



Association of Hawai'i Archivists Newsletter

January 2010

“Digital Archives – Expanding Our Reach” Annual Conference

Saturday, February 13, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Old Archives (Kana'ina Building)

Individual / Institutional Rate (\$35)

Student Discounted Rate (\$25)



Photo: Andrew Wertheimer

The annual meeting, hosted by the Friends of 'Iolani Palace, will be held at the Old Archives (Kana'ina Building) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 13. This year's conference focuses on four local projects involving digital resources - not that we have for ONE SECOND forgotten the importance of preserving and protecting original source materials! With that said, we hope you will enjoy this year's digitally-focused presentations. **See pg. 10 for registration form.**

Conference Schedule

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Sign In

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. *The Archives Plugged-In: Online Tools Proven Useful at the Hawai'i State Archives*

Presenter: Dainan Skeem, Archivist, Hawai'i State Archives.

After looking into several online tools, a few have shown themselves to be very useful once implemented. We will discuss what has been successful in helping staff and what ideas we are hoping to implement in the near future to help patrons. Be ready to discuss what tools your institutions are using and how they are, or are not, useful.

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. *Building on Our History: National Digital Newspaper Program in Hawai'i*

Presenter: Dore Minatodani, Hawai'i Specialist Librarian, Hamilton Library, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM).

Through the National Digital Newspaper Program, historical newspapers from Hawai'i and across the United States are being digitized and made available online. This session will offer a review of the program and its utility for Hawai'i-based research, and a tour of the project's website "Chronicling America."

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. *(Re)creating Community Through Digital Media: The Steve Thomas Micronesian Navigation Collection*

Presenter: Stuart Dawrs, Pacific Specialist Librarian, Hamilton Library, UHM.

This session will show how a digitized photo collection has become, somewhat by accident, both a static historical document and dynamic online community ... and how this development ultimately adds new depth and meaning to the original, physical collection.

11:30 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m. *Missing from History: documenting the history of the Filipino community through the creation of the Filipino-American Digital Archives and History Center of Hawai'i*

Presenter: Gina Vergara-Bautista, Archivist, eFIL Filipino Digital Archives and History Center of Hawai'i

The majority of community experiences are mostly forgotten or overlooked by mainstream history of a place. This absence is especially true of "ethnic" communities. To help bring these "missing" perspectives and experiences -- in particular those of Hawai'i's Filipino population -- eFIL: Filipino Digital Archives and History Center of Hawai'i was created. A project of the Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawai'i, eFIL collects, digitizes and presents stories, images, publications and other "impressions" of the Filipino experience in Hawai'i. The assumptions, concerns and decisions made during the building of the digital archives will be presented and discussed.

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch/Annual Business Meeting
(see pg. 8 for board nominees)**

AHA Events and People from 2009



(above) Paper conservator Antoinette Dwan conducted a paper conservation clinic at Shangri La in August. (below) Carol Hasegawa shares a book from her collection for Dwan's examination. *Photos: Maja Clark.*



UNITED STATES ARCHIVES IN THE PHILIPPINES, 1898-1921

In a lecture co-sponsored with the Association of Hawai'i Archivists, Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Program and UHM Library, Cheryl Beredo from the Dept. of American Studies spoke on the United States Archives in the Philippines, 1898-1921 in Hamilton Library Room 301, on November 10, 2009.



Cheryl Beredo (left) with Karen Kosasa, Director of the Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Program, Department of American Studies, UHM.

Photo: Maja Clark.

Setting the Record Straight – One Heading at a Time

On Nov. 12, 2009, the Library of Congress approved Hamilton Library cataloging librarian Ruth Horie's proposal to change the DU626 Hawaiian history caption from "Discovery by Captain James Cook" to "Arrival of Captain James Cook." Thus, the caption now reads:

History of Oceania (South Seas)
Smaller island groups
Hawaiian Islands. Hawaii
History
By period
DU 626 Through 1778. Arrival of Captain James Cook

AHA salutes Horie's successful efforts to make the representation of Hawai'i's history in the LC Classification system – ergo, the world at large - accurate. Horie is also credited with the LC's change of the heading "Hawaii History Revolution of 1893" to "Hawaii History Overthrow of the Monarchy, 1893." The devil is in the details!

Hawai'i State Archives Receives NHPRC Electronic Records Grant

Hawai'i State Archives recently learned that it will receive a startup grant of \$72,500 from the National Historical Records and Publications Commission (NHPRC) for the development of the Hawai'i State Digital Archives. For the past few years, Hawai'i State Archives has been trying to find ways to meet its responsibility to acquire, process, preserve and make available for research records of enduring value in any format. While the Archives can preserve paper records for over hundreds of years, it does not currently have the means for long-term preservation of electronic records of enduring value.

The NHPRC grant is a two year project. The core team consisting of staff from Hawai'i State Archives, Department of the Attorney General and Information and Communications Systems Division will be meeting shortly to plan for the launch of the project. Hawai'i State Archives will be seeking through the procurement process, a consultant who has experience with archives, electronic records management and building a viable digital archives. In May a larger meeting with IT Governance Group and key government officials will launch the project. The consultant will be introduced and will talk about the value of preserving electronic records of enduring value. The goals of the project will be presented.

Data gathering will commence to find out how agencies create, use and store electronic records so that the digital archives can be designed to work with or enhance the current business processes. The consultant will assist with the data gathering instrument, analyze the resulting data, and design the digital archives architecture using the Reference Model for Open Archival Information System. Laws relating to government records will be examined for possible changes to enable/enhance digital archiving and electronic records management.

At the end of the grant, Hawai'i State Archives will have a plan of action for the development of the digital archives, possible partners for pilot projects, and more knowledge about and management support for digital preservation of records of enduring value.

Poster Mini-Conference at University of Hawai'i

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa student chapter of the Special Libraries Association and American Society of Information Science and Technology (SLA-ASIST) held a poster mini-conference at Sinclair Library on December 11, 2009.

Students were given the opportunity to showcase their research projects, as well as the contributions of the Library and Information Science Program to the UH and the LIS field.

Posters of three LIS students were selected for unranked awards and received prizes of Barnes and Noble gift certificates at the opening ceremonies. One of the award winners was new AHA member, Marguerite Simpson, whose project was titled, "From Stage to Shelf: Issues in Dance Preservation."

To promote interaction between students and professionals, officers of Hawai'i organizations were invited to serve as adjudicators along with UH LIS professors. Among the adjudicators were AHA past-president, Dr. Andrew Wertheimer of the LIS Program and AHA treasurer, Rae C. Shiraki.

One-fourth of the project entries related to archives and preservation. Posters were judged based on criteria of organization, clarity, significance of project, graphics and legibility, and professionalism.

Posters remained on display at Sinclair Library through December 15. Sponsors of the mini-conference included the Special Library Association Hawai'i-Pacific Chapter and the Hawai'i Library Association.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Our holiday social was held at Ryan's Grill at Ward Center followed by a Honolulu City Lights trolley tour. Please click on the link below to see Andrew Wertheimer's photos of the event. The image of Maja Clark, all blurry, with hands waving in explanation, perfectly captures the energy and enthusiasm that she brought to our organization this year. Thanks Maja!

You are invited to view Andrew's photo album: [Association of Hawai'i Archivists 2009 Holiday Trolley Ride](http://picasaweb.google.com/Drew.Wertheimer/AssociationOfHawaiiArchivists2009HolidayTrolleyRide?feat=email#)
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Whitney Ross Leaves Hawai'i for Great Job

After doing terrific work for the Hawai'i State Archives and as a board member for AHA, Whitney has taken an archivist position in the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas. Whitney was instrumental in converting the Archives' library catalog to the open-source KOHA system. She served on the AHA board this past year, where she made many contributions to improving our web presence and listserv efficiency. Whitney also coordinated the move of the AHA archives from BYU to the Hawai'i State Archives.



*Clockwise from the top: Lynn Davis, Whitney Ross, and AHA President Susan Shaner.
Photo: Maja Clark*

AHA Board of Directors Nominees for 2010

There are four vacancies to fill for the Board of Directors. The following people have agreed to be nominated for positions on the board:

Director/President-elect:	DeSoto Brown, Bishop Museum
Director/Secretary:	Ellen Chapman, Matsunaga Papers, University Archives and Manuscripts
Director/Treasurer (re-elect):	Rae Shiraki, ILWU Local 142
Director:	Dainan Skeem, Hawai'i State Archives
Director (1-year term):	Annie Thomas, Hawai'i State Library, Hawai'i & Pacific Section

Election of incoming board members will be held at the annual meeting to be held at 12:30 p.m. at the annual conference Saturday, February 13.

2009 AHA Board of Directors (* indicates outgoing member)

President:	Susan Shaner*, Hawai'i State Archives
President-elect/Secretary:	Maja Clark, Collections Manager, Shangri La, Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art
Treasurer:	Rae Shiraki*, Library Services Coordinator, ILWU Local 142
Director/Program Chair:	Stuart Ching, Curator, Iolani Palace
Director/Newsletter:	Martha Hoverson*, Librarian, Hawai'i Documents Center, Hawai'i State Library
Director/Listserve:	Whitney Ross*, Archivist, Hawai'i State Archives
Director:	Matthew Yim*, Archivist, Bishop Museum
Director:	Stuart Dawrs, Librarian, Pacific Collection, Hamilton Library, UHM

Renew your AHA Membership

Please use the form on page 9 to renew your membership in the Association of Hawai'i Archivists. Members who send in their renewals prior to February will save themselves time at the annual meeting.

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AHA Membership & Renewal Form

Membership Category:

- Institutional Membership (\$25)
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- Student Membership (\$7.50)

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Institution:

Position:

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Work Telephone:

Fax Number:

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Thank you!

Date Received: _____



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2010 Conference Registration

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Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Registration Fee: Individual / Institutional Rate (\$35)

Student Discounted Rate (\$25)

Name:

Telephone:

e-mail:

Address:

PARADISE CAFÉ BOX LUNCH preference: [included with your conference registration]

___ **Roast Beef** ___ **Turkey**

___ **Tuna** ___ **Veggie**

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>> Please also mail in your annual membership renewal.
Thank you!