

Society of American Archivists Student Chapter
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Members for 2006-2007

The current total enrollment of San José State University School of Library and Information Science SAASC Blackboard site is 171. Enrolled users active on the SAASC Blackboard site during 2006-2007 is 134. Not all students enrolled in the SAASC Blackboard site are confirmed members of SAA.

Members submitting membership forms to the SAASC Secretary during 2006-2007.

Allison Gillette
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SAA-SC San Jose State is in the unique position of having members throughout our state, and, due to a strong online component, throughout the world. Nevertheless, for activities such as archive tours, we have two SAASC branches so that members can participate in activities that are best appreciated in person. These two branches are a North Branch – based at San José State University, and a South Branch – based at California State University Fullerton.

Our web site: <http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/saasc/index.html>

Events in the South California:

- NARA Laguna Niguel Tour
- Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens Archives Tour
- ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives
- Society of California Archivists AGM Meet and Greet

In fall of 2006 SAA-SC Southern California members enjoyed tours of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Laguna Niguel and The Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens. At NARA our guide was archivist Randy Thompson, who related details about NARA in general, and what the Laguna Niguel facility held in its archives in particular, the latter ranging from military and government records, such as from the Bureau of Refugees, Freedman, and Abandoned Lands, to archived maps, court documents, photos and books. Our group was shown the preservation room and equipment and techniques used in preserving these historical objects and documents.

During the winter break a tour was arranged at The Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens in San Marino, in Southern California, where the Associate Curator, Jennifer Goldman, enthusiastically welcomed the group. Two groups were given a brief history of the library, a tour through the original reading rooms, archiving stacks and card catalogs, as well as the new research facilities and the new reading rooms. The tour included a look at the conservation room and photography studio, which are amazing: a dream come true for any aspiring archivist or curator.

The end of the spring semester started with a tour of the ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives in Los Angeles. San Jose State School of Library and Information Science Alumni Michael P. Palmer, Archives Project Director, gave the tour. We were shown the exhibit space, library, and processing rooms and given the history of the organization. The archive has an incredible amount of Hollywood memorabilia and it was interesting to explore this special collection.

The Society of California Archivist had their annual general meeting in Southern California this year. Vice Chair Rebekka Bernotat organized a meet and greet for SJSU students and alumna. It was nice to meet other students in the program and to learn from the alumna.

Events in Northern California:

In November 2006, the Northern California chapter enjoyed a private tour of the Charles M. Schulz Museum Research Center and Archives in Santa Rosa, CA (<http://www.schulzmuseum.org/>). The tour was led by Lisa Monhoff, the Schulz Museum archivist and an alum of SJSU SLIS. She showed participants some of the more unique items in the Research Center, and also shared insight into her daily duties on the job as an archivist.

On May 6, 2007, the Northern Californian Chapter hosted our annual luminary speaker, Gladys Hansen, in San Jose, for a lecture that was transmitted live to our colleagues in Fullerton.

Gladys Hansen: Librarian, Archivist, Curator.

Ms. Hansen is an author, City Archivist Emeritus of San Francisco, a retired librarian, a presently curator of The Virtual Museum of the City of San Francisco. She spoke about her nearly 50 years working for the San Francisco Public Library and her role in founding the California History Room. Best known for her groundbreaking work in overturning the 'official' death toll reported after the 1906 fire that wreaked havoc in the Bay Area, for over four decades Ms. Hansen has tracked the numbers lost through searching newspapers, genealogical societies and correspondence with families looking for loved ones. Although the official estimate was 478, Ms. Hansen's research suggests that the figure is closer to 3000 including the uncounted women and ethnic minorities that were

not listed in city directories.

In 1989, Ms. Hansen's book, *Denial of Disaster: The Untold Story and Photographs of the 1906 Earthquake*, was published, deconstructing many of the myths that surrounded the event. She believes the low figure was due to boosterism and the desire to gain support for rebuilding the city. Her other books include: *San Francisco Almanac* and *The 1906 "Numbers" Game*.

Her lecture was followed by a question and answer period and a short reception during which students could ask questions directly and meet with our luminary speaker.