Message from the President

Dear SFA Members,

The SFA Annual Meeting is right around the corner. The Annual Meeting Committee has done a thorough job at arranging a well-rounded event. Keeping with the theme The Past is Present, our three-day meeting will feature workshops, exhibits, presentations, papers and panels. The wonderfully diverse topics range from collections care, inclusion, outreach and access. This year’s pre-conference workshops are Managing Archives and Historical Records: An Introductory Workshop by Beth Golding and Tye-ler McLean, State Archives of Florida and Red Flag! Identifying Preservation Needs While Processing Collections by Laura Hartz-Stanton, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA). Our featured speaker is Dr. Paul George, historian and professor of Miami area history. On behalf of History Miami, Dr. George will give the keynote address during the Friday, May 10th luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn’s Sandpiper Ballroom.

For making this event possible, please thank this year’s sponsors. This year’s sponsors are: Northeast Document Conservation Center (pre-conference), State Archives of Florida (pre-conference), GRM Document, Gaylord Archival, InStream LLC, Clayton State University, Preserve South, Hollinger Metal Edge, Atlas Systems and Florida State University. Sponsoring our reception and coffee are Lyrasis, Florida International University, University of Miami, and University of Central Florida.

In 2018, the State Archives of Florida accessioned a collection of photographs and videos taken by famed photographer Bruce Mozart (N2018-20). This collection contains approximately 25,000 negatives, thousands of prints and hundreds of films and offers a glimpse of Florida’s early tourism industry during the 1940s and 1950s. Archives staff is working diligently to make them accessible and to make a selection available on Florida Memory.

While working as a freelance photographer in Florida, Mozart was on assignment in 1938 when he discovered Silver Springs, a popular attraction for tourists wanting to see the state’s natural beauty. He immediately began working at Silver Springs to capture images for the park’s promotions. For the rest of his life he photographed above and below the water.

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Upcoming 2019 Conferences

Society of Florida Archivists
May 8 — 10, 2019
Miami, FL

Florida Historical Society
May 16 — 18, 2019
Cape Canaveral, FL

Florida Library Association
May 15 — 17, 2019
Orlando, FL

Society of American Archivists
July 31 — August 6, 2019
Austin, TX

Florida Association of Museums
September 15 — 18, 2019
Orlando, FL

Association of Moving Image Archivists
November 13 — 16, 2019
Baltimore, MD
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SFA Website Team Gets New Assistants

The SFA Web Communications Team said goodbye to our wonderful assistant we communications manager, Hannah Davis, last year as she took on new responsibilities at FSU. We’re happy to announce that we’ve gained two new assistant web managers in the last month as Krystal Thomas, the long-standing web communications manager gets ready to also step down. Over the next year and a half, she’ll work on training the two new assistants in all things SFA website related so things will be in good hands.

The two new recruits are Georgen Charnes and Chuck McFarland. Georgen is the archivist for the Boynton Beach City Library. Previously, she was Archivist of the Nantucket Historical Association Research Library. She’ll also be representing the web communications team at the 2019 Annual Meeting this year so be sure to say hello in Miami! Chuck is a retired Army officer with a MLIS from Drexel University, and he recently completed a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Archives & Records Management from Long Island University. He is a volunteer archivist at the Polk County History Center in Bartow and at the McKay Archives at Florida Southern College.

Please welcome Georgen and Chuck to the SFA Web Communications team!
Wednesday, May 8

9:00—5:00 Optional Pre-Conference Workshops @Green Library, FIU (pre-registration is required; additional cost, separate from conference fee)

"Managing Archives and Historical Records: An Introductory Workshop"
Beth Golding & Tyeler McLean, State Archives of Florida

Historical records connect us to our past and form our legacy to future generations. They contain unique information that helps us understand our diverse heritage and history and helps government officials to manage responsibly and make informed decisions. If you are responsible for historical records and have not had formal archival training, this workshop is for you. Experienced, professional archivists from the State Archives of Florida will introduce you to the core concepts of professional archival practice. Participants will learn about the archives profession, key components of archives programs, and basics of archival collection development, selecting materials to collect, preparing collections for research use, preserving collections, reference and access, public programs, and working with technology and digital records.

Attendance is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to register, visit the event page.

6:00—8:00 Registration (Sandpiper Ballroom Lobby, Hilton Garden Inn Miami, Dolphin Mall)

6:00—8:00 Evening Reception, Sandpiper Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Miami, Dolphin Mall (pre-registration is required)

The reception is sponsored by the University of Miami Libraries.

10:00—4:30 Optional Pre-Conference Workshops @Green Library, FIU (pre-registration is required; additional cost, separate from conference fee)

"Red Flag! Identifying Preservation Need While Processing Collections"
Laura Hortz-Stanton, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA)

Gaining intellectual control over collections is just one aspect of processing and cataloging. This workshop will focus on developing a system for identifying and prioritizing the collections care needs of items (objects, books, artworks, archival materials, etc.) during the accessioning, processing, and cataloging phases. Common degradation issues encountered in collections and methods for assessing condition will be discussed. This session will also present procedures for assigning conservation and housing priorities and will suggest potential “red flags” to alert staff when a conservator should be consulted. Participants will have the opportunity to assess the condition of items in a study collection and assign conservation and housing priorities to each item using the procedures presented in the workshop. Workshop provided by the CCAHA.

Attendance is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to register, visit the event page.
Thursday, May 9

All events are held at the Flamingo Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Miami, Dolphin Mall, unless otherwise noted

8:00—12:00 Registration (Flamingo Ballroom Lobby) [Note: After 12pm, contact info will be left on the table for latecomers to register]

8:00—9:00 Exhibitor’s Breakfast (Continental Breakfast provided to registered attendees)

9:00—9:20 Welcome (SFA President, Britta Farley)

9:20—9:30 Remarks from Annual Meeting Committee Chair, Anisia Gonzalez

9:30—10:30 StoryCorps/Warmamas Community Archives at the University of Miami Libraries (Panel Session #1) by Béatrice Colastin Skokan and Bryanna Valentine Herzog, University of Miami Libraries, Patricia Figueroa Sowers, Warmamas.

10:30—10:45 Break

10:45—11:45 Individual Papers #1

Pit Crew Strategy: Maximizing Digitization Output and Access by Jessica Bright, The Revs Institute

Cleared to Land: Digitizing the Pan American World Airways, Inc., Records at the University of Miami by Laura Capell and Gabriella Williams, University of Miami

What's Going On In This Picture: Describing Grant-Funded Photograph Collections by Laura Marion and Claire Barnewolt, University of Florida, Tara Backhouse, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

11:45—1:15 LUNCH (on your own)

12:00—1:15 Brown Bag Session (Heron Boardroom, Hilton Garden Inn Miami) [Note: Lunch will not be provided. Attendees may purchase lunch items nearby and bring it with them to the session]

Archon to ArchivesSpace Migration by Rachel Walton, Rollins College, Wilhelmina Randtke, Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative, Mary Rubin, University of Central Florida, and Katie McCormick, Florida State University.

1:15—2:15 Session #1

Using an Archives Practicum for Screening of Students by Dean DeBOLT, University of West Florida Libraries

Rethinking Archival Instruction: Moving Beyond "The Cabinet of Curiosities" by Rachel Walton, Rollins College, Florence Turcotte, University of Florida, and Katie McCormick, Florida State University

8:00—8:45 Individual Papers #2

This Old Headquarters: Miami Military Museum by Anthony D. Atwood, Ph.D.

Next Steps: Developing Your Preservation Plan by Laura Hertz-Stanton, Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts

Because We Care: Building Relationships Through Preservation by Hannah Davis, Florida State University Libraries

3:15—3:30 Break

3:30—4:30 Exploring Celebrations and the After Effects (Panel Session #2) by Michael Zaidman, JM Family Enterprises, John Nemmers, University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries, and Sandra A. Varry, Florida State University Libraries

4:30—5:00 Session #2

Speed Networking by Society of Florida Archivists. Inaugural event where archivists will be paired up in a series of one-on-one quick two- to three-minute "meetings."

6:00—8:00 Evening Reception, Green Library, Florida International University, 11200 SW 8th St.

*Pre-registration required

The reception is sponsored by Florida International University Libraries.
Friday, May 10

8:00—12:00  Registration (Flamingo Ballroom Lobby) [Note: After 12pm, contact info will be left on the table for latecomers to register]

8:00—9:00  Exhibitor’s Breakfast (Continental Breakfast provided to registered attendees)

8:00—8:45  SFA Board of Directors Meeting (Heron Boardroom)

8:45—9:00  Exhibitors’ Introduction

9:00—10:15  Individual Papers #3

Assisting the "U" Celebrate Desegregation and LGBT History by Koichi Tasa, Otto G. Richter Library, University of Miami

How clothing can generate political commentary: a discussion of the FAU Libraries exhibition, T-shirt as Political Vehicle by Simone Clunie, Florida Atlantic University Libraries

Making Community Archives Relevant in the 21st Century through the Brown Bag Lunch Series at The Black Archives by Timothy Barber and Jocelyn Hurtado, The Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.

Mosquitoes, Biomedical Education, and Special Collections: Engaging the Past and the Present to Promote an Unusual Archival Collection by Bridget Bihm-Manuel and Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig, University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

10:15—10:30  Break

10:30—11:30  Annual Business Meeting

11:30—1:00  Luncheon (Sandpiper Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn Miami, Dolphin Mall)

Keynote Address by Dr. Paul George

1:00—2:00  Full Exposure: Public Programming and Outreach for the Archives (Panel Session #3) by Rene Ramos, Lou Ellen Kramer, David Frassetto, and Kevin Wynn, Miami Dade College

2:00—3:00  Session #3

Ma’ams and Money: Stories of Miami’s Women Entrepreneurs by Gena Meroth, Nova Southeastern University, and Annia Gonzalez, Florida International University

Free People of Color in Antebellum Florida: A Digital Archives by Kenneth Lipartito and Jamie Rogers, Florida International University, and Jairo Ledesma, Miami Dade College

3:00—3:15  Break

Poster Session Exhibition

Escape the Library... using archives! by Mary Rubin, University of Central Florida

Implementing Facial Recognition Technology in a Municipal Archives Digitization Project by Rebecca Bakker, Florida International University

The Institutional Repository and University Archives as Partners in Advancing Access to Materials by Jill Krefft and Rhia Rae, Florida International University

Opening the Closed Doors: National Park Service Collections Past, Present, and Future by Bonnie Ciolino, South Florida Collections Management Center

Sparking Joy in the UNF Rare Books Collection by Susan Swiatosz, University of North Florida

Special and Rare materials: Bibliographic Cataloging and Metadata Initiatives Through a Visual History of Cuba and the Cuban Diaspora by Alejandra Barbón and Dania Vazquez, University of Miami Libraries

3:15—4:15  Individual Papers #4

The Dreaded De-accessioning by Katharine Labuda and Rose Nicholson, Florida International University Libraries

The John L. Volk Collection by Janet DeVries Naughton, Palm Beach State College and Shellie A. Labell, Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

Diversity and Inclusion Practices: The Impact of Preserving Diverse Voices by Kryslynn E. Collazo, University of South Florida
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Archives Spotlight, continued from front page

A pioneer of underwater photography, Mozert invented his own underwater camera housings to capture images in the crystal clear water of Silver Springs. His most memorable images are those in which he has models, such as Ginger Stanley, eating meals, teaching classes and playing music - all while underwater.

Silver Springs wasn’t the only tourist destination photographed by Mozert. He also captured mermaids at Weeki Wachee Springs, herpetologist Ross Allen at the Ross Allen Reptile Institute and scenes from Paradise Park, a segregated African-American recreation area near Silver Springs.

Florida eventually became a popular destination for filmmakers, and Mozert’s photographs offer a behind-the-scenes look at celebrities such as Johnny Weissmuller, Jayne Mansfield and Esther Williams, on set waiting to film Creature from the Black Lagoon, The Barefoot Mailman, Tarzan Finds a Son! and other movies.

President’s address, continued from front page

SFA has been an annual sponsor of Florida History Day, a statewide contest for middle and high school students. This year’s theme is Triumph and Tragedy in History and will be held in Tallahassee, FL from May 5-7. SFA member Rob Rubero will attend the award ceremony as a representative to SFA and help hand out awards to contest winners.

As my time as your president is nearing its end, I want to thank our membership, Executive Board, committees and affiliates for another successful year. Our leadership team consists of tireless volunteer teams working effectively for our membership. I’m very proud of the work we have done and the goals we have for the future. I would also like to encourage volunteers, especially new members, to join our team.

Thank you all for your support,

Britt Farley

Limited Time Exhibitions

The Florida Museum has limited-time-only featured exhibits currently on display. The best part is that general admission is free (donations are always welcomed!). However, there is a cover charge for featured exhibits and the Butterfly Rainforest. For more information on these exhibits, visit https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/.

Our Changing Climate: Culture at Risk

Experience the high-resolution photographs showcasing climate change impact on cultural sites. And interact with NASA’s Climate Time Machine.

Hope for Humpbacks

Come and take a close and personal look into the humpback whales, once almost on the verge of extinction. Florida Museum is featuring an interactive touch table of awesome videos, songs, and picture of this majestic mammal.

The Lost Bird Project

Amazing bronze sculptures by Todd McGrain featuring five extinct birds. This project is absolutely breathtaking in person. (Exhibit sponsor: SFI).

Crocs: Ancient Predator in a Modern World

Want to learn the exciting crocodilians’ 200 million years of predatory evolution? The new upcoming exhibit showcases the history and significance of these ancient predators by using interactive elements, life-size models, and a digital curator. Exhibit dates: May 18, 2019—Jan. 5, 2020

Phsst! Want to know a little tibit? The Florida Museum also offers quality traveling exhibitions for lease to other institutions. To further inquiry on traveling exhibits, visit https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/lease/
The Maquette of the Papal Altar (Miami, 1987) is a small preliminary scale model design for Pope John Paul’s pastoral visit to Miami. The altar was constructed as planned in Tamiami Park, Miami on September of 1987. Miami was the first stop on Pope John Paul II’s six-city visit to the United States on September 10-11, 1987. For a mass to be celebrated by the Pope, a special altar was erected on the Tamiami fairgrounds (adjacent to the campus of Florida International University), with space allocated for a quarter million worshippers. The grounds have been used for other such purposes as being the site where Cuban refugees were processed during the Mariel boatlift and housing the National Guard when they arrived after Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

During a whirlwind 48 hours in South Florida September 10-11, 1987, the pontiff met with local clergy members at St. Mary’s Cathedral and with representatives of all U.S. priests at St. Martha’s Church. He also delivered a greeting in Creole to Haitian Catholics, met with President Ronald Reagan and toured an exhibition of Judaica at the Center for Fine Arts (now the Perez Art Museum – PAMM). For a mass to be celebrated by the Pope, a special altar was erected on the Tamiami fairgrounds with space allocated for a quarter million worshippers. The temperatures on the day of the mass were searing hot and the service was eventually interrupted by stormy weather. The service was completed in private but the Pope would later re-emerge to bless those who braved the weather. He then departed for his next stop in Columbia, SC.

Special thanks to Michaëlle Vilmont (STU Undergrad. Student – Class of 2022) and Xinying Lin (STU Grad. Student – Class of 2019) for providing the photographs.

The Maquette of Papal Altar is currently on displayed at the Favalora Archive & Museum, St. Thomas University Library.
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Did You Know?

The two bronze doors that stand at the main entrance to the National Archives on Constitution Avenue (Washington, DC) is believed to be the largest in the world. These magnificent doors stand about “37 feet, 7 inches high and are 10 feet wide and 11 inches thick. Each weighs roughly 6.5 tons” (Kratz & Parkinson, 2014, para. 3). The reasoning behind this? To showcase the national significance and importance of the building’s structure in relation to the public exhibition hall, where thousands of visitors view the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights, and other exhibitions filled with rich history.

Reference

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