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News and Notes

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2008 Annual Meeting and Conference

Sessions: Genealogy resources, Behind the scenes tours, Appraisal, Ethnic resources, Creating and managing a digital project, Dating photographs, Research in Catholic Archives, NCAA tours.

The meeting and conference will be at the Indiana Historical Society, Canal Level.

Conference details inside and on-line
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SIA 2008 Annual Meeting and Conference

Saturday, April 5th 2008



INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis

Friday, April 4

Day 1: Pre-Conference Workshop at the Indiana Historical Society

8:30 AM-4:30 PM The Basics of Archives (Limited to first 20 registrants—Please

mail registration form directly with payment to IHS)

6:00-8:00 PM Dinner Outing. Join us for dinner at Buca di Beppo (35 North Illinois Street, a few blocks from IHS). It offers southern Italian cooking served family style or by single portions.

Meals average \$12-20 per person. Menu and other information is available at <http://www.bucadibeppo.com>. Take advantage of this networking opportunity and experience downtown Indy!

Saturday, April 5

Day 2: Conference at the Indiana Historical Society

8:15-9:00 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:00 AM: Concurrent Sessions

1) Behind the Scenes Tour of Indiana Historical Society (limited to first 25 registrants).

2) Genealogy Resources of Indiana State Library and Indiana State Archives. In this session you will be given an overview of the vast genealogy resources available at the Indiana State Library and the Indiana State Archives. Presenters: Diane Sharp, Genealogy Division Head, Indiana State Library Alan January, Head Archivist, Indiana State Archives.

10:10-11:10 AM: Concurrent Sessions

1) Basics of Appraisal. Determining what materials should enter your repository can be a daunting task.

Many factors must be considered such as condition of the materials, historical value, the relationship to other materials in your collection, and ability to care for particular items. This session will instruct you on how to assess potential additions to your archives. Presenter: Wesley W. Wilson, Coordinator of Archives and Special Collections, DePauw University Archives

2) Ethnic Collections at the Indiana Historical Society. The Indiana Historical Society has a significant Ethnic History collection representing many diverse groups. Paul Brockman, coordinator of ethnic history collections, will highlight these collections, how they were acquired, and how they are preserved. He will also discuss how their potential can be maximized by displaying them in exhibitions. Presenter: Paul Brockman, Director of Manuscript and Visual Collections, Indiana Historical Society

11:20-12:20 PM: Concurrent Sessions

1) Behind the Scenes Tour of the Indiana State Museum (Limited to first 12 registrants).

2) Tour of the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art (Limited to first 30 registrants).

3) How to Start a Digitization Program at your Local Public Library/County Historical Society. Are you a small historical society, museum, or public library that would like to digitize your collections but do not know where to start? In this session you will learn how to apply for and obtain an LSTA digitization grant and hear first hand accounts of how to get organized to begin the digitization process from people that have been through the process. Presenters: Marvin Allen, County Historian, Starke County Historical Society. Kathy Allen, MLS, Trustee, Starke County Public Library. Connie Rendfeld, Digital Initiatives Librarian, Indiana State Library.

12:30-1:30 PM: Lunch and SIA Annual Business Meeting (Box lunch included in registration; business meeting 1:00-1:30pm).

1:30-2:30 PM: Plenary Session: "Wabash Valley Visions & Voices: The Art and Science of Creating and Managing a Digital Memory Project." Speaker: Cinda Ann May, Coordinator, Library Digital Initiatives and Project Manager Wabash Valley Visions & Voices Digital Memory Project, Indiana State University Library.

2:40-3:40 PM: Concurrent Sessions

1) Dating Photographs. Libraries, museums and archives have been accumulating photographs since the 1840s and dating them still remains a challenge. In this session you will learn tips and skills to better date your photographic collections so that you can enhance description for your patrons. Presenter: Vicki Casteel, Visual Collections Archivist, Indiana State Archives.

2) Collection Guides and Researcher Questions: The Joy of Indiana African American History. Wilma Moore will discuss placing Indiana African American topics and subjects within historical context by using various research tools. She will provide specific examples from the collections of the Indiana Historical Society. Presenter: Wilma L. Moore, Senior Archivist, African American History, Indiana Historical Society

3:40-4:00 PM: Break & Refreshments

4:00-5:00 PM: Concurrent Sessions

1) NCAA Library and Archives: A Gateway for Research and Scholarship in Intercollegiate Athletics. This session will cover a brief history of the library and archives and its place in the Association. Also to be discussed are some of the collections, what has been done in the past and what is currently being worked on and what will hopefully be done in the future.

Presenter: Ellen Summers, Librarian, National Collegiate Athletic Association Library and Archives

2) Strategies for Searching for Ethnic Records in Catholic Church Archives.

Awareness that Indiana has an ethnic tradition and interest in family history among immigrant descendants give Catholic Church records created for spiritual reasons greater value today. First we will look at where ethnic peoples settled and then review the policies of the state's five dioceses on accessibility to church records for research and genealogy. Lastly, we will probe how the records of other church institutions could

be useful to ethnic study.

Presenter: James J. Divita, PhD., Professor emeritus of History, Marian College, Indianapolis

It's not too late...

to participate

in the 2008 SIA Annual Meeting and Conference!

Go to www.inarchivists.org

**Download the registration form,
fill it out, and return it per the instructions.**

Announcements

Chronicling Women's History at Purdue: Selections from the Susan Bulkeley Butler Archives

Purdue University Archives and Special Collections
Stewart Center room 279

March 3 – April 29, 2008

In honor of Women's History Month, this exhibit will examine the rich history of female students, faculty, and staff at Purdue University. Those featured will include Helen Schleman, former Dean of Women (1947-1968) and champion of women's rights on campus; Eulora Miller, the first woman to graduate from Purdue 130 years ago and also Purdue's first professional librarian; and Virginia Claypool Meredith, the first female trustee of Purdue University and "Queen of American Agriculture." Also to be showcased in this exhibit of photographs, documents, and artifacts include "Mother of Modern Management" Lillian Gilbreth, distinguished aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart, and other notable trailblazers of women's history at Purdue.

ILF Ref Annual Conference

The Indiana Library Federation's Reference Division will hold its 2008 Annual Conference Friday, August 1 at the new Allen County Public Library Main Branch in Fort Wayne.

The conference will focus on local history and genealogy research with an eye to digitizing local history materials. Curt Witcher, manager of the library's renowned Genealogy Center, will lead a tour of the center and speak about using the Internet to do genealogy.

Indiana digitizing projects will be described by panelists John Straw of Ball State University, Connie Rendfeld of the Indiana State Library, and Robin Crumrin of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and Jerry Yarnetsky of the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library. Genealogy librarian John Beatty, author of the two-volume *History of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana* (2006) will tell how librarians can be catalysts for local history collecting and writing.

Participants also will be able to take a tour of the library building, which was reopened in 2007 after a \$60 million renovation.

To top things off, there will be a reception that evening at the Allen County History Center, which is home to the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.; the program will start at 10:00 a.m. A continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon coffee break will be provided.

Indiana University Archives relocates

The IU Office of University Archives and Records Management moved to a new facility on the fourth floor of the Herman B Wells Library. The new space represents many improvements, such as a reading room four times the size of the former, a large reception area, exhibit space, a small conference room, and a larger, more efficient space for processing. A large portion of the Archives' collections are now stored off-site at the libraries' Auxiliary Library Facility, with deliveries occurring twice a day. To better serve patrons, hours have also been expanded to include later evening and Saturday hours (currently by appointment). The new address: Office of University Archives and Records Management, Herman B Wells Library, Room E460, Bloomington, In 47405. Phone numbers remain the same. <http://www.libraries.iub.edu/archives>

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