. Membership-Vacant, Heidi Hornaday filling in

We have a total of 200 members, 10 of whom are new this year. These are: Kate Crowe, Lon Dagley (Mid-America Nazarene University), Joan Hilger (Piper Memorial Medical Museum), Kelley Martin (Marr Sound Archive), Craig Pearman (University of Kansas), William Rice, IV (Church of the Nazarene, International Headquarters), John Simmons (University of Kansas, Museum of Natural History), Chris Wilborn (Wilborn and Associates Photographers), Charlee Wilson, and Holly Wright (Nelson Atkins Museum of Art). It was determined to wait until after the rush of the holidays to send a gentle reminder to members who have not renewed. If you or someone you know is interested in being membership chair, please contact Heidi or Trish.

b. Newsletter-Vacant, Heidi Hornaday filling in

Our former newsletter chair, Kara Kelley, has taken a job as a Registrar in Arizona, so we are also in search of a new newsletter chair. The next issue of the newsletter will be out sometime by the end of January or first of February. If you or someone you know is interested in being newsletter chair, or you have questions about the position, please contact Trish or Heidi.

c. Scholarship-Audrey Coleman

Audrey submitted a report stating that the committee did not receive any applications this quarter. Information regarding the scholarship program and downloadable application forms can be found on the KCAA website.

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d. Awards and Nominations-Joel Thornton

If you have any suggestions for a recipient for the upcoming Holly Award, please pass this along to Joel.

e. Education-Kate Rogge and Kate Crowe

KCAA is co-sponsoring a symposium with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, entitled "Archival Access Issues". KCAA has agreed to provide a person, John Ferrell, at the registration desk the day of the event, publicity, an event brochure, and name tags. We will be asking the Eisenhower Library if we can have a KCAA membership table at the event.

The education committee is also planning a fall 2007 Symposium with copyright issues as the tentative subject. They are seeking a site in Missouri to host the event.

In addition, we will co-sponsor an event in March 2007 with the Special Libraries Association, Heart of America chapter entitled "Records Management" and presented by David Steward of Blackwell Sanders Piper Martin. KCAA is volunteering publicity for this event, once a date is determined.

f. Publicity

No report.

g. Minority Internship

No report.

h. Publications

No report.

5. Adjournment

Trish asked if anyone had any additional business they wished to bring up. Hearing none, Trish adjourned the business portion of the meeting and turned the floor over to David Boutros, Associate Director, Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Kansas City, who discussed issues related to the development of a photograph database. After David's presentation, Greg Edwards, Executive Director of the Center for the Study of the Korean War spoke about the history and collections of the Center and gave members in attendance a tour of the library and archives. The next meeting will be held March 8, 2007 at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library.

Submitted by
Tammy Kelly
Secretary

KCAA Membership Survey – February 2007

The last KCAA membership survey was done in 2002. A lot can change in five years. (Think digital collections.) Your Steering Committee is interested in hearing what's important to you now. How can KCAA best meet your needs? Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Feel free to add your ideas, comments and suggestions.

1. How often are you able to attend KCAA meetings?

- Once a year
- Twice a year
- Three times a year
- Quarterly
- Never

2. What's the best *quarterly* meeting time for you?

- First thing in the morning
- Mid-morning
- Noon
- Mid-afternoon
- Evening
- Vary meeting times throughout the year

3. In recent years, attendance at the *annual* meeting has declined. Should we change the time of the meeting?

- Yes, make it a luncheon meeting
- No, keep it in the evening
- Hold it in a different month, such as _____

4. What's the best location for the annual meeting?

5. Are there any particular places (cities and/or institutions), where we haven't met lately that you would like to visit? Please list.

6. Would you be willing to host a meeting at your institution? If so, please write your name and location below.

7. What types of programming do you find most interesting and useful? Please rank in order of preference. 1=1st choice, 2=2nd choice, etc.

- Presentations by fellow members and colleagues
- Speakers who are "experts" in the field
- Educational symposia
- Hands-on workshops
- Networking and socializing with colleagues

8. What topics are most relevant to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General archival administration | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archival access | <input type="checkbox"/> Copyright issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Database | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital collections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Grantwriting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic records | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metadata | <input type="checkbox"/> Records management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation/Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

9. Should KCAA develop a mentoring program?

Yes, I'd like to have a mentor. Please write your name below

Yes, I'm willing to be a mentor. Please write your name below

No, I'm not interested.

10. How do you like to be informed about KCAA events and activities?

- The Dusty Shelf* newsletter
- Postcards, flyers and other print mail
- Electronic mail
- KCAA's website

11. Would you like to receive *The Dusty Shelf* by email distribution?

- Yes, that would save paper and postage.
- No, I prefer a printed version.
- Either one would be fine with me.

Detach and return by March 30 to:
Patricia Schurkamp
Wyandotte County Museum
631 N. 126th Street
Bonner Springs, KS 66102
FAX: (913) 721-1394

You can also complete the survey
online at www.umkc.edu/KCAA

Confidence Artist Display at the National Archives

Nothing for Something:
Oscar Hartzell and the Sir Francis
Drake Estate Con

The National Archives Central Plains Region presents "Nothing for Something: Oscar Hartzell and the Sir Francis Drake Estate Con," based upon documents used in the book *Drake's Fortune: The Fabulous True Story of the World's Greatest Confidence Artist*, written by Richard Rayner and published by Doubleday in 2002.

Rayner researched at the National Archives-Central Plains Region and is quoted as saying: "The National Archives constitutes a fabulous and unsung resource. This, in a word, is where all the stories are - meticulously preserved and organized, waiting for the lucky writer. History as it was, and history waiting to be given the new meaning that each generation requires."

Nothing for Something is the first of a series of exhibits that will be produced by the Central Plains Region as a part of *Where the Stories Are: The Hidden Treasures of the National Archives-Central Plains Region*. This exhibit series will highlight published materials based upon research at the National Archives-Central Plains Region. This exhibit will run January 16th-April 6th, 2007, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm in the front lobby

The Central Plains Region is one of 14 facilities nationwide where the public has access to federal archival records. It houses records from the states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The facility is located at 2312 E. Bannister Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131. It is open to the public Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (816) 268-8000 or visit our website at www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/nsascity.html

Truman Library Programs

February 22, at 7:00 p.m., Col. James R. Kerin, Department Chair at West Point, will speak at the conference "War and the Media," co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Korean War. It is free and open to the public.

March 15, 2:00, historian Marina Maccari will speak on "Who Shall We Welcome? Migration and Immigration." Her subject is Italian immigration in 1946 and 1960.

Visit the Truman Library website at www.trumanlibrary.org for details on these and other upcoming events.

Professional Opportunity

The Unity Library and Archives, Unity Village Missouri, seeks part-time technician to provide basic reference services, create electronic finding aids and perform other archival functions. The Unity Archives preserves records and manuscripts of the international Unity religious movement. Experience in a similar position or equivalent college level course work related to library or archival procedures preferred. Bilingual English/Spanish a plus. Monday & Thursday, 8:30 - 5 pm; occasionally some evenings, Fridays and weekends. Minimum starting salary: \$10.74/hr. For more information see www.unityonline.org.

Spring Symposium Schedule

9:30-10:30	Registration
10:15-10:30	Welcome and opening remarks
10:20-11:45	Session 1: Access and Federal Records Tim Rives, Archivist, National Archives-Central Plains Region Karl Weissenbach, Assistant Director, Eisenhower Presidential Library
11:45-1:15	Lunch in Library courtyard Keynote speaker: Matt Veatch, Kansas State Archivist
1:30-2:45	Session 2: Privacy versus Access for Historical Research Kelli Bacon, Nebraska State Historical Society Tywana Whorley, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College
3:00-4:15	Session 3: Roundtable: Application of Copyright Laws to Historical Records Richard W. Clement, Head of Special Collections, Kenneth Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas Kathy Struss, Audiovisual Archivist, Eisenhower Presidential Library Dennis Medina, Museum Curator, Eisenhower Presidential Library

Register now using the form on page 8

Plans Are Underway for KCAA's 2007 Fall Educational Symposium

KCAA's Education Committee is currently planning the Fall 2007 educational symposium. The topic has been tentatively set as "Copyright Issues," and the symposium will likely be held on a Saturday in September or October, from 9AM-1PM.

KCAA member institutions in the Kansas City/Independence area who would be interested in hosting this event, please contact Kate Rogge (krogge@usa.net) or Kate Crowe (kcrowe1981@gmail.com). Issues of interest within the theme (orphan works, copyright and the internet, etc.) and speaker suggestions are also welcome.

Abilene, KS 67410
200 Southeast Fourth Street
Dwight D. Eisenhower Library
Valoise Armstrong
Archival Access Issues Symposium
Detach and mail registration to:

Registration should be postmarked by May 11. Make check payable to: *Kansas City Area Archivists*

_____ Total Enclosed

Lunch 5.00 []

Symposium Registration \$10.00 []

Please check the appropriate boxes:

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip

_____ Address

_____ Institution

_____ Email _____ Telephone

_____ Name

Archival Access Issues Symposium Registration Form

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