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covering 2019 calendar year

Society of American Archivists at
University of Missouri student chapter
(SAAMUSC)

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Summary of Activities (by academic semester):

SPRING 2019:

Officers hosted an introductory and planning meeting on February 20.

SAAMUSC hosted a two-part tour of the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library on March 1 from 1:30-3:30PM. First, David met with Deb Ward, Director, then with Rebecca Graves for a discussion on teaching information skills and searching the literature, and with Taira Meadowcroft who discussed working on research teams and with social media. David also shared portions of the conversation recordings with members.

On March 6, we visited the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library led by Kate Anderson, Head (*at right*), who discussed internal uses and active collecting of archival materials across the decades, collaborations with MOspace and University Archives, and her new exhibit celebrating Women's History Month with recent books published by members of the school.



SAAMUSC hosted a tour of the St. Louis Archdiocese Archives, led by Archivist Rena Schergen, Director of Archives Eric Fair, and Assistant Archivist and our own Officer Sarah Gabriel on May 3.

Anthony volunteered at the RCMA x MCPL library tour in March and April led by friend of the chapter Kendell Harbin ([Roaming Center for Magnetic Alternatives](#)). Daniel volunteered with the UM System Records Management Program and Ethan completed summer service-learning with the Rosedale Development Association archives.

SAAMUSC members volunteered at #ShowMeMizzou Day on April 13.

Members also volunteered as judges for the National History Day in Missouri state contest on April 27.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES • SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

SHOW ME MIZZOU

Information Experience Lab 10:00 am - 12:45 pm 45 minute sessions on the hour, 102 Townsend Hall	STEM Cubs Festival 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Grassy area off 6th St, between Lafferre & Townsend Halls	Virtual Orientation Project 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 222 Townsend Hall	Expert Advice on Bullying & Behavioral Issues 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Townsend Hall Lobby
PLINKO! with Adventure Club 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Townsend Hall Lobby	3D Printing Demonstration 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 101A Townsend Hall	Diversity in Children's Literature 10:00 am - 2:00 pm The Bridge, 220 Townsend Hall	

#SHOWMEMIZZOU DAY

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at right: SISLT
Conference 2019
presenter
Elizabeth Winter.

Members were active participants in the preparation and program for the SISLT Conference on Sat April 6, held again at the MU Student Center, Leadership Auditorium. David attended the planning meeting hosted by



LISGSA President Levi Dolan on Feb 28. At the SISLT Conference, Emily Wiechmann presented “3D Printing in Libraries,” former Officer Elizabeth Winter was a returning presenter with “(Re)Born: Digital Preservation Goals,” and Zhuzumkan Askhatbekova (Fulbright Scholar) presented the poster “Kyrgyz Immigrant Community’s Perceptions and Expectations of the U.S. Public Libraries.”

At the Chancellor’s Excellence Awards on April 12, Dr. Buchanan was honored as the Most Outstanding Organization Advisor. <https://twitter.com/MizzouEducation/status/1123680420074336261> / FB.

SAAMUSC received \$300 which funded the migration, digitization, and metadata processing of “SISLTcast” – our school’s collection of radio / podcast recordings produced ~2002-2007. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of former Officer Hali Allen and Head of Digital Services in the MU Libraries, Felicity Dykas, the recordings are now available online at <https://mospace.umsystem.edu/xmlui/handle/10355/68701>



The Boone County History & Culture Center hosted a reception for “Faces Found: Boone County Portraits 1886-1940” on May 11 where Executive Director Chris Campbell and special guests celebrated the preservation and digitization of its collection of 500,000 glass plate negatives. The exhibit remained open through November, and selections can be seen at <https://youtu.be/ep5g2rie1LU> and <https://boonehistory.org/digital-collections/>. We are so excited to support its ongoing community engagement activities.

Off-campus, members attended the KCAA Spring Meeting at the [National WWI Museum and Memorial](#) on April 18 – touring the museum followed by lunch in the Over There Café, then a business meeting followed by a talk by James Heiman, author of *Front Lines to Headlines: The World War I Overseas Dispatches of Otto P. Higgins*, and then a tour of the Archives and Edward Jones Research Center with Director Jonathan Casey – as well as the Summer Event “MAC Take 2” at the Kansas City, KS Public Library on Aug 16.

Connected to the year-long exhibit *Discriminating Thieves* and another curated by Archivist Tara Laver titled *A Certain Refuge* (Sep-Nov), Provenance Specialist MacKenzie Mallon gave two lectures on [Jan 31](#) and [Oct 3](#) and introduced SCRI Director Corine Wegener's on "The Monuments Men and Beyond: Saving Cultural Heritage in Today's Conflicts" ([Mar 7](#)) at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

On campus, a lecture from Dr. Derek Alderman on "Embattled Names, Contested Memories, and Wounded Places: On Making University Commemorative Landscapes Reparative, Regenerative, and Racially Just" hosted by the MU Celebrates MLK committee took place Mar 14 at the Reynolds Journalism Institute. Bree Newsome spoke at the campus celebration in Jesse Auditorium on Jan 23.

FALL 2019:

Dr. Buchanan participated in SISLT New Student Orientation on Aug 15.

Officer David Merz met with fellow SISLT student group leaders online on Mon Sep 9 to draft budgets for the year (tentatively setting March 14, 2020 for the SISLT Conference) and discuss ASIST@MU's Fall Social & Information Session at Shakespeare's Pizza (Downtown) on Sep 17. Relatedly Officer Ethan Atwell administered a survey mid-month to gather members' preferences and ideas for semester events.

About our Public Broadcasting Preservation Fellowship, Dr. Buchanan led off The Bridge's Research Discussion Series for the year with the presentation "Storytelling with Digital and Audiovisual Archives" on Sep 10, and the Digitization Station moved out of London Hall into the SISLT Suite in Townsend Hall.



RESEARCH DISCUSSION

Storytelling with Digital and Audiovisual Archives

DR. SARAH BUCHANAN
Assistant Professor | Archival Studies, SISLT

Audiovisual archives preserve local voices and reveal nuance and positionalities in cultural movements. By prioritizing at-risk media formats and creating learning opportunities with digitization, archival educators are expanding capacity to know and tell stories together. Dr. Buchanan will introduce the "Feminist Community Radio at KOPN" special collection in the online American Archive of Public Broadcasting, consisting of thus far 100 audio recordings from the 1970s to the 1990s. A digital primary source, KOPN at AAPB supports multigenerational diversity research by making available local music programs and dialogue on national issues such as the Equal Rights Amendment, Watergate, women's health, the environment, and politics. https://americanarchive.org/special_collections/kopn-women

Join the research discussion virtually at <http://bit.ly/BridgeRschDscn10Sep19>

TUESDAY, September 10th
220 TOWNSEND HALL
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

THE BRIDGE
Connecting the Shared Community

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In August, Dr. Buchanan joined as a Researcher on the "[Digital Journalism Curation](#)" project led by PI Edward McCain and generously funded by a grant from the Mellon Foundation. The team is conducting research on the preservation of online news at and beyond local, national, and international organizations such as KBIA and KWMU Public Radio, KOMU-TV and Vox Magazine, and AAPB Partners WGBH Educational Foundation and the Library of Congress.

We visited and/or contributed to the "University Archives Celebrates 50th Anniversary" semester-long exhibit displayed in the Ellis Library Colonnade, which included panels on "MU at 180" and "[Lost MU](#)." 2019 graduate Courtney Gillie spoke on the *Inside Mizzou* podcast "Learning in the 21st Century" [Nov 19](#).

In the fall Data & Records Management course (the last one to be numbered 9410), Dr. Buchanan hosted guest speakers Dr. Jenny Stevenson (Lead Archivist of Nuclear Technology, DTRA) and Nathan Lawrence (KBIA digital content director and data journalist) on Sep 9 for a discussion about data modeling in the outline of a "computational story" towards the [CASES Projects](#).

Dr. Buchanan presented at the Kansas City Area Archivists (KCAA) Fall Symposium “Archivists as Teachers” (Nov 21) hosted by the Marr Sound Archives at UMKC and friend of the chapter



Sandy Rodriguez, Assistant Dean of Special Collections & Archives – attended by Anthony, Courtney, and Christain. At ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2019, Sandy co-facilitated Session 505 on the “Collective Responsibility: National Forum on Labor Practices for Grant-Funded Digital Positions” project she leads as Co-PI.

Congratulations to Archival Studies specialist Katie Mascari, previously corporate archivist at Anheuser-Busch and for the St. Louis Cardinals, who was elected Co-Chair of the Association of St. Louis Area Archivists (ASLAA). 2019 graduate Jamie Rasmussen published the book *The Missouri State Penitentiary: 170 Years inside ‘The Walls’*.

David shared his President’s Log on Dec 11 which concluded our year.

General Activities:

Communication: President Merz attended both [Admin](#) and [Finance](#) Training Meetings on September 25 and completed MU ORG registration for the academic year.

Region: This year SAAMUSC members attended the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists & Society of Southwest Archivists Joint Annual Meeting 2019 (CIMA & SSA, Tucson, AZ), AERI 2019 (University of Liverpool), ALISE 2019 (Knoxville, TN), and MAMA 2019 (Springfield, MO). Some of our chapter discussions parsed opportunities such as the four-part web-based workshop on “EAD3: The Basics” (Apr 11, 25, May 2, 9) generously hosted by the University of Central Missouri’s James C. Kirkpatrick Library and Amigos Library Services with funding from an LSTA Continuing Education grant, and the “Introduction to Herbaria and Herbarium Practices webinar” (May 9) hosted by Connecting to Collections Care ([C2C Care](#)), as well as broader archival happenings like the work of a full-time acquisitions [curator](#) in talking to Holocaust survivors in south Florida for the U.S. Museum in Washington, D.C., a KBIA feature on MU Special Collections’ [Comic Art Collection](#), and the Grand Opening of the Center for Missouri Studies on Aug 10!

Funds: SAAMUSC officers contributed to the success of the SISLT Conference in April, and we thank keynote speakers Dr. Jyldyz Bekbalaeva, SISLT Ph.D. A.J. Million, Katie McDonald, and Kristen South.