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SFA Spotlight

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The Society of Florida Archivists (SFA) was founded in 1983 to share information and promote cooperation among Florida archivists and repositories and provide a forum for discussion of local and global archival issues.

SFA sponsors an email list, annual meeting, newsletter, and peer-reviewed journal, as well as many one-off resources, workshops, and events that support Florida archivists and the profession.

Since 2018, SFA has published the Society of Florida Archivists

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Message from the President



Hello, Fellow SFA-ers!

It's been an honor and a privilege to be the SFA President for this past year. Over the past year, we've made some decisions to change some bylaws (pending your vote for the SFA Elections this year), and are working on some new ways to engage SFA members (more information coming soon).

Above all, we are celebrating SFA's 40th anniversary. I encourage you all to look at the wonderful history of SFA that Burt Altman wrote. It's on our website at <https://floridaarchivists.wildapricot.org/history>. I hope you all have fond memories of your first SFA conference—mine was in 2018 in Tallahassee, just a month after I'd moved to Florida and started at UF. It was a great experience, and it was so nice to meet so many folks from around the state when I was first starting here. And now...

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<http://www.florida-archivists.org/committees>



SFA Annual Meeting: Where have we been? Where are we going?



Schedule of Activities:

Wednesday, May 10:

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm— Van and Carpool from Turnbull to Florida State University

4:45 pm - 5:45 pm – Flood Recover & Operations Tour, Florida State University

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm – Heritage Museum, Dodd Hall, Florida State University Reception

7:30 pm – Van and Carpool to Conference Hotel

Directions and parking information will be provided during the Annual Meeting.

Thursday, May 11:

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm— Van and Carpool to John G. Riley Center & Museum for African American History & Culture,
419 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL, 32301

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - John G. Riley Center & Museum for African American History & Culture - Smokey Hollow Commemorative Site Tour (Two groups of 15, 30 min. duration)

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm – John G. Riley Center & Museum for African American History & Culture Reception

7:00 pm – Van and Carpool to Conference Hotel

Directions and parking information will be provided during the Annual Meeting..

SFA Annual Meeting: Where have we been? Where are we going?

Schedule of Activities:

Friday, May 12:

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm – Carpool or Walk to State Archives

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm – State Archives Tour

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm – Break for Tour Guides

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm – State Archives Tour

Directions and parking information will be provided during the Annual Meeting

SFA 40th Anniversary T-Shirt & Bags



T-shirts (\$15 - sizes XS, S, M, L, XL) and tote bags (\$20) are available for pre-order through the Annual Meeting registration page or by filling out this form. Merchandise proceeds will benefit the Judith Beale Scholarship Fund. Limited quantities will be available at the conference and payment is due at pickup.



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I'm coming full-circle back to Tallahassee for the SFA Annual Meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you in May as we look at "Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going?" There's a great conference in store for us with several tours of local archives, an excellent list of presentations, and a timely workshop from SSDN on reparative metadata.

I look forward to seeing where SFA goes in the future. As we are a completely volunteer-run organization, it's up to us to take SFA into its next 40 years. And I know we're in great hands as Rhia Rae steps into the President role for next year.

Thank you again, fellow archivists, for all of your work and support. I am so lucky to be a part of such a great organization and colleague to all of you amazing folks.

Sarah Coates, SFA President

Welcome New SFA Members!!

Jen Shaver	Florida Atlantic University
Dawn Renner	Valdosta State University Archives
Joseph Corr	Pinellas County Schools
Patrick Swan	Seminole Wars Foundation
Nina Kostic	Jacksonville Public Library
Malachai Darling	Florida College



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Journal , a peer-reviewed, open access, online publication (<https://www.florida-archivists.org/SFA-Journal>). It fosters scholarly conversation about progressive archival approaches and best practices in the work of archival professionals in many settings, including archival repositories, libraries, museums, special collections, historical societies, government agencies, and corporations.

Each October, SFA sponsors Florida Archives Month concurrently with SAA's American Archives Month. Events and workshops provide continuing education for SFA members, and archival holdings from across the state are promoted on the email list and in the Society newsletter.

In June 2020, the Ad Hoc Committee for the COVID-19 Archival Workers Relief Fund was created. to establish guidelines for providing financial assistance from SFA to Florida archival workers experiencing acute, unanticipated financial hardship due to the crisis.

The committee began with \$750 seed money from SFA. Additional monies were donated for a total of \$1,200. Five archival workers were aided over the course of two rounds of solicitation.

SFA continues to develop new ideas for collaborating and sharing our experiences outside of annual meetings, and to offer professional development webinars that meet our membership's needs. We are always developing ways to give back to our fellow archivists through mentoring opportunities or job exchanges, and to see how we can support their professional development through free or low-cost educational opportunities. We hope to expand the scope of our Judith Beale Scholarship program to include early-career archivists and those archivists who do not have institutional funding support to attend our annual meeting (<https://floridaarchivists.wildapricot.org/Beale-Scholarship>).

--Rory Grennan at FSU to the Society of American Archivists

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