



CARA News

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Chicago Area Religious Archivists

Spring 2009 Happenings



SAA Web Seminar Opportunity for CARA

The Robert M. Myers Archives, Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL will host the March 31, 2009 SAA web seminar on Archival Content Management Systems for interested CARA members. The event is limited to 20 people at this site. The site registration fee is \$145. Your individual cost is calculated by the number of attendees. So the more that attend, the less you pay.

The schedule for the web seminar:

Noon–1 pm Bring a sack lunch, beverages and desserts provided by the host site and enjoy pre-webinar discussions with your colleagues

1-2:30 pm SAA web seminar presentation, followed by discussion and tour

RSVP to Marcia Stein, mstein@uscsvd.org or 847 753-7431 by Monday March 23, 2009.

After Marcia knows the number of CARA attendees, she will e-mail everyone with the cost per person and a map to the archives. Techny is 20 miles north of Chicago in Northbrook.

Here is how SAA is publicizing this web seminar:

Archival Content Management Systems

Presented by

Lisa Spiro, Ph.D., Director, Digital Media Center, Fondren Library, Rice University

Seminar Description

Are you considering implementing an archival content management system (CMS) such as Archon or Archivists' Toolkit™? Are you overwhelmed by the process of selecting the right tool for your institution? This web seminar, which is based on the recent report about archival management Software issued by the Council on Library and Information Resources, will take you through the process of evaluating and selecting a content management system.

The seminar will address:

- What is an archival CMS?
- What are the pros and cons of implementing a CMS?
- What is a sound process for selecting a CMS?

See the last page of the newsletter for the membership application!

News?

Send news and photos for the CARA newsletter to:
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Questions?

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SAA Web Seminar (continued) ...

- What factors should I consider in selecting a CMS?
 - Open source vs. commercial
 - Support for description (EAD), collection management, and archival statistics
 - Web publishing support
 - Hosted or local?
 - Cost
 - Sustainability
 - Customer support
- What are some alternatives to using a CMS?

This seminar will include concrete examples drawn from both **open source and commercial systems**.

Who should attend? Everyone who is involved in the decision on their institution's archival content management system; and, anyone anticipating having to make this decision.

Invite your colleagues, staff, or students to join you in learning together over lunch or breakfast * in the convenience of your conference room, office, or classroom. Gather around a PC and a speaker phone, call in or email your questions, and get information and tools that will help you to participate and make decisions about Archival Content Management Systems. *Remember, the registration fee enables you to copy handouts for the number of participants you choose to invite!*

CARA Spring 2009 Meeting



Merle Branner has offered to host the Spring 2009 CARA meeting at North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, IL. It will be held in the afternoon on Thursday May 7, 2009. **Save the date for now - more details to come!**

News



CARA's New Webpage

The Chicago Area Religious Archivists (CARA) now has a presence on the Chicago Area Archivists (CAA) webpage. Here we can share news and events of what's going on and what's coming up in a timely manner. Submit your news and photos to Joan Sweeney. jsweeney@viatorians.com

Many thanks to Don Widmer, the web master for CAA, and his help in getting the site up and updating it quickly!

Check it out: <http://www.chicagoarchivists.org/cara.html>

Society of the Divine Word Chicago Province Archives Becomes the Robert M. Myers Archives

On October 28, 2008 the Chicago Province named its archives the Robert M. Myers Archives in honor of the Divine Word Missionary who established it in 1982. In the proposal to the Provincial Council to name the archives after Rev. Robert M. Myers, SVD, the archivist Marcia Stein, noted that Fr. Myers trained for archival work and promoted establishing an archives for the provinces of the Society of the Divine Word in North America. In 1987 he set up the archives facility and offices in the newly constructed province center.



The official naming took place during a ceremony and open house held at the archives in the Chicago Province Center, at Techny, Illinois. Peter Gunther, archives specialist, conducted tours of the archives, which contain valuable historical materials relating to the Society of the Divine Word in North America and the papers of the missionaries it sent around the world. The event was well attended by Chicago Province missionaries, lay employees, and guests.

Photo: L to R – Peter Gunther, Rev. Robert M. Myers and Marcia Stein (Courtesy of Bro. Daniel Holman, SVD)

CARA Fall 2008 meeting includes a progressive archives tour in Arlington Heights



Front row, L to R: Sister Kathryn Mary Elliot, Gwyn Stupar, Diane Pugh, Sister Joella Cunane, Malachy McCarthy, Ken O'Malley, Marcia Stein, Merle Branner. Back row, L to R: Joan Sweeney, Richard Seidel, Sister Mary Anita Guitierrez, Peter Gunther, Sister Mary Hennesey, Elisabeth Whitman.
Missing from photo: Donna Dahl and Trudy Roman

CARA Fall 2008 Meeting (continued) ...

The Fall 2008 meeting of the Chicago Area Religious Archivists (CARA) was hosted on Friday, November 14, 2008 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at three religious archives in Arlington Heights – the Viatorian Community Archives, the Alexian Brothers Archives and the Sisters of the Living Word Archives. The business meeting followed by an afternoon filled with tours, food and fun.

The group met at the Province Center of the Clerics of St. Viator, 1212 E. Euclid Ave. During the business meeting, the attendees enjoyed appetizers and beverages. This was followed by a tour of the Viatorian Archives, the Province Center chapel and newly renovated dining hall, led by the archivist, Joan Sweeney.



The group then carpoled over to the Alexian Brothers Archives at 3040 Salt Creek Lane, just 10 minutes away. Here, led by the Director of Archives, Donna Dahl, we browsed through the Alexian Brothers Museum and toured the archives. While we enjoyed a nice sandwich and salad luncheon, we viewed two videos on the Alexian Brother's history. After this short respite, we were on our way again to the last archives.

Gwyn Stupar, the archivist, along with Sisters Jen and Roseanne, at the Sisters of the Living Word Center at 800 N. Fernandez led the group on a tour of the archives and facilities, including the Sisters apartments. Following the tour, we shared cookies and beverages while the raffle was held.



The three hosts pulled together archival supplies and marketing items from their organizations and gave away three prizes. Sr. Mary Hennesey won the lunch sack filled with goodies, Malachy McCarthy won the throw blanket and Ken o'Malley won the archival box with folders, a book on archival forms among other items.



Many thanks to all who ventured out to the suburbs on this cold November afternoon. We all had an enjoyable time! It was a time for sharing, learning and fun!!

So stop procrastinating and join CARA now if you haven't already!! We have a good Spring program lined up that you won't want to miss!

CARA Membership

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**** Membership dues are renewable every May. ****