



2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Archives & Sustainability

Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, Ohio

Friday, May 20, 2022

#SOAAM22

Our Plenary Speaker

Dr. Kathleen Smythe

Professor, Xavier University

“Difference, the Long View and Interdependence ”

Dr. Smythe’s talk will focus on what drives her work as a historian and sustainability leader, how she has used archival resources in her sustainability-focused classes, and the future of her work. She will address how archivists can be partners in climate change action.



Kathleen loves teaching and writing. She enjoys the challenge of addressing questions of contemporary relevance through historical investigation both in the classroom and through writing and research. She considers community- and bodily-engaged learning as essential to this task. Her most recent book, *Bicycling Through Paradise: Historical Tours Around Cincinnati* (2021), grew out of one such course.

She is trained as an African historian with years of fieldwork experience in Tanzania, East Africa. Her first book, *Fipa Families* (2006), and a series of related articles examined the ways in which Fipa integrated and made sense of European Catholic missionaries and their values during the colonial period.

This work led to an interest in globalization and economic development, both the histories of these ideas and their deployment in various ways at various times. A second book, *Africa's Past, Our Future* (2015), highlights ideas and institutions in African history and culture that broaden our imagination about what is possible socially, politically, and economically. A third book, *Whole Earth Living: Reconnecting Earth, History, Body and Mind* (2020) proposes a new sustainability framework based on long-term human interdependencies on earth and its ecosystems. The framework is built on an understanding of the losses that have occurred to human well-being with more recent historical developments in agriculture and technology.

Kathleen has been actively engaged with sustainability efforts on campus since 2007. She currently co-facilitates Xavier’s Climate Change Action Workshop and co-chairs the Sustainability Committee. She also co-facilitates the Ignatian Pedagogy for Sustainability (IPS) project within the AJCU (American Jesuit Colleges and Universities).

At a Glance

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-Roots of Environmental Education and a Virtual Exhibition at Oberlin College		
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-Growing sustainability through collaboration: Lessons from the "COVID-19 Experience Collection" at Youngstown State University		
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3:45—4:00 PM	Closing	Auditorium



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Program

9:00—9:30 AM Registration, Continental Breakfast

9:30—9:40 AM Welcome **Room:** Auditorium

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Session 1a: **Room:** Auditorium

SNAC and You! Using SNAC to Highlight Archival Collections

Presenter: *Libby Hertenstein, Bowling Green State University*

SNAC, the Social Networks and Archival Context database, is a collection and authorities' database for archival materials. Though started in 2010, few librarians and archivists have truly started to use SNAC to highlight their collections. This presentation will provide an introduction to the database and its records, offer a practical example of how Bowling Green State University is using SNAC and will end with tips and best practices for others interested in using SNAC. By attending this presentation, practitioners will learn how and why to use SNAC to highlight their Collections.

Roots of Environmental Education and a Virtual Exhibition at Oberlin College

Presenter: *Anne Salsich, Oberlin College*

Oberlin's exceptional Environmental Studies program concerns itself the impact of climate change on current and future conditions and potential mitigation solutions, including a commitment to carbon neutrality by 2025. This presentation focuses on an Archives virtual exhibition as a means for engaging the campus community in the history of Oberlin's environmental education with the intention of involving campus partners and students to curate more current content for the exhibition.

Session 1b: **Room:** Room 1A

**Growing Sustainability through Collaboration:
Lessons from the "COVID-19 Experience Collection" at Youngstown State University**

Presenters: *Shelley Blundell and Cassie Nesor, Youngstown State University*

In Spring 2021, YSU Archives Curator Cassie Nesor collaborated with YSU Associate Professor in Journalism and Communication Shelley Blundell and students in Blundell's Magazine Journalism course on a series of projects that grew and marketed the newly formed "COVID-19 Experience" living archival collection. Students collaborated with Nesor, YSU community members, and each other to contribute stories to the collection, expanding their journalism skills, learning archival literacy competencies, and experiencing the value of using archives to support journalism. Nesor and Blundell also collaborated with student reporters for YO Magazine in the creation of special edition "COVID Voices," a multimedia repository of community COVID-19 stories that has been added to the collection and helped publicize submission needs to a wider contributor pool. This session will be of interest to attendees considering creating similar archives or who are seeking examples of faculty/librarian collaborations to adapt for institution-specific purposes.

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Session 2a:

Room: Room 1A

Crucial Conversations: Social Justice in the Archives

Moderators: *Amy Rohmiller, Kettering Health Dayton; Penelope Shumaker, State Library of Ohio; and Adam Wanter, MidPointe Library*

Join your colleagues for moderated small group discussions on efforts towards greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in the archives. Come share what you and/or your institution are doing, bring resources you've found valuable, and gain inspiration from efforts that are happening around the state.

Session 2b:

Room: Auditorium

Beyond the Grant

Presenters: *Virginia Dressler, Kent State University; Nick Pavlik and Michelle Sweetster, Bowling Green State University; Kaysie Harrington, Lakeside Heritage Society*

This panel will highlight ongoing work at Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, and the Lakeside Heritage Society to provide examples and encourage discussion of strategies for building upon grant-funded digital projects. BGSU panelists will discuss how they have continued partnerships with the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo upon completion of their community scan day funded by an NEH Common Heritage grant. Kent State panelists will discuss the digitization of the Ohio Sanborn Fire Insurance map collection, funded by the Ohio Local History Alliance and the Ohio History Fund, which has led to increased and more innovative use of the collection by an expanded and more diverse user base. The panelist from Lakeside Heritage Society will discuss her experience as a new professional building upon a project to digitize and develop online finding aids for annual programs and bulletins chronicling each summer season at Lakeside Chautauqua since 1877 .

11:55 AM—1:10 PM Lunch and Awards/Business Meeting

Auditorium

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

New Professional Scholarship:

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Student Scholarship:

Kaylee Rigg

Ohio Preservation Council Student Scholarship:

Kasandra Fager

Merit Awards:

Jocelyn Robinson, Miami Valley Public Media

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1:15—2:15 PM Plenary Session

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“Difference, the Long View and Interdependence”

2:15—2:45 PM Plenary Discussion & Networking

Room: Auditorium

2:45—3:45 PM Session

Session 3:

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Renewable Archives: What Resources do Archives Use and What Do They Need?

Presenters: *Ben Goldman, Penn State University; Eira Tansey, University of Cincinnati*

As the impacts of climate change accelerate and the labor market becomes increasingly distorted, archivists may find themselves facing an existential crisis. Will the natural and financial resources available to us in the future continue to enable archival work as we have known it?

Our panel will explore one attempt to understand the sustainability implications of our work at an institutional level, as well as how to approach climate change impacts on the profession through a policy framework that transcends institutional boundaries.

Ben Goldman will share findings from a project to calculate the greenhouse gas emissions of an academic library, and the potential implications for institutional archives. Eira Tansey will share her ongoing research for writing *A Green New Deal for Archives*, including how projects from the New Deal, such as the Historical Records Survey and Farm Security Administration, photographs can provide insights for how to address our urgent predicaments.

3:45—4:00 PM Closing

Auditorium

SOA Business Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 20, 2022, 12:30-1:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introduction of New President
2. Recognition of Outgoing Leaders
3. Election Results
4. Award Winners
5. Treasurer Report
6. Committees Reports
 - a. Advocacy and Outreach
 - b. Membership and Awards
 - c. Educational Programming
 - d. Newsletter
 - e. Nominating
 - f. Marketing and Communications
 - g. Social Justice and Black Lives Matter Task Force
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

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