

## ***The Society of American Archivists***

*The Society of American Archivists is a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of archival theory and practice in the United States. Founded in 1936, SAA is considered to be one of the premier professional organizations in the archives field.*

*SAA offers many benefits to students engaged in archival programs including information on archival education, basic publications and texts on archival theory and practice, and a mentoring program designed to encourage communication and career development between archival generations.*

*Student membership in SAA provides the opportunity to be involved in a professional organization while still in school, and offers reduced prices on conference fees and publications along with a subscription to The American Archivist, the premier journal of the archival profession and the Archival Outlook newsletter.*

*For more information about the Society of American Archivists, and how you can become a member, please visit [www.archivists.org](http://www.archivists.org).*

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*Informational Brochure*

## What is SAASC?

SAASC is the University of Pittsburgh's **Society of American Archivists Student Chapter** - one of the first two student chapters in the nation. The Chapter is composed of students in the **Department of Library and Information Science** at the **University of Pittsburgh**. Some members are concentrating in **Archival Studies** while pursuing an MLIS; others are interested in archival studies in relation to the fields of **records management, preservation, or the management of special libraries and collections.**

*The objectives of SAASC are to:*

1. Facilitate and encourage membership by students and future records professionals in the Society of American Archivists;
2. Provide a forum for discussion between students of Information Science with a practical interest in archives and records management;
3. Acquaint members with the objectives, ethics, and publications of the Society of American Archivists;
4. Develop and encourage interaction with other student groups to promote the mutual interests in the library, information, and records professions; and
5. Engage students interested in the archives profession with professional members of the archival community.

Active membership in SAASC is limited to students currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Information Sciences who are also individual members of the national Society of American Archivists.

## Previous SAASC Events

### Poster – Creating Bridges from Breadcrumbs

Students developed a poster for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Poster Session at the 2005 SAA Annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 16-21, 2005. The project implemented tools to examine the additive value of student chapters to the graduate experience, document the history of the Chapter by creating physical and virtual archives, reconnect with former University of Pittsburgh SAASC members, and create a guide for future Chapters

### Trip – Washington D.C.

On May 5-6, 2005 students visited the NARA facilities Archives I & II. Students went on a special guided tour of the museum section of NARA's Archives I facility, viewing the "Rotunda for the Charters of



Freedom," as well as the Public Vaults exhibit. SAASC received an introduction to the facility and the archival practices and procedures at Archives II. The group also visited the Archives Center of the National Museum of American History, a part of the Smithsonian Institution. Archivists there described the mission and goals of the Archives Center,

provided a tour of the facility's workrooms and closed stacks, and described their work with images and databases. Pitt's Chapter also met with SAM, Student Archivists at Maryland, University of Maryland's archival student chapter, for dinner and conversation.

### Speaker – John Kirk, Sony Pictures Film Specialist

SAASC and Infinity, the student preservation organization, sponsored two events with Sony Film Specialist John Kirk in May 2005. Kirk presented the recently restored, extended version of Sergio Leone's *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly* at the Oaks Theater, an independent theater in the Pittsburgh area., followed by a question and answer session. Kirk also lectured on film preservation and restoration on campus, presenting film clips and discussion on the process and issues surrounding the restoration of such classic films as *Some Like It Hot*, *The Apartment*, and *Kiss Me Deadly*.

### Panel Discussion – Confused & Frightened About Your Future in Archives?

On Sunday, November 7, 2004, SAASC presented an informal discussion between archives professionals and MLIS students to help answer students' questions about the work of archivists. The panelists covered many issues such as: a typical day in the life of archives professionals, their personal career paths and education experiences, the professional organizations they suggest joining, and the reasons they enjoy their work.

### Tour – The Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Museum Librarian Bernadette Callery guided the student Chapter on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Friday June 4, 2004. Dr. Callery presented several examples of museum recordkeeping systems and arranged for the students to meet with the Botany and Invertebrate Paleontology Collection Managers.

## Officers and Duties:

### President

- Heads the Executive Board
- Conducts and convenes Chapter meetings
- Has the ultimate responsibility for the functioning of the organization and its relationship with SAA Headquarters
- Acts as the liaison between the Student Chapter, national SAA, and the faculty advisor

### Secretary

- Records the minutes of all Student Chapter meetings
- Composes official correspondence between the Executive Board, Faculty Advisors, and the General Membership

### Business Manager

- Maintains accurate records of all financial matters
- Ensures compliance with both national SAA and University of Pittsburgh regulations pertaining to collection, allocation, and dispensation of funds
- Meets with University of Pittsburgh's Student Activities office regarding funds

### Web Coordinator

- Maintains functionality of Chapter website and update information in a timely fashion, as necessary
- Archives accurate records of past Chapter functions and activities, and past versions of the Chapter webpage
- Maintain Chapter-specific electronic mail accounts

### Faculty Advisor

- Provides assistance with student activities as needed
- Serves as an information resource regarding the national Society of American Archivists

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