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"Hilly country scene sketch" by Floyd D. Hopper, Indiana Historical Society.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Welcome to the Society of Indiana Archivists 2024 Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting is held in partnership with the Indiana University Northwest Archives and Special Collections and the John W. Anderson Library at IUN. It isn't often that we hold events in the far reaches of the state, often opting to remain central to be accessible to as many people as possible. This often excludes or creates hardships for those who aren't centrally located. Partnering with such gracious hosts gives us the opportunity to hold this year's Annual Meeting in an area where we normally don't. If you can, I encourage you to attend both the Annual Meeting and the events the day before to learn about the rich history of Gary and Northwest Indiana. I'm sure you won't be disappointed. For this year's Annual Meeting, we encouraged proposals pertaining to innovative and exciting projects along with creative solutions to recurring problems in the archival profession. We received many submissions across a wide variety of exciting topics. The plenary speakers Sam Love of Our Gary Stories and Linda Jones of the Gary Historical and Cultural Society will present on the history of Gary and how the community's history is being documented and preserved. In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, SIA will be hosting our first ever unconference as the Pre-Annual Meeting Workshop. "Choose Your Own Archives Adventure Unconference" will be led by Carrie Schwier, Outreach and Public Services Archivist in the University Archives at IU Bloomington. This event will allow for break-out sessions with small-group discussions. I would like to acknowledge members of the Program and Local Arrangements Committees for organizing the meeting. Thanks to Evan Miller, Sarah Allison, Kisha Tandy, and Katey Watson for their work on the Program Committee and Evan Miller, Jeremy Pekarek, and Amy Telezyn for their work on the Local Arrangements Committee. I would also like to thank the IUN Archives and Special Collections and the John W. Anderson Library for hosting this event and all the support that they have provided. Last but not least, I would like to thank the members of the Education Committee for their efforts on the Spring Unconference: Sarah Allison, Nolan Eller, Natasha Hollenbach, and Melanie Hughes. I would like to close by thanking you for the honor to serve as SIA President for the last two years. SIA has been good to me, providing educational and leadership opportunities as well as a means of establishing in-state professional connections and friendships. One great thing about SIA is the continuity of quality leadership and ample opportunities to get involved. If you are interested in getting involved in a committee or leadership role, feel free to let me or any of the current leaders know and we can certainly help make that happen. See you at the meeting!

Best,  
Richard Bernier  
S.I.A. President

# 2024 SOCIETY OF INDIANA ARCHIVISTS ANNUAL MEETING



JOHN W. ANDERSON LIBRARY

**ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Northwest

\$35 SIA Member In-Person | \$30 Virtual

\$15 Student, Volunteers, Retirees In-Person |

\$10 Virtual

\$55 Non-Member In-Person | \$50 Virtual

\*Registration (In-Person & Virtual) due by April 5, 2024

**APRIL  
18-19**

**GARY,  
INDIANA**

## About the Host

The conference is conveniently located in the John W. Anderson Library Conference Center. The plenary, business meeting and lunch will be available in the main conference room on the first floor. Sessions will take place on the first and second floors of the library, while the archives are available on the third floor. Additionally, several displays within the library have been arranged to highlight local history for conference attendees to enjoy. Originally constructed as a company town, the city of Gary was incorporated in 1906. Fifteen-years later Indiana University began holding classes in the region sponsored by the local public school system. In 1959 the campus found a permanent location in the Glen Park neighborhood. Less than 10 years after that, Indiana University Northwest was adopted as the official name and has been providing a high-quality education to the city of Gary and Northwest Indiana ever since. We would like to thank the Society of Indiana Archivists, and all of our local and campus partners who helped make this year's conference possible.

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# 2024 SOCIETY OF INDIANA ARCHIVISTS ANNUAL MEETING

## General Information

- The location is the IUN John W. Anderson Library and Conference Center in Gary, Indiana (The address can be found under the Parking section)
- Registration will close on Friday, April 5, 2024
- There will be no on-site registration the day of the Annual Meeting
- All payments are due prior to the start of the Annual Meeting
- Cancellations with refund must be made by emailing Julie Motyka at [jmotyka@archindy.org](mailto:jmotyka@archindy.org) before the Annual Meeting (Thursday, April 18, 2024)
- All registrants will receive acknowledgments of their registration and payment
- Attendees attending virtually will receive links for the Annual Meeting via email the week of the Annual Meeting
- All times listed in the program are Central Daylight Time (CDT)

## Parking

The Annual Meeting and Pre-Annual Meeting Workshop will be held at the John W. Anderson Library and Conference Center on the IUN campus. The building is located on 35th Ave. between Broadway and Jefferson St. with the main entrance off of 35th Ave.

**Address: 130 W 35th Ave, Gary, IN 46408**

Parking is available on the north side of the IUN campus center off of W 33rd Ave. The parking lot is a 5-minute walk from the John W. Anderson Library. Parking will be free for the Pre-Annual Meeting Workshop and the Annual Meeting. Parking passes will be sent after registration or available at the registration table when attendees check in.

**Parking Address: Savannah Center 3400, Broadway, Gary, IN 46408**

If you are interested in sharing a ride with other attendees to the Annual Meeting, please use the SIA listserv to find people in your area and facilitate a carpool arrangement.

## LEUs/ARCs

SIA is on the Indiana State Library's (ISL) list of approved training providers for continuing education for library professionals and earning LEUs (Library Education Units). Please visit the ISL website for more information on reporting LEUs: [continuinged.isl.in.gov](http://continuinged.isl.in.gov).

For information on earning ARCs (Archival Recertification Credits) for the Academy of Certified Archivists recertification, please visit the ACA website: [www.certifiedarchivists.org/](http://www.certifiedarchivists.org/).

# 2024 Pre-Annual Meeting

## *Choose Your Own Archives Adventure Unconference*

The Society of Indiana Archivists is hosting its first unconference. An unconference is a meeting or conference with no predetermined topic. While they normally have a loose schedule, unconferences are discussions driven by participants on the event day. Usually, there is a general theme on which participants can break out and base their small-group discussions, and participants share their notes and takeaways with the larger group at the end. In survey responses over the last few years, SIA members have mentioned their desire to have more time to network with colleagues during the Annual Meeting and workshops.

To allow for increased discussion and for colleagues from across the state to share knowledge and learn from one another, SIA wants to provide an opportunity for SIA members to do just that! "Choose Your Own Archives Adventure" will allow participants to submit topics of interest in advance via a Google Form and the morning of the event. Moderators will select the most popular topics, assign the topics to rooms, and participants may then choose the discussion in which they want to participate.

### **About this Event**

The day will be led by Carrie Schwier. Carrie Schwier is the outreach and public services archivist at the IU Libraries University Archives, where she collaborates with teaching faculty to design and implement primary source-based instruction sessions and assignments, oversees departmental access services, and coordinates a wide range of outreach programming. Prior to joining the University Archives, she worked as a curatorial assistant in the works on paper department of the Eskenazi Museum of Art. She has over 15 years of experience working in archives and museums.

Carrie presents and writes on primary source literacy, library and archives outreach initiatives, and University history. She holds an M.L.S. and M.A. in art history from Indiana University. Carrie is a huge fan of the Unconference format, having helped plan the Teaching with Primary Sources Unconference for several years and the Midwest Archives Conference DEI Unconference in 2023.

### **Cost**

\$20 SIA Member

\$10 Student, Volunteers, Retirees

\$30 Non-Member



### **Date**

Thursday, April 18th, 2024

11:00 AM - 3:30 PM CDT

*Carrie Schwier, IU Libraries University Archives*

# ~ Remembering John Newman ~

The Society of Indiana Archivists is saddened to announce the death of founding member and past president John Newman on October 2, 2023. Newman held a master's degree in American History from Indiana University. He began his career in Brookville, Indiana, where he taught English and history in the local high school and became actively involved with the local historical society. In early 1970, Newman joined the staff of the Indiana division of the Indiana State Library, conducting interviews for the library's oral history collection. A year later, he was named State Archivist for the State of Indiana – a position he held for the next 15 years. It was at this time, after attending a meeting of the Society of American Archivists in San Francisco in the fall of 1971, Newman realized the need for a professional organization where all of Indiana's archivists, librarians, records managers, and manuscript curators could join and meet to share ideas and aid with archival programs around the state. Newman served as temporary chairman of the newly formed organization at its first meeting in January 1972 at Wabash College. He, along with Thomas Krasean, drew up the constitution and by-laws for the Society of Indiana Archivists and served as its first president. Even as he was working to found and expand SIA, Newman continued to dedicate his efforts to making state records easily accessible as State Archivist. His work in this regard eventually led to the creation of the Indiana Commission on Public Records as an independent state agency in 1979.

In 1986, he became the Director of Information Management for the Indiana Supreme Court. He was instrumental in helping courts dispose of numerous unneeded records, implementing records management practices like sampling, retention scheduling, and uniform case numbering for the court system. He retired from this position in July 2008 to focus on his passion for writing and family history/genealogy. During his career, Newman also served as an adjunct professor of archival management & archival studies at Indiana University and as a member of the State Historic Records Advisory Board. He was nationally recognized for his work in the field of genealogy and family history and wrote several publications on family research and archival/records management practices, including *American Naturalization Records 1790-1990: What They Are and How to Use Them*. His persistent belief that SIA should be an “organization emphasizing education” for the state's information professionals is reflected in the purpose of a scholarship named after him presented each year at the fall workshop. Upon his death, John Newman's family requested donations to the Indiana Historical Society in his honor.

Originally written by Quinn Frey, updated by Julie Motyka

## Sources:

Society of Indiana Archivists archival materials  
Obituaries, Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, Brookville, Indiana

# *John J. Newman*



*July 12, 1940 - October 2nd, 2023*

# SIA Scholarships

In 2024, two scholarships will be awarded for the Society of Indiana Archivists Annual Meeting, held on April 19, 2024. Both scholarships will receive a complimentary registration to the Annual Meeting and \$200 to cover the expenses associated with attending. The two scholarships are the Thomas Krasean Student Scholarship and the John Newman Professional Development Scholarship.

## **Thomas Krasean Student Scholarship**

Graduate students enrolled in a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program, Master of Arts (MA) in History or Museum Studies program, or a related graduate program, and new professionals (up to five years of post-graduate work experience) are encouraged to apply.



## **John Newman Memorial Professional Development Scholarship**

Anyone in the field of special collections and archives in the state of Indiana is eligible to apply. New employees and volunteers are especially encouraged to apply as well as applicants with limited professional development opportunities available through their institution.

Submit a statement of interest stating why you want to attend the annual meeting and how it will benefit you. Include in your statement a brief outline of your archival education and any work history, along with a description of your long-term professional goals. Please include your contact information (name, mailing address, phone, and e-mail) as well as contact information for your institution or employer. Statements should be no more than 200-400 words.

Please submit the information stated above via email to Sarah Stephani at [samastef@indiana.edu](mailto:samastef@indiana.edu). The award recipients will be shared with all applicants via email and announced through the SIA listserv prior to the meeting. Upon accepting the award, the recipient must submit a headshot along with a reflection of the annual meeting for SIA publication.

**The application deadline is April 4, 2024. The winner will be notified in writing by X at 3pm.**



# 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Being a neophyte in the discipline of Library Science, attending the workshop granted me the opportunity to greatly benefit intellectually, practically, and professionally. Moreover, the focus of the workshop resonated with my goal of creating a digital library/exhibition that builds off the work laid down in my dissertation. Beyond this, the workshop allowed me to become better informed on how to best contribute to my group in its task of putting together a physical exhibit utilizing primary documents from the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center's Archives to commemorate the history of Black Culture Center for the viewing of participants of the Association of Black Culture Center's Conference which took place at Indiana University Bloomington in November of 2023. Thus, attending the workshop had proximal benefits in my scholarly development. The workshop allowed me to receive training in budgeting, the steps of developing, realizing, and evaluating an exhibit from experts in the field. These skill sets will serve me well as a student and even later in my academic career. I am very thankful and grateful to the Society of Indiana Archivist for providing me with the Thomas Krasean Student Scholarship which allowed me to take advantage of such an enriching opportunity!

**Thomas Krasean**  
Student Scholarship Winner  
Fall 2023



**Dhakir Abdullah M.A.**

*Indiana University, Bloomington  
Department of African American and Diaspora Studies  
Masters of Library Science*

**John Newman Memorial  
Professional Development Scholarship  
Winner Fall 2023**



**Gabby Kriebel**

*Curator, Monroe County  
History Center*

I had such a great time at the Fall SIA Workshop! I would like to thank SIA for awarding me the John Newman Professional Development Scholarship that made it possible for me to attend. Tricia Gilson was an amazing presenter, and I particularly enjoyed learning her tips and tricks on exhibit installation (thumb tacks and rare earth magnets – who knew?) and specialized collections storage methods. Possibly the most valuable part of my experience was the opportunity for open discussion with my colleagues in the field. We had a great conversation about accessibility in museum exhibits which prompted me to add the American Printing House for the Blind Hive as a new resource for providing appropriate accessibility resources for blind and low-vision individuals in our upcoming exhibits. Tricia facilitated some useful group exercises creating mock exhibits for the Indiana State Archives. Even more than working on the exercises that day, being able to take those written instructions back with me to my institution to share with my colleagues has been so helpful and has sparked some great discussion, just like it did during the workshop. I'm sure I will continue to pull on my experience at the Fall SIA Workshop as I create even more exhibits for the Monroe County History Center!

# CONTRIBUTE TO NEWS & NOTES:

The Society of Indiana Archivists invites submissions of news, articles, announcements regarding archive work being done in the state of Indiana.

## What to Submit?

- Have you created an exhibition for your organization?
- Do you have a personal research interest, or is there an artifact/book/collection in your organization's holdings that would be interesting for our readers to know about?
- You can also submit shorter announcements for the newsletter. Did you add a recent hire (or were hired recently), achieve a milestone, or receive a new acquisition?

## Article Submission Notes:

In-depth articles should be 500-900 words in length, alongside an image(s). Topics can be anything of interest to archivists.

All images must be either JPEG, TIFF, or PNG.

Please email submissions to [droddel@wlaflib.in.us](mailto:droddel@wlaflib.in.us).



# Coordinated Archive Support in Northwest Indiana

KATERINA CARTER

ARCHIVIST-DIRECTOR, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY DEPT. OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVES

THE ARCHIVES TEAM IN ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (PICTURED L-R): MIGUEL OVIEDO - RECORDS CENTER COORDINATOR, KATERINA CARTER - ARCHIVIST/DIRECTOR, CASSANDRA WALKER - INVENTORY SPECIALIST, RANDY RAY - MICROGRAPHICS COORDINATOR, KELSEY RAY - ARCHIVES VOLUNTEER.

On September 27th, 2023, St Joseph County and the City of South Bend were awarded the 2023 Local Cooperation Award from the Association of Indiana Counties! In February of 2023 we were named employees of the month and on February 20th, 2024, we were named the employees of the year for 2023.

**Cooperation:** On March 14, 1994, the city of South Bend's Common Council authorized its mayor to enter into agreement with St Joseph County to establish a consolidated department of Records Management. As far as we know, we were the first county in Indiana to set-up an Archives and Records Center.

We were created to help alleviate the stress of storage, and records management in all aspects in for the county and city.

Our records space allocation and budget are set up on a 70/30split. St Joseph County contributes 70% of our budget and gets 70% of the space, and the City of South Bend contributes 30% to our budget and receives 30% of the space.

We have over 35,000 boxes, 10,000 books, and 3972 reels of microfilm.

We service over 75 departments within the county and city.



**Innovation:** When first established, we created a Microsoft Access database that allows us to find any record and where it is located. We created a seven-digit location numbering system that let us know where to find the record. In 2021 we upgraded our database to a new cloud-based system called Axaem.

Axaem, is the same the system that IARA uses. We will have an agency portal going live soon, this will allow department to see the status of records in real time. We are starting to barcode our records, allowing us to ensure accuracy and be time saving.

We have stopped microfilming our records and are now scanning them. Allowing us to have more than one person working on this at a time.



THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ARCHIVES TEAM WAS HONORED EARLY THIS YEAR FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK.

We have upgraded our microfilm reader, to a reader/scanner. This allows us to convert our microfilm to digital images, which we can save in our new system.

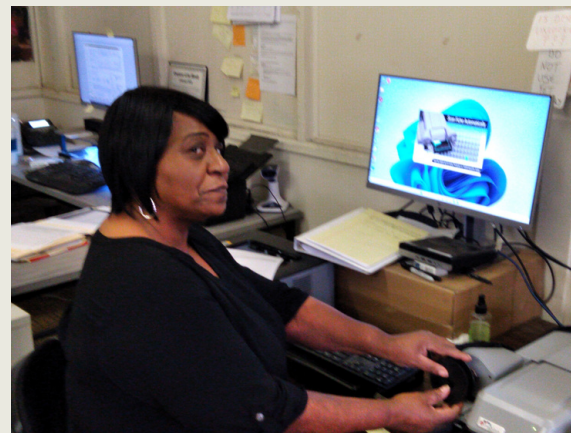
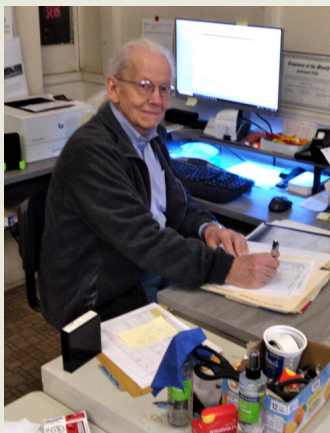
**Positive impact:** We are sometimes referred to as the hidden gem. We are not very well known in the public, but when someone does come in, they are surprised by all that we have and all that we can help them with.

The biggest impact that we have is on the other local government agencies. Without our facility a lot of offices would be overrun with records and have the added responsibility for their own destruction. Even the departments are surprised by how many boxes we have, and that we are so organized when they come down to visit. This year especially has seen an increase in visits from other agencies.

We are ramping up our scanning efforts and hope to be a hub for both city and county departments to send us records to be scanned, allowing the department staff to work on other things, and saving money because they do not need to outsource the work.

We had two county agencies help us purchase our new microfilm reader/scanner and will be converting their microfilm to digital images for them.

I think that there is a huge potential for us to be a model for other counties. Since I have been here, we have been visited by at least two different counties: Elkhart County, which now has a Records Center, and LaPorte County.



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# *Celebrating A Century of Service: The OVGTSL Centennial*

BY MORRIS S. LEVY  
CONSULTING DATABASE SPECIALIST, OCLC

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In 1924, the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians (OVGTSL) held its first meeting in Ohio. For 99 years, technical services librarians from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky have met to discuss changing standards in the profession and their effect on local, regional, and national practices. OVGTSL's centennial meeting will be held May 22-24, 2024 at The Conference Center at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio with an opening reception at The Ohio State University's Thompson Library in Columbus. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Dublin at a conference rate of \$139.00 per night, including parking.

At the OVGTSL 2024 Conference, we wish to highlight a century of creative approaches to meeting challenges in technical services among Ohio Valley libraries, including electronic resources, acquisitions, cataloging and metadata, open access initiatives, serials, and more. In taking stock of our past, we can not only appreciate how far we have come in our important work, we can also find inspiration in the work of our predecessors to continue moving forward. In addition to our typical request for proposals that focus on workflows and practices that you are using in your libraries today, we are especially interested in showcasing presentations on technical services topics with a historical perspective.

## Topics to Include:

- Sources of inspiration
  - DEI
- Cross-departmental collaboration and beyond
- Emerging trends in discovery and access
  - Data-driven decision making
- Tools and processes for large-scale editing of metadata (OpenRefine, MarcEdit, etc.)
- Open access, including open educational resources
  - Primary resources and rare collections
- Electronic resources lifecycle management
  - Evolving technical services workflows
    - Training and supporting staff
    - Department reorganization
      - Collection assessment
    - Large scale weeding projects
  - Print and/or acquisitions management
    - Work-life balance

## Date

May 22-24, 2024

Dublin, OH

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# 2024 SIA | OFFICER NOMINATIONS



President

**Evan Miller** is the Digital Archivist in the Robert T. Ramsay, Jr. Archival Center at Wabash College. He earned his Master of Library and Information Science degree and Master of Arts degree in Public History from IUPUI in 2019. He has had the opportunity to work at several Indiana-centric archives, museums, and cultural heritage organizations including the Indiana Historical Society Press, Indianapolis Museum of Art Archives and Stout Reference Library at Newfields, and Hanover College Archives and Special Collections. Prior to Wabash College, he worked in the Department of Special Collections, Rare Books, and University Archives at Butler University. Evan grew up in Crawfordsville, Indiana and is a Hanover College alum.

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Vice President

**Katey Watson** is a Clinical Assistant Professor and France A. Córdova Archivist at the Purdue University Archives and Special Collections. She manages the Susan Bulkeley Butler Women's Archives which aims to document the often overlooked and underrepresented stories of women and their communities in Purdue and Indiana's past. She is responsible for the development, care, use, and promotion of collections in the Women's Archives and facilitates their use for teaching and research. Watson earned an MI in Archives and Records Management from the University of Toronto and a BA in History and English from York University.

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Secretary

**Joseph Coates** is the Reference Librarian Manager and University Archivist at Purdue University Northwest, a position he began in 2014. Prior to that, Joe worked as the Reference Librarian and Archivist at Calumet College of St Joseph in Whiting, Indiana. He has a BA in History from Indiana University Northwest and an MSLS from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He has been a member of SIA since 2016, serving on the Communication Committee from 2018-21. He lives in Valparaiso, Indiana with his wife and two daughters.

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Board Member

**Amber Passen** (she/they) is the Digital Archivist for the Columbus Indiana Architectural Archives (CIAA) at the Bartholomew County Public Library in Columbus, Indiana. She received her MLIS from Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and her BA in anthropology with a focus on archaeological conservation at Texas A&M University, along with a minor in gender studies. She began working for CIAA shortly after graduation at the end of 2022. Previously, she had an internship at the Cummins Heritage Center. Amber currently oversees the implementation of the first ever digital preservation and collecting program at CIAA. In her personal time, she enjoys reading, knitting, video games, and table-top roleplaying games (TTRPGs).

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