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LAST CHANCE — REGISTER BY MAY 21! ARCHIVAL ACCESS ISSUES SYMPOSIUM MAY 24, 2007

EISENHOWER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY • ABILENE, KANSAS

Make your way to Abilene, Kansas on May 24th when the Eisenhower Presidential Library and KCAA present “Archival Access Issues.”

TOPICS AND SCHEDULE

Speakers will share case studies focusing on archival access for archeological records, Federal prison records, historical access to patient case files, and access to the Richard M. Nixon presidential materials. Luncheon 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.

9:30-10:15 AM
 Registration, Library Lobby

10:15-10:30 AM
 Welcome and Opening Remarks, Library Auditorium

10:20-11:45 AM
 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 PM
 Lunch in Library Courtyard
 Keynote speaker: Matt Veatch,
 Kansas State Archivist



1:30-2:45 PM
 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 PM
 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

Registration is easy and inexpensive: ONLY \$15.00, including lunch (\$10.00 without the lunch program). Just detach and send the completed registration form (on page 8) and your check (payable to Kansas City Area Archivists) to: Archival Access Issues Symposium, Valoise Armstrong, Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, 200 Southeast Fourth Street, Abilene, KS 67410

Your registration form and check made payable to Kansas City Area Archivists must be received by May 21, 2007.

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MEETING MINUTES

Kansas City Area Archivists, Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2007 2:00 pm

Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library
500 West U.S. Highway 24 • Independence, MO 64050

1. Welcome, Heidi Hornaday, Junior Co-Chair

2. Introduction of New Committee People

Heidi introduced our new Publications Committee Chairperson, Kathi Whitman. Kathi formerly worked for NARA-Central Plains Region and at the Kansas City Museum. She now runs a business called In Credible English, writing for business and technical publications.

3. Secretary's Report-Tammy Kelly

Copies of the report from the previous meeting are available in the latest KCAA newsletter, which was available at the meeting and online.

4. Treasurer's Report-Maggi Mueller

This was a relatively slow quarter, with only minor income from membership renewal (\$148) and expenses for publications and one scholarship (614.47). There were no questions from the membership about the Treasurer's report.

5. Reports from Committee Chairs

a. Education-Kate Crowe/Kate Rogge

The Education Committee is still working hard on the upcoming Archival Access Issues Symposium we are co-sponsoring with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, and things are on track for that event. The next symposium will be focused on practical problems faced by smaller institutions, such as copyright issues. The Committee will be sending out requests to the membership for issues they would like to see discussed, as nothing is concrete yet.

b. Membership-Vacant (Heidi filling in)

We are still looking for someone to fill this Committee position, so if anyone is interested or knows someone who is, please contact Heidi. It is a good way to get involved! A new membership directory will be published shortly. Heidi also mentioned that the membership survey was online, and reminded the members to fill this out.

c. Newsletter-Kathi Whitman

A recommendation was made to combine the current Newsletter and Publications Committees into one Publications Committee, with the newsletter being a subcommittee. The Publications Chair has been vacant for quite some time, and no publications have been produced since KCAA created the "Preserving Your Past" brochure. A new Committee could work on updating that, as well as taking charge of creation and publication of the KCAA directory. After some discussion

amongst the membership, no real downsides to this recommendation could be found. After a motion to bring the recommendation to a vote, the recommendation that a new Publications Committee be created to be in charge of all publications by KCAA was approved.

d. Publicity-Jonathan Casey No report.

e. Minority Internship-Letha Johnson

This committee has sent letters and flyers to seek host institutions and solicit applicants for the internship. The committee has also drafted guidelines of what we expect of the intern and the host institution. If you know of anyone who is interested, e-mail Letha. The application deadline is April 13, 2007. The committee is also seeking someone to provide funding to pay for the minority internship.

Letha, as Kansas State History Day Co-Coordinator, also discussed the KCAA History Day scholarship, which is up for renewal. Typically, KCAA donates a \$100 scholarship to both the Missouri and Kansas State History Day programs, for a total of \$200 each year. The Kansas State History Day scholarship provided by KCAA goes to the first place winner in either the Junior or Senior Paper category (it alternates every year). This scholarship helps to cover some of the cost of attending the National History Day competition at College Park, Maryland. The membership had an extended discussion of this proposal, including our desire to provide more money, how to make sure we have enough money to provide an increased amount if we make a long-term commitment, how to ensure that this program is also a benefit to KCAA, selecting a category that we will continually sponsor, and other issues. After much discussion, it was motioned and approved that KCAA will maintain its current level of commitment (\$200 per year) for five years, and the membership will revisit the decision next year to determine if we can provide more. Letha offered to write an article for the newsletter about History Day.

f. Scholarship-Audrey McKanna Coleman

Audrey stated that the committee awarded one scholarship during the quarter, and reminded the membership to apply for funds, as it is one of the benefits of membership and what part of your membership dues goes towards. The Committee will also be working on revising the application to make the process more straightforward and eliminate potential inconsistencies, and will have something to put to the membership at the June meeting.

MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

g. Awards and Nominations-Joel Thornton

Joel announced that the Committee was seeking recommendations for the Holly Award. Anyone with suggestions can contact Joel.

6. Schedule of Quarterly Meetings

The next meeting will be the annual dinner held at Wyandotte County Historical Society on June 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. More information about this will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

As there was no new business brought up, the business meeting was adjourned, and Joel Thornton gave his presentation about problems with digitizing records at a small institution. After a short break, Dr. Ray Geselbracht provided a short background lecture on the history of the Truman Library, and members of the Library staff provided tours of the archival stacks areas.

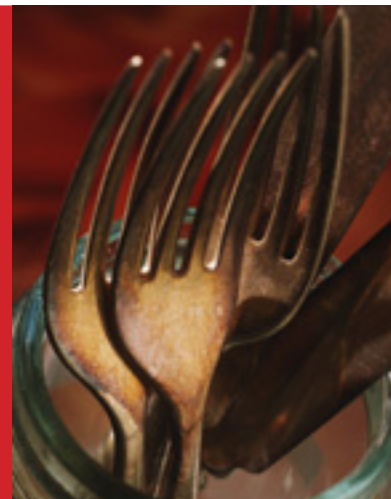
Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Kelly, KCAA Secretary

Mark your calendars now for
the KCAA Annual Meeting
and Dinner

Saturday, June 9, 2007
Wyandotte County Historical
Museum
631 N. 126th
Bonner Springs, KS

Come network, see old friends, and get up to date on KCAA activities. Join us for a "picnic in the park" at Wyandotte County Park. The KCAA Quarterly Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker, Bennett Green, will present, "Genealogy: Family — How to Find Them." Cost for dinner is \$16.50/person; for reservations, contact:

Patricia Schurkamp
913-721-1078
pschurkamp@wycokck.org



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New KCAA Members!

- Teresa Anderson, City of Gardner
- Danielle Conklin, KCKPL Technical Services
- Kenette Harder, Curry Library — William Jewell College
- Paul Kirkman
- Rebecca Martz
- Melissa Slaton, Western Historical Manuscript Collection
- Angela Stiffler, Partee Center for Baptist Historical Studies — William Jewell College

2007-2008 KCAA Membership Directory

By now, all members should have received their **2007-2008 KCAA Membership Directory**. Information for the directory was compiled from membership applications and renewals in our database.

Contact Heidi Hornaday at heidi930h@yahoo.com if you have not received your directory or have updates to the information.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

- The contact information in the directory for Dr. Lawrence H. Larsen, professor emeritus, UMKC History Department should have read: Lawrence H. Larsen, 1250 W. Gregory Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64114, 816-363-8174.
- Patricia Schurkamp's e-mail should be pschurkamp@wycokck.org.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Make a note of these updated e-mail addresses for:

- John Ferrell, Central Christian College — jwcmf@sbcglobal.net
- Jonathan Casey, Liberty Memorial Museum (KCAA Publicity Chair — jcasey@nwwone.org)
- Janice Schultz, Mid-Continent Public Library — ge_librarian@mcpl.lib.mo.us
- Steve Rogers, Johnson County Archives — Steve.Rogers@jocogov.org
- Loretta Greiner — kandlgreiner@mchsi.com

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The 2007 ALA Annual Conference will be held in Washington D.C., from June 21-27, 2007. Exhibits will be open June 23-26 in the Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW. Pre-conferences will be held June 21-22. Business, committee, and Council meetings are primarily held June 22-27. Programs are held June 23-26. **More info at:** www.ala.org

ARMA International is a not-for-profit professional association and the authority on managing records and information – paper and electronic. On June 25-26, ARMA will host a conference at the Kansas City Airport Marriott entitled, *E-Discovery & Beyond: Harnessing the Power of Collaboration*. **More info at:** www.arma.org/index.cfm

Asis&T: The Information Society for the Information Age will hold its annual convention, *Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science*, on October 18-25, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **More info at:** www.asis.org

The Society of American Archivists will hold its 71st Annual Meeting at the Fairmont in Chicago. Pre-conference programs are August 26-29, 2007, and the conference will be held August 28–September 2, 2007. **More info at:** [www/archivists.org](http://www.archivists.org)

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) will hold its 2007 SLA Annual Conference in Denver 3-6 June, 2007. Former Vice President Al Gore will speak to conference participants on Sunday, 3 June during the LexisNexis-sponsored SLA 2007 Opening General Session. Gore is also expected to sign copies of his new book prior to his address at the Colorado Convention Center. **More info at:** www.sla.org

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) will hold its 2007 annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, September 5 - 8, 2007. The theme will be RELEVANCE: The Bottom Line, emphasizing the necessity to make historical societies relevant and important to the communities they serve, both through the educational services and financial sustainability. Renowned journalist, Cokie Roberts, will be the keynote speaker. **More info at:** www.aaslh.org/anmeeting.htm

MCN (the Museum Computer Network) will hold its annual conference, *Building Content, Building Community: 40 Years of Museum Information and Technology in Chicago* from November 7-10, 2007. Meetings will be at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. **More Info:** www.mcn.edu

The Missouri Library Association will host a workshop entitled, *Wikis and Blogs: A Hands-On Workshop*, on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri. **More Info:** <http://molib.org>

Don't miss the **2007 CoSA (Council of State Archivists) Annual Meeting**, July 18-20, 2007, here in Kansas City, MO. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA) annual meeting and will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. **More info at:** www.statearchivists.org

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

This issue of *The Dusty Shelf* (Volume 26, Issue 2; the last issue should have been labeled "Volume 26, Issue 1") will be distributed in two ways:

1. Via e-mail (in pdf format) to all members for whom we have current e-mail addresses
2. Via US mail

A downloadable pdf of the newsletter will also be available online as well at www.umkc.edu/kcaa.

We're trying this distribution approach to see how the membership likes receiving electronic newsletters versus printed copies. Distributing by e-mail will certainly save KCAA significant printing and mailing costs, and it allows us to include last-minute items of interest in a timely manner.

Let us know what you think. Complete the Membership Survey (see page 7, question #11 especially), or e-mail Kathi Whitman (kwhitman@incredibleenglish.com).

WANTED: IDEAS AND HOST FOR THE KCAA FALL EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

KCAA's Education Committee is currently planning the Fall 2007 educational symposium. Topics currently under consideration include copyright issues, marketing your institution/collections, and moving from research to publication. Let us know your ideas as well as speaker suggestions. Symposium date (a Saturday in September or October, from 9AM-1PM) and location have not been finalized. Would your KCAA member institution in the Kansas City/Independence area be interested in hosting this event? If so, please contact:

Kate Rogge (Krogge@usa.net) or Kate Crowe (kcrowe1981@gmail.com)

Please continue to check the KCAA Web site (<http://www.umkc.edu/kcaa/>) for updates!

BOOKS AND BOOKMARKS

BOOKS

Curating Oral Histories

by Nancy MacKay

This book bridges the gap between those who conduct oral histories and those who care for them by covering rights management, archival processing, cataloging, preservation, and access. The book also faces the hard questions that come up regarding legal and ethical issues, recording technology, allocation of resources, and preservation. MacKay guides readers, step by step, to make the oral history “archive ready,” offering planning strategies and providing links to the most current information in this rapidly evolving field. MacKay includes 23 sample forms for various examples and an expansive glossary of terms from a variety of disciplines.

“I’ve searched and searched for this type of information to use in my oral history class, so I know how dispersed and undigested it is. MacKay not only brings it together, she synthesizes it and develops general principles and guidelines.”

Debra Hansen, San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science

“This manuscript takes the complex archival and curatorial issues involved in caring for the materials and puts them into easy-to-understand language. In doing so, it helps not only archivists and curators, but oral historians working in all steps of the oral history process.”

Barbara W. Sommer
Author of *The Oral History Manual*

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Publication Date: 2006

Publisher: Left Coast Press, Inc.

Price: US \$24.95 (paperback), US \$59.00 (cloth)

To order, visit <http://www.lcoastpress.com/book.php?id=33>.



BOOKMARKS

As an ongoing feature, *The Dusty Shelf* will list Web sites for related organizations and information resources useful to our members.

Have some of your “favorites” you want to share? Contact Kathi Whitman at kwhitman@incredibleenglish.com. Include the name of the organization, the URL, and a brief description of what the site offers for archivists.

Related Organization Web Sites

- <http://www.aam-us.org>
- <http://www.ala.org>
- www.ala.org
- www.arma.org/index.cfm
- www.arsc-audio.org
- www.asis.org
- www.campbellcenter.org/
- www.gkcarma.org/
- <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA>
- www.midwestarchives.org/
- www.preserveart.org/
- <http://molib.org>
- www.mlnc.org
- www.collectioncare.org
- www.mcn.edu
- www.oclc.org/news/default.htm
- www.nedcc.org/home.php
- www.archivists.org/
- www.amianet.org/
- www.statearchivists.org/
- www.virtuallymissouri.org/

CONGRATULATION, KATE!

Kate Rogge, Education Co-Chair for KCAA, has just been granted the 2007 Lela Barnes internship award (\$3,000) from the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka. She will be working there full-time this summer. “I’m very happy to have this opportunity,” Kate told *The Dusty Shelf*, “I am looking forward to gaining more practical archives experience before job-hunting at the SAA conference in August.”

Kate has a B.A. degree in English literature from the University of Kansas and is finishing a master’s degree in library and information services at Emporia State University. She has been a technical writer and editor in the field of information technology and Web site design and management for 35 years, counting many nationally known firms as clients.

2007 MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE (OMAHA, NE)

BY LETHA E. JOHNSON, KCAA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

From February 28 to March 2, 2007, I had the opportunity to attend and present a historical paper at the Missouri Valley History Conference (MVHC) in Omaha, Nebraska. MVHC is a major conference for those involved in the academic history profession in the Great Plains. There were 240 people registered to attend the conference, but only about 170 actually made it due to the weather.

I appreciate KCAA's support in helping me with the opportunity to attend the MVHC conference. The opportunity came about as a result of my finishing up my thesis requirement for a Master's of Art in American History through Emporia State University, and the new chair of my thesis committee suggested a panel to those of us she was working with. It soon became clear that the History Department was not going to support the group attending the conference, nor was I able to seek assistance from work, as it did not pertain to my duties at KSHS, so the scholarship was a tremendous help in enabling me to attend the conference.

The conference provided me with the chance to network with those in academia. Although I was sure I would know some of the individuals and presenters, never having attended the MVHC before, I was surprised at the number of individuals who I had met previously, or, more accurately, had dealt with in my position at the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS). It was also fascinating to learn about the new and original areas of research being conducted on tried and true topics in history.



Not being the type of person who likes to speak in front of large groups, the prospect of presenting a paper at one of the sessions in the "prime" time slot was intimidating. This was made even worse by the fact that the editor of KSHS's publications was planning to attend my session. Although disappointing, it was also a relief to see that he was the only person to attend our session. This

made things much easier for me as I was able to relax and deliver my paper with confidence. The commentator's critique of my paper was very helpful and reassured me that I was deviling into a topic on which not a lot of research has been conducted.

Unfortunately, the most memorable aspect of the conference will always be the weather, or what the group I was with referred to as "the great Omaha blizzard of 2007." Never having been to Omaha before, I was looking forward to adventuring out one night to explore the Old Market area, and hopefully finding a unique dining experience. Instead, my group was one of several scouring the area looking for an open restaurant, and being bitterly disappointed by having to return to the hotel to eat. It is the first time that I can recall a hotel hosting a conference, running short on food.

Overall, I found it to be a worthwhile experience, (even with being caught in a blizzard and getting sick as a result of the recycled hotel air) and an excellent opportunity to learn more about the various fields of history that I have interests in. If my career path leads me into a more academic sitting, I will definitely attend the conference again.

WELCOME TO NEW KCAA COMMITTEE CHAIRS: JANEAL CABBAGE AND KATHI WHITMAN

Janeal Cabbage, KCAA's new Membership Chair, aims to be an archivist in her next career. After graduating from Tulsa University, this Kansas native interned at KSHS. The career light bulb didn't ignite, however, and she pursued other things. Then a couple years ago, Janeal was able to volunteer at the Dole Institute of Politics archives. Coupled with her KSHS experience, she realized archival work was a good fit for her. To that end, Janeal is in the middle of an MLS program through Emporia State University. Recently, she has been volunteering a few hours a month at the Johnson County Museum archives.

As for "other things," Janeal worked on Senator Bob Dole's staff for nine years in Washington, DC. This led to a career in customer service, chiefly supporting software, in Albuquerque, NM, Long Beach, CA, and the Kansas City area.

Janeal enjoys history, walking, and square dancing.

Kathi Whitman, Publications Chair, worked with Sharon Uhler to produce KCAA's first newsletter back in the 1970s. Since 1994, Kathi has owned her own business publications company, In Credible English. In her work, Kathi writes, edits, and desktop publishes articles, books, and business publications for local and national clients. She specializes in technical and medical writing, but longs for the occasional foray into the world of history.

Kathi received her BA and MA in American History from UMKC and previously served as an archivist for the National Archives and Records Service, the Kansas City Museum, and Hallmark Special Collections.

With nine-year-old daughter Jessica, Kathi spends her "spare" time raising dogs, cats, chickens, and vegetables.

KCAA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Tell us what you think! The last KCAA membership survey was done in 2002. Lots 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?
 - General archival administration
 - Archival access
 - Copyright issues
 - Database
 - Digital collections
 - Exhibitions
 - Grantwriting
 - Electronic records
 - Genealogy
 - Metadata
 - Records management
 - Photography collections
 - Preservation/Conservation
 - Other _____
9. Should KCAA develop a mentoring program?
 - Yes, I'd like to have a mentor. Your name: _____
 - Yes, I'm willing to be a mentor. Your name: _____
 - No, I'm not interested.
10. How do you prefer to be informed about KCAA events and activities?
 - The Dusty Shelf newsletter
 - Postcards, flyers and other print mail
 - Electronic mail
11. Would you like to receive *The Dusty Shelf* by e-mail distribution?
 - Yes, that would save paper and postage.
 - No, I prefer a printed version.
 - Either one would be fine with me.

**Detach and fax to Patricia Schurkamp
at 913-721-1394 by May 30, 2007, or
complete the survey online at
www.umkc.edu/KCAA.**

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Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

Detach and Mail with check to:

Archival Access Issues Symposium, Valoise Armstrong, Dwight D. Eisenhower Library,
200 Southeast Fourth Street, Abilene, KS 67410



**Yes, I want to attend the Archival Access Issues
Symposium on May 24th!**

Name _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check the appropriate items:

<input type="checkbox"/> Symposium Registration	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch	\$ 5.00

My check is enclosed for: _____