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## DON'T MISS THESE GREAT EVENTS IN AUGUST!

### AUGUST 18: GETTING THE INSURANCE COVERAGE YOU REALLY NEED

Join us for a **FREE presentation on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** This presentation, sponsored by KCAA (www.umkc.edu/kcaa) and The Heritage League of Greater Kansas City (www.heritageleaguekc.org), offers a valuable insurance primer designed for archives, small museums, historical societies, and historic sites.

**Learn what you need to know about your institution's insurance coverage.** Speakers will :

- Address risk mitigation actions that improve institution and collection safety (and reduce insurance coverage premiums)
- Identify important aspects of institution and collection insurance
- Clarify terms such as actual value, average replacement cost, direct loss, and appraised value

**BONUS:** The event will also include time to mix and mingle with colleagues in the local history/heritage/historic preservation community.

THE HERITAGE LEAGUE OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

KCAA KANSAS CITY AREA ARCHIVISTS

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

**GETTING THE INSURANCE COVERAGE YOU REALLY NEED**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>

2:00 TO 5:00PM AT THE MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER

**Location:** Midwest Genealogy Center  
3440 S. Lee's Summit Road  
Independence, MO 64055

**RSVP:** Kate Rogge at krogge@usa.net or 785.393.2971



### AUGUST 27: JOIN KCAA FOR A SPECIAL JEFFERSON CITY EXPERIENCE: HISTORICAL TOUR AND TRAIN TRAVEL ABOARD AMTRAK'S MISSOURI RIVER RUNNER

Depart Kansas City at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in Jefferson City at 10:33 a.m. Return time is 6:22 p.m., with arrival in Kansas City at 9:40 p.m. The fare is \$44 round trip per adult.

**This will be a delightful, unique day. Look what's in store for you:**

- On your arrival in Jefferson City, you will be met at the train station by KCAA member Shelly Croteau, Assistant State Archivist, to begin your day in the state capital.
- After a brief walk to the **Missouri State Museum**, Curator of Collections Kate Keil will give a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum.
- **Lunch will be on your own somewhere along High Street**, where there are many eating places including Arris Pizza, a long-time Jefferson City favorite, bakeries and coffee shops.
- We will come back together at the **Missouri Supreme Court building** at 207 West High Street at 1:30, where Dr. Ken Winn, Director of Library and Public Service, and his staff will show us around his great facility.

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## KCAA AUGUST EVENTS, CONTINUED

- Vans will pick us up and take us to the **Missouri State Archives**, where State Archivist John Dougan will show us through the Archives and State Imaging Center, followed by a visit with Senior Conservator Lisa Fox in the state's only publicly funded conservation lab.
- Vans will return us to the Capitol by 4:00 p.m. where we will end our day with a tour of the building and walk along the Capitol rotunda's whispering gallery, 65 feet above the floor. If the temperature is less than 95°F, we will have the opportunity to climb to the Capitol dome for a magnificent view of the Missouri River and Jefferson City.

You can then explore one of several dinner locations within a block or two before your 6:22 p.m. departure. (See nearby restaurant information at right.)

**OR, What about turning this great day into a relaxing overnight retreat?** If you and friends/family decide to stay over, there are four hotels within walking distance of the station. (See nearby hotel information at right.) Amtrak offers a return train to Kansas City each morning at 10:51 a.m., arriving at 2:10 p.m..

Make your Amtrak reservations online at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com), and RSVP to ensure adequate vans for the tours via e-mail to Shelly Croteau: [shelly.croteau@sos.mo.gov](mailto:shelly.croteau@sos.mo.gov).

### JEFFERSON CITY DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

#### TOWN GRILL

315 Jefferson Street  
(573) 636-0720

#### CAFE VIA ROMA

105 West High Street  
(573) 636-8771

#### MORTIMER KEGLEY'S (BAR AND GRILL)

115 East High Street  
(573) 635-7848

#### ARRIS PIZZA

117 West High Street  
(573) 635-9225

#### MADISON'S CAFE (ITALIAN)

216 Madison Street  
(573) 634-2988

### JEFFERSON CITY DOWNTOWN LODGING

#### DOUBLETREE

422 Monroe Street  
(573) 636-5101

#### HOTEL DE VILLE

319 West Miller Street  
(573) 636-5231

#### HOTEL GOVERNOR OF JEFFERSON CITY

124 East Capitol Avenue  
(573) 634-2796

#### CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL

415 West McCarty Street  
(573) 635-1234

## CONGRATULATIONS TO KCAA 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Honored in June at the Pony Express National Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri, three distinguished professionals received KCAA Archives Fellow Awards: Bobbi Rahder, David Jackson, and Kathy Buker.

**Bobbi Rahder**, Curator of the Haskell Indian Nations University's Cultural Center and Museum in Lawrence, Kansas, received the Kansas City Area Archivists' 2010 Fellow Award in recognition of her exceptional professionalism and accomplishments in the field of archives and museum management. Ms. Rahder was recognized by the Fellow Award for her years of service to Native American archives and museums - most particularly for her work developing the HINU's splendid Cultural Center and Museum - and for her dedication to the mentoring, encouragement, and training of Native American archive and museum students at both Haskell and the University of Kansas.

**David W. Jackson**, Archives and Education Director, Jackson County Historical Society, was honored for his exemplary work in the preservation of Jackson County historical and cultural heritage. As archives director of the Jackson County Historical Society since 2000, he has gathered, preserved, and provided access to historical documents and manuscripts related to Jackson County's citizens and its history. A May 2010 winner of the Independence

Heritage Commission's Hickman Award, Mr. Jackson has published accounts of local history, has lectured around the community, and has developed numerous public outreach programs to increase awareness of, and engagement with, Jackson County's archives resources.

**Kathy Buker**, Chief of Special Collections and Digital Projects Manager, Combined Arms Research Library, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, is coordinator of the Combined Arms Research Library's Digital Library. Ms. Buker has built the online database steadily, using innovative methods, hard work, and attention to detail to acquire both products and services. Over the past several years, she has managed the scanning and online access of thousands of CARL documents. She has worked tirelessly to get the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Masters' theses into the database, and has worked back in time to complete the series. The CARL Digital Consortium, a group of several Army libraries and museums, would not exist without her able leadership. Her interest in the preservation of CARL's printed resources has resulted in major changes in procedures, increased longevity of books, and the initiation of an ongoing effort to conserve and protect fragile books, documents, and papers. Ms. Buker has become a regular speaker on digitization.

## GREETINGS FROM MORGAN DAVIS, SENIOR CO-CHAIR

### ARCHIVISTS AND THE BIG PICTURE

Today, we have three researchers here in the Dole Archives, all from out state, and it's the most researchers we have ever had at once since I arrived here two years ago. My staff has been busy pulling boxes and making copies, steering the researchers to inventories they might not have seen, and talking amongst themselves about what to pull next. We were so busy that we almost didn't notice that two of the researchers had requested the exact same box (another first for the Dole Archive). The unlikelihood of two people researching very different topics in an archive of over 2,000 boxes asking for the exact same box made us laugh. We now refer to this event as "The Singularity."

Even though we've been busier than usual, and perhaps suffered a minor setback to our processing goals for the month, it is important for us to take moments like these to appreciate what we have done. Archivists preserve materials not to satisfy processing quotas, but because we have identified them as having an enduring value. And to see that value borne out in scholarly work is perhaps one of the greatest recognitions an archivist can achieve.

It takes time to do the work that we do, and much of our work is focused on the smallest of details. Preparing inventories of correspondence, researching biographical sketches for obscure individuals, carefully encapsulating a brittle document, tagging our finding aids in EAD—these activities may have unfairly branded us as people obsessed with tedious minutiae. Who on earth would want to spend their days removing staples or writing metadata?

But days like today reinforce my belief that archivists really do see the big picture. Even when we have our heads down over a pile of documents or spend the afternoon squinting at the mark-up for a finding aid, we are creating a small piece of a much larger puzzle within our repositories and within the global network of scholarly research. The patience to perform our jobs is not rooted in an obsession with details, but instead stems from our ability to see all the small yet integral parts of the larger archival mission.

We have spent almost two years processing the Dole Archive—refolding, arranging, making photocopies of news clippings and compiling inventories. Our work is far from done, but today we get a chance to really celebrate our accomplishments so far. I hope you will take the time to celebrate and share your own accomplishments with KCAA. Your membership means that you recognize that you are part of something bigger, and that together we can make the work that we do even better.

I look forward to seeing you all at our joint meeting with the Kansas City Heritage League on August 18th. Education Committee Chair Kate Rogge has worked tirelessly to plan this event and I am sure you will enjoy it. Questions about this meeting or anything else, please contact me at 785-864-1405 or via [mrd@ku.edu](mailto:mrd@ku.edu). See you all soon!

## WELCOME KCAA NEW CO-CHAIRS: MORGAN DAVIS AND TONYA CRAWFORD!

**Morgan R. Davis**, CA currently serves as Senior Archivist for the Dole Institute of Politics. At the Institute she manages collections and oversees archive, research and museum operations. She currently oversees a National Historic Publications and Records Commission grant to expedite archival processing of the Dole Archive.

Prior to coming to the Dole Institute in 2008, Morgan served as Head Project Archivist for the Richard A. Gephardt congressional papers at the Missouri Historical Society. During this project she oversaw the arrangement and description of the collection as well as the creation of an on-line research database. Her previous experience includes work in the archives and special collections of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington D.C., the University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Woman's University.

Morgan serves as Senior Co-Chair of the Kansas City Area Archivists, newsletter co-editor for the Congressional Papers Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists, and is active with the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress. Morgan is a 2009 graduate of the Archives Leadership Institute at the University of Wisconsin. She is the former Secretary of the Association of St. Louis Area Archivists.

Morgan holds a BA from the University of North Texas and an MLS from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. She was granted certification by the Academy of Certified Archivists in 2006.

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**Tonya Crawford** attended Western Washington University from 1996 to 1998 in the Archives and Records Management Graduate Degree Program. She completed her Master's Thesis in 2002.

During her time in the program she served internships and practicums at the Western Washington University Archives, the Whatcom County Museum of History and Art, the Bellingham City Records Center, and the Missouri Historical Society.

From 1998 to 2005, she worked for the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul West Central Province Archives in St. Louis. Tonya was responsible for collections records dating from 1829, including those of the hospitals, health systems, schools, orphanages, and social services operated by the Sisters of the province.

She served as Secretary of the Association of St. Louis Area Archivists from 1999 to 2004.

From 2005 to the present, she has been Senior Archives Specialist for the University of Missouri-Kansas City University Archives, responsible for the records of the university and those of its faculty, staff, students, and affiliates dating back to the 1930s.

# TREASURER'S REPORT : JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 16, 2010

University National Bank					
Beginning Balance July 1, 2009					663.16
<b>Income</b>					
Annual Luncheon, 2009					12.60
Fall Symposium, 2009					310.00
Keeping Your Past					12.00
Membership (dues)				120.00	1,235.00
Minority Intern Donations				0.00	35.00
Scholarship Donations				0.00	20.00
T-Shirt Sales					30.00
Winter Reception, 2009					200.00
		<b>Income Total</b>		120.00	1,854.60
<b>Expenses</b>					
Catering					552.52
	Fall Symposium		352.52		
	Dec. Meeting		200.00		
Communications					563.00
Education Committee					80.86
Internship Salary					400.00
History Day Scholarships					200.00
Secretary of State (Missouri not-for-profit registration)				10.00	10.00
		<b>Expenses Total</b>		10.00	1,806.38
				08/31/07	
<b>Ending Balance June 16, 2010</b>					<b>711.38</b>
Community America Money Market Account, Beginning Balance 7/1/09					13,558.14
<b>Income:</b> Dividends on Community America Account					59.99
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Scholarships					400.00
Minority Intern					320.00
		<b>Expenses Total</b>			720.00
<b>Ending Balance June 16, 2010</b>					<b>12,898.13</b>
Community America Business Share Account					
Beginning Balance July 1, 2010					2.00
<b>Income</b>					
Dividends on Community America Business Share Account					1.66
		<b>Income Total</b>		0.00	3.66
<b>Ending Balance June 16, 2010</b>					<b>3.66</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Scholarship				5,050.58	4,400.33
Minority Internship				938.68	-1,629.08
Publications (Keeping Your Past)				93.64	117.64

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