

UW Archives & Preservation Club  
Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2006 3 PM, MGH 310D

In attendance: Melinda Snarr, Michelle Vallance, Spencer Lamm, Janet Polata, Abby Bass, Kelly Varney, Marika Pineda

- A. Current Events
  - a. To make future meetings livelier, Mindy & Michelle propose adding a current events discussion item to the meetings. If you have ideas, questions, topics or other issues pertaining to archives and preservation that you'd like the group to discuss at future meetings, let Mindy or Michelle know and they'll add it to the agenda.
- B. iWelcome week & Brown Bag events recap
  - a. We need a better location at the Student Orgs fair next year.
  - b. Having speakers at the Brown Bag event was successful and should be replicated again in the future.
- C. Archives Fair
  - a. There weren't a lot of attendees, but a good chance to mingle with other local archives organizations. It was a good opportunity to meet potential speakers for future APC events.
  - b. Julie V. from the City Archives expressed interest in teaching a course at the iSchool; she could be a good speaker or workshop leader.
- D. Music 512: Seminar in Sound Archiving & Ethnomusicology
  - a. Laurel Sercombe, music archivist at the UW is teaching a course next quarter on sound archiving and ethnomusicology that may be of interest to APC members and other iSchool students.
  - b. She will forward an email with more information about the course to Spencer, who will forward it on to iSchool lists.
- E. iCareer Week Planning
  - a. The iCareer week events usually take place in January, so we are looking for potential speakers now. Replicating the structure of past years, we discussed having a panel with representatives from each of the following areas: corporate archives, university archives, special collections, and government archives.
  - b. Suggestions for specific speakers included: Dale Chihuly's archivist (Michelle), someone from Getty (Michelle & Spencer), someone at Vulcan (Janet – contact Lew Guenther), the King County or Washington State archivist (Mindy), the Jewish archivist (Abby), John Bolcer (Mindy), and John Vallier, the Odegaard media specialist (Spencer) as a potential speaker.
  - c. Mindy also raised another idea for career week – résumé critiques, interview advice, or other professional development tips from Michelle Light and/or other professional archivists in the area. She will follow up on this idea.
- F. SAA – Student Chapter

- a. The iSchool has not been supportive in the past. We need to find a faculty advisor who is also a SAA member; probably no one on the iSchool faculty is currently a member. Michelle Light & John Bolcer are very supportive, however. In the past, John offered to serve as an advisor and would be interested again.
  - b. We need at least 5 student SAA members to form a student chapter. Mindy, Michelle & Spencer have all signed up. Everyone else should!
  - c. Michelle & Mindy wrote up a description of our group for an archives student newsletter, which will go up on the web at Thanksgiving.
- G. Nicolette Bromberg & Washington Film Preservation Project
- a. She would like to give a talk in early November about the film preservation project. There are 9 or 10 archives in the state that sent film to Special Collections, which cleaned & repaired them, transferred formats. Hannah (film archivist) did a lot of the hands-on work with student volunteers & employees.
  - b. A highlights reel from this film may be made and could be shown in tandem with the talk (maybe in Special Collections classroom).
  - c. Michelle will talk to her tonight about her availability and figure out some times that might be good to meet.
- H. Archives Tour
- a. We discussed having a tour of a local, easily accessible archive sometime this fall, probably in November. Michelle will talk to NARA folks about the possibility of a tour. If that doesn't work we'll try King County.
- I. Winter quarter events
- a. Mindy raised the possibility of meeting with WWU or UBC student groups. Woods Fairbanks would be a good person to contact.
  - b. We also discussed potential workshop topics. Some topics included: professionals discussing the future of the archival profession in specific fields – digital, film, music, etc., archiving the Web, blogs, and other digital personal documents, and film.
- J. Distance student resources
- a. Distance students requested more resources on the website and the brochure for other areas outside Seattle. Janet is interested in working on this project; she'll send information she finds to Spencer for the website.
- K. Meeting times
- a. Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, November 8, at 3 PM in MGH 310D. Mindy will reserve the space.
- L. Other items
- a. Janet mentioned Dan Waters is interested in forming an archives reading group that would take place every other month or so. Michelle Light also mentioned to Mindy the possibility of forming an Archives discussion group that would include professionals and be more casual.