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News from the Midwest—Troy Eller, Wayne State University, and Alison Stankrauff, Indiana University South Bend, Assistant Editors

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ILLINOIS

American College of Surgeons

The papers of American College of Surgeons (ACS) founder Franklin Martin are now available at <http://www.facs.org/archives>. They document the Chicago hospitals and medical schools with which Martin was associated in the early twentieth century and his experiences as medical director of the civilian arm of the Council of National Defense. The Archives also supported research for the recently published book *A Century of Surgeons and Surgery: The American College of Surgeons 1913–2012*.

Illinois State Archives

The Illinois State Archives has replaced its printed guide, *Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois*, with the on-line database Archon. Archon allows staff to record descriptive information about collections, and gives patrons the opportunity to access the descriptions on-line: <http://archon.ilsos.net>.

University of Illinois Chicago

The Richard J. Daley Library Special Collections and University Archives Department processed the Friends of the Parks manuscript collection, which documents a citizen-led initiative to improve the quality of Chicago's city parks. The Thatcher Woods Savanna Restoration Project collection documents an effort to preserve a forest and wetland in River Forest, Illinois.

INDIANA

Ball State University

The Ball State University Libraries'

Drawings and Documents Archive and Architecture Library received the 2012 Walter S. Blackburn Award from the American Institute of Architects Indiana (AIA), given annually to a person or organization that has contributed time and service in support of the architectural profession. As the only archives dedicated to the history of Indiana's built environment, the Drawings and Documents Archive provides access to thousands of original architectural drawings, blueprints, photographs, 3D models, and other media. Materials in the collection support the educational goals of the College of Architecture and Planning, and provide historical resources for working architects and preservationists throughout the state. The award was presented to Carol Street, archivist for architectural records, and Amy Trendler, architecture librarian.

Indiana Genealogical Society

The Indiana Genealogical Society held a work session on Saturday, October 13, for its project to preserve and digitize the nineteenth century probate records of Hendricks County, Indiana. Volunteers gathered at the Plainfield Public Library and worked on 150 probate files—a one-day record. Among the items they discovered was an original certificate from 1837 for the purchase of land from the federal government. Since the project began in 2009, volunteers have worked on 2,700 unique files, and the Indiana Genealogical Society has some six hundred digitized files available on-line at their Web site: www.IndGenSoc.org.

Indiana Historical Society (IHS)

The Indiana Historical Society Web site (<http://www.indianahistory.org/library/>) continuously updates finding aids for the Collections and Library. The IHS's 52 digital collections have surpassed 57,000 images, and 22 new manuscript and visual collections and 169 printed items have been cataloged. The Clowes Family and Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Family (J. Irwin Miller of Columbus, Indiana) comprise two high-profile manuscript and visual collections that recently became available.

New Albany–Floyd County Public Library

The Archives at the New Albany–Floyd County Public Library has recently received a large donation of architectural plans relating to the career of Bob Applegate, who was a part of the New Albany, Indiana, architecture firm Walker, Applegate, Ritz & Oakes. Buildings represented in the plans are located all over Southern Indiana and into Louisville, Kentucky. It is anticipated that the plans will be fully processed by mid-2013, but, recognizing the importance of the collection, an inventory of the individual plans will be made available to researchers so they can be requested on an individual basis.

Archives of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters

The Archives of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters of Huntington, Indiana, has benefited from a recent grant from Our Sunday Visitor

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Institute (OSVI). This grant makes possible the digitization of *The Missionary Catechist*, the journal that Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters published from 1924–1964. The Victory Noll Archives is working with the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRRA) on this project. Once the digitization is complete, *The Missionary Catechist* will be freely available and searchable through the Web sites of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters and Our Sunday Visitor, and through the Catholic Research Resources Alliance’s “Catholic Portal.”

IOWA

Drake University

Alumna Patti Miller has agreed to donate to the Archives her records from her involvement in the 1964 Freedom Summer experience, a national campaign to register as many African-American voters as possible in Mississippi, a state which had historically excluded most blacks from voting. The collection includes Miller’s personal journal, clippings, photographs, correspondence, and other personal effects.

KANSAS

Kansas Historical Society

The Kansas Historical Society has embarked on several large digitization projects in the past several months. Containing over 50 years of militia and Kansas National Guard material, the Kansas Adjutant General correspondence collection is available on-line at <http://www.kansasmemory.org/category/12585>. The Kansas Film Commission, in order to promote Kansas locations to film companies, produced photographs in the 1980s and 1990s depicting business districts and residences that were taped together

to produce a panoramic view and exemplify vernacular photography in a pre-Google street view era. All 38 boxes of the Kansas Film Commission photographs are available at <http://www.kansasmemory.org/category/12587>. In 1881, Kansas became the first state to write Prohibition into its constitution. The Kansas Woman’s Christian Temperance Union materials (<http://www.kansasmemory.org/category/12584>) and Temperance History Collection (<http://www.kansasmemory.org/category/12595>) contain valuable research materials pertaining to the spread and struggle of Prohibition.

Kansas University

The Robert J. Dole Archives and Special Collections announces the availability of over 6,100 digitized press releases from Senator Dole’s papers, accessible in an item-level finding aid and full-text keyword search hosted in Archon. Covering the years 1961–1996, the releases from Dole’s House and Senate offices cover a broad array of topics, ranging from domestic issues to national and international politics. See <http://dolearchive.ku.edu/collections/archives/>. The Archives also displayed a special memorial exhibit for former U.S. Senator George McGovern, “Senator George McGovern: A Lifetime Devoted to Ending Hunger,” in honor of his passing. Senator McGovern was a close friend to Dole, and, despite being on opposite ends of the political spectrum, they worked together to feed millions of school children across the world.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Digital Library

The Kentucky Digital Library (<http://kdl.kyvl.org/>) has been selected to serve as one of the initial service hubs

for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the Knight Foundation have committed financial support to the program. The DPLA is envisioned as a national digital library that will bring together the living heritage of libraries, universities, archives, and museums to educate, inform, and empower current and future generations. Digital Libraries in Minnesota, South Carolina, Oregon, Georgia, Massachusetts, and the Mountain West Digital Library (Utah, Nevada, and Arizona) have also been chosen as service hubs. More information can be found at <http://dp.la/>.

Northern Kentucky University

Northern Kentucky University has received a \$50,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections planning grant to evaluate the environmental climate in which W. Frank Steely Library’s Special Collections and University Archives stores its historical collections and permanent university records. The goal is to create a sustainable, energy efficient, preservation-quality environment for the protection of these collections of “regional and national significance.” Only 18 of 80 applicants nationally received funding. University Archivist and Assistant Professor Lois Hamill, principal investigator, will work with the Image Permanence Institute on this grant.

University of Kentucky (UK)

UK Libraries has launched the Special Collections Learning Lab (SCLL) as a center for primary research, experiential learning, and training. Targeting undergraduate students in the humanities, social sciences, and arts, the SCLL promotes undergraduate

research, scholarship, and creativity, and more fully integrates Special Collections into the teaching and research mission of the University. Interns will enhance access to a collection, build upon their existing research interests, and present their findings.

University of Louisville

Effective January 1, 2013, the University of Louisville's University Archives and Records Center (UARC) and Special Collections department will merge to form Archives and Special Collections (ASC), overseen by University Archivist Carrie Daniels. The new unit, which will be one of the University Libraries, will be comprised of rare books, photographic archives, digital initiatives, and the UARC. This merger will improve the researcher experience by enhancing discovery across related collections; introducing a common fee structure for reproductions; increasing hours of availability to the public through a single service point; and enabling the separation of the research room from classes, orientation, events, meetings, and community outreach offerings. ASC can be accessed at <http://louisville.edu/library/archives>.

MICHIGAN

Archives of Michigan

The State of Michigan has signed a contract with Tessella to support the preservation of electronic records with historical value. Tessella's new Preservica Web-based digital preservation solution will be used for precinct-level election results, K-12 education data, Michigan Supreme Court briefs, and more: www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi.

Cranbrook Educational Community

Cranbrook has unveiled its newly organized Center for Collections

and Research, which includes the Cranbrook Archives. One of the first collaborative projects of the Center was the exhibition "Vision and Interpretation: Building Cranbrook, 1904-2012." The Archives recently received an addition to the Suzanne Vanderbilt Papers. The first female assistant designer at General Motors who later assumed responsibility for the Human Factors and Safety Program, Vanderbilt earned her master's degree in metalsmithing at Cranbrook in the 1960s.

Davenport University

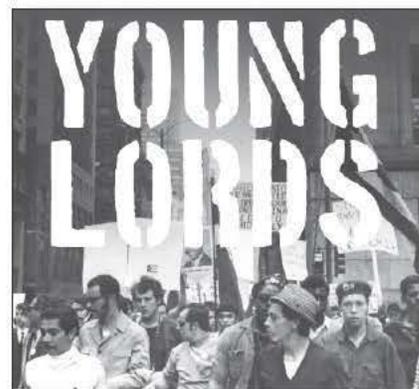
The Archives has digitized the 12 yearbooks of its institution, from 1961 to 1972. The yearbooks are available on-line and can be browsed or searched by name or keyword.

The Henry Ford

Judith Endelman retired as the director of the Benson Ford Research Center in March 2012. Following a national search, Nardina (Dina) Mein, Ph.D., accepted the position of manager for Archives and Library Services, where she will be responsible for the library Web site, digital library collections, special collections program, and library informational technology.

Grand Valley State University (GVSU)

Co-directed by José "Cha-Cha" Jiménez and Professor Melanie Shell-Weiss of the Liberal Studies Department, GVSU launched an oral history and documentation project on the Latino struggle for self-determination in Chicago. "The Young Lords in Lincoln Park" project grew out of the Young Lords Movement, founded by Jiménez in 1968. Additionally, the University Libraries Special Collections Digital Collections Web site will feature photographs, papers, and clip-



"The Young Lords in Lincoln Park" project at GVSU is the most extensive documentation effort to date about Latinos and activists that focuses on displacement and housing discrimination, and the first time that a video-taped project has focused on the migration of the first Puerto Rican immigrants to the city of Chicago and other Midwestern cities.

pings documenting the origins of the Young Lords Movement, including Jiménez's unpublished manuscripts from his campaign for alderman of Chicago's 46th Ward, and the founding of the Lincoln Park Camp and KO Club, both in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area. See <http://www.gvsu.edu/younglords>.

Michigan State University (MSU)

University Archives and Historical Collections (UAHC), in conjunction with the MSU Department of History and MATRIX, received \$264,998 in funding from the NEH to digitize records related to the MSU Vietnam Project. During the 1950s, MSU worked with the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) in an effort to produce a stable, non-communist country. The program ended in 1962, when American military intervention made the program irrelevant, but it left behind a rich and invaluable trove of documents. In October, UHAC launched its Web site commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War

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(<http://civilwar.archives.msu.edu>). Earlier this year, UAHC acquired a World War II scrapbook assembled to document Operation Crossroads, a joint Army/Navy project in the Bikini Atoll that tested the effects of atomic blasts on the US fleet. See <http://msuarchives.wordpress.com>.

Michigan Technological University

The Michigan Tech Archives remain closed to the public following an October 26 fire in the stacks. The fire was contained within a few square yards; however, 688 boxes received extensive water damage and were immediately sent to a freezer storage facility. Belfor set up an on-site drying room to handle boxes that received less water damage. In all, about 20 percent of the Archives' collection was affected. The cause of the fire has not yet been confirmed. Updates can be found at <http://blogs.mtu.edu/archives/>.

Wayne State University

This fall, the Reuther Library welcomed its new Director, Beth Myers; its new SEIU Archivist, Alexandra Orchard; and several part-time processing assistants. The Reading Room remains busy, following the announcement of revised hours of operation. A project to scan the University Archives' collection of yearbooks of Wayne State University and its predecessor institutions and make them available on the Reuther's Web site is now underway. See <https://reuther.wayne.edu/taxonomy/term/1441>.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Air National Guard Museum

A Legacy grant-funded cataloging project of the Brigadier General Ray S. Miller and Eva Hope Miller Collec-

tion for the Minnesota Air National Guard Museum has been completed. In 1920, Miller flew from Saint Paul, Minnesota, to Washington, D.C. to lobby for the first federally-recognized air national guard in the nation.

Minnesota Historical Society

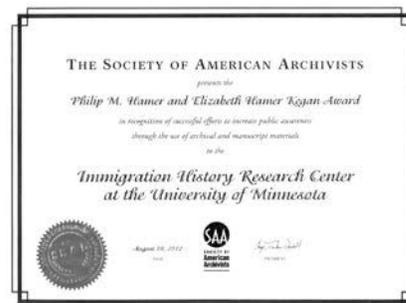
Jennifer Jones was appointed director of Library and Collections. In August, she appointed three department heads: Head of Reference Tracey Baker, State Archivist Shawn Rounds, and Head of Collections Brian Szott. Effective December 1, 2012, the Gale Family Library at the Minnesota Historical Society will now be open Tuesday 12:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. and Wednesday–Saturday 9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M., and closed Sunday–Monday. For more information, please see the press release at <http://events.mnhs.org/media/news/release.cfm?ID=2779>.

Target Corporation

On October 3–5, 2012, Target Corporation hosted SAA's Business Archives Workshop at its Minneapolis headquarters. Thirty-two business archivists from around the country took part in the workshop and were treated to tours of the Target Corporation; Cargill, Inc.; and General Mills Corporate Archives.

University of Minnesota

On August 10, the Immigration History Research Center (IHRC) formally received the Philip M. Hamer and Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Award from SAA at its annual meeting. The award was given to the Center for its "Digitizing Immigrant Letters Project" in recognition of successful efforts to increase public awareness through the use of archival and manuscript materials, including transcriptions and translations of letters in several languages, Web access, and



sponsorship of scholars, public talks, and exhibits. Established in 1973, the award recognizes an archivist, editor, group of individuals, or institution that has increased public awareness of archival documents for educational, instructional, or other purposes.

MISSOURI

Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO)

SEMO's Special Collections and Archives was awarded a \$73,139 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) digital imaging grant in July 2012 from the Missouri State Library. The grant supports phase two of the digitization project, "Confluence and Crossroads: The Civil War in the American Heartland," an effort to digitize primary source materials documenting the period 1854–1877 in a 28-county region in southeast Missouri and southern Illinois. The project is a collaborative effort among Special Collections and Archives, SEMO, the Special Collections Research Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the Department of History and the Center for Regional History at Southeast Missouri State University, and the Cape Girardeau County (Missouri) Archive Center. The complete digital collection will be available for research through the Missouri Digital Heritage Web site <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/> in 2013, and also through the Special Collections, SEMO Web site <http://library.semo.edu:2008/cdm/>.

State Historical Society of Missouri

The State Historical Society of Missouri's most popular Web site has received a facelift. Thanks to a generous gift, "Historic Missourians," a biography resource for fourth-grade students, has been redesigned to be more interactive and kid-friendly. Originally launched in 2006 as "Famous Missourians," the Web site's name was changed this past spring to reflect the site's focus on historically significant individuals rather than celebrities. The revamped site, which creates a virtual research experience that exposes students to primary resources, can be accessed at <http://shs.umsystem.edu/historicmissourians/index.html>.

NEBRASKA

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NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota State University (NDSU)

The NDSU Archives has joined Historypin, which allows archives, libraries, schools, and individuals to virtually "pin" historic photos to a map. So far, the NDSU Archives has uploaded five collections of photographs, ranging in date from 1876 to 2009. NDSU will continue to add more collections to cover other geographic areas of North Dakota. See <http://www.historypin.com/channels/view/12313037/>.

OHIO

Cincinnati Museum Center

Three new collections are now available at the Cincinnati History Library and Archives. The Bakewell-Audubon Papers include the correspondence of

William G. Bakewell and his sister Lucy Bakewell Audubon, wife of John J. Audubon, and their children. The Scribner Wood Papers contain Civil War letters of Harvey Scribner Wood, 16th O.V.I., and his brother-in-law Alfred Phillips, 32nd O.V.I. The papers of Gustav Tafel document his experiences as Lt. Colonel of the 106th O.V.I. during the Civil War and as Mayor of Cincinnati from 1897 to 1900. See <http://library.cincymuseum.org/>.

Ohio Electronic Record Committee (OhioERC)

This past summer, the OhioERC adopted its latest guideline, *Social Media: The Records Management Challenge*. The Committee presented two wildly successful workshop sessions this October at the Ohio Historical Society (OHS) to over 130 public sector personnel from state and local government, as well as K–12 and higher education. This was accomplished through the support of OHS, the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), and ARMA International, Greater Columbus Chapter. See <http://OhioERC.org>.

Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB)

OHRAB recognized two institutions with its Achievement Award. The Euclid Public Library was recognized for building a Web-based collection documenting its city's rich history from multiple perspectives, a range of sources, and a variety of formats. The Clark County Historical Society was recognized for bringing together staff, volunteers, and interns, and received a small grant for supplies to ensure the preservation of and access to local records.

Society of Ohio Archivists (SOA)

SOA teamed up with the Ohio Local History Alliance in October for a stellar joint meeting. Alliance members had a chance to learn more about the care of their archival collection, while SOA members educated themselves on a wide variety of historical issues and projects. Both groups look forward to combining their resources to achieve greater goals in the future.

State Library of Ohio

The State Library of Ohio has received an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Connecting to Collections Implementation Grant to conduct a two-day preservation boot camp. The event will bring together 88 teams of museum/history and library staff to provide outreach, information, and site surveys to other cultural organizations in their home areas. Project partners include the Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Museums Association, Ohio University, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and Follett House Museum. See <http://www.webjunction.org/partners/ohio/oh-programs/connectcollect.html>.

The Ohio State University

The University Archives has created two exhibits to celebrate the 100th anniversaries of the birth of famous Buckeyes Jesse Owens and Woody Hayes. "Faster, Higher, Stronger—Jesse Owens: 100 Years of Life and Legacy" documents Jesse Owens's Olympic achievements and transformation to an Ambassador of Athletics. "Woody: 100 Years On and Off the Field" chronicles Hayes's accomplishments, not only as a football coach, but also as a philanthropist, educator, and community leader. See <http://www.go.osu.edu/archives>.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

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WISCONSIN

University Wisconsin–Madison (UW–Madison)

The SAA Student Chapter (SAA–SC) at UW–Madison was very active in the fall 2012 semester. In October, they held the 1st Annual Fall Archives Symposium, hosting archivists from Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin, and had an active Archives Month blog. Chapter members are volunteering at Circus World in Baraboo, Wisconsin, processing collections; working with retired UW–Madison

faculty preparing their materials for transfer to the University Archives; and implementing the Radical Oral History Program. Look for the UW SAA–SC booth at MAC 2013, where the chapter will be selling t-shirts and homemade jewelry! Three members will also be presenting a session on podcasting in the archives.

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (UWM)

The Archives Department recently opened a CONTENTdm collection of 25 videos/films from the Curative Care Network (CCN), which provides a range of services to disabled individuals at community-based sites in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. The collection includes

training films, public service announcements, and promotional films. The earliest material dates from 1933 and demonstrates early occupational therapy techniques. Also now available are the records of the Junior League of Milwaukee, which provide a comprehensive picture of the League’s community involvement and volunteerism from 1916 to the present. The UWM Libraries was among four campus entities that received a gift of \$21,000 to support LGBT-related services on campus. The Libraries’ portion of the gift will be used to support development of the LGBT collection in Archives and Special Collections.

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