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DC Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
Baltimore, MD
November 7, 2013

DC Caucus Happy Hour: On August 28, 11 members of the DC Caucus met at Vapiano for happy hour and dinner. Another happy hour is scheduled for later this summer.

Archives Month Preparations: Throughout the months of August and September I continued organizing and arranging DC Caucus activities for this year's American Archives Month. This included contacting panelists, finalizing the venue, advertising for the event, and confirming final logistics and volunteer participation. This included speaking at a DC Digital Cultural Heritage Meetup on September 19 to publicize the Fair. Unfortunately, the Archives Fair was cancelled due to the government shutdown in the first part of October. However, we are hoping to reschedule the Archives Fair for some time in early 2014.

DC Home Movie Day: On October 19, I participated in this year's Home Movie Day at the National Building Museum in my capacity as DC Caucus Representative. This involved advertising for Home Movie Day, recruiting volunteers, staffing a registration table during the event, and providing a small amount of financial assistance to the organizers.

New Member Welcome: Sent emails to new MARAC/DC Caucus members welcoming them to MARAC and the DC Caucus. Each email also briefly described past activities of the DC Caucus and upcoming events.

Respectfully Submitted by Andrew Cassidy-Amstutz, DC Caucus Representative

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To: MARAC Steering Committee
From: Heather Clewell, Delaware Caucus Rep
Date: November 7, 2013

Even though the Delaware Caucus as an entity did not meet, I did see several members at the fall meeting of the Delaware Disaster Assistance Team (DDAT) at the Biggs Museum in Dover, DE on October 24, where I represented MARAC and our disaster assistance program. This team is comprised of institutional memberships, not individuals, and each institution was allowed to send up to four people to this meeting. Fourteen people attended; they expected (or hoped for) 35-45.

There was a business meeting first with a PowerPoint disaster planning presentation by Polygon, who was one of 8 vendors, 9 if you include MARAC. The other vendors were Hollinger, Delaware Libraries Division, Belfor, Servpro, Gaylord, Art Conservation Alliance, and the Conservation Center.

Since most of the attendees were MARAC members, I only saw about three or four people taking our brochures and handouts. However, Pat Young, chair of this Team, asked if she could scan our disaster assistance handout and send it to the membership. I readily agreed.

More information about this Team can be found at this website:
<https://sites.google.com/site/ddatdelaware/>

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Maryland Caucus Report Steering Committee Meeting April 25, 2013 Erie, PA

The MARAC Maryland Caucus enjoyed a tour of the Daughters of Charity Provincial Archives in Emmitsburg, MD, on October 11, 2013. Denise Gallo, Provincial Archivist, gave the five Maryland Caucus attendees a wonderful overview of the history of the Daughters of Charity as well as a tour of the newly constructed archival repository. Attendees also enjoyed lunch at the Carriage House restaurant across the street from the archives facility. From the archives website: "The Provincial Archives combines the collections of four former U.S. Daughters of Charity Provinces: Albany, New York; Emmitsburg, Maryland; Evansville, Indiana; and St. Louis, Missouri. In January 2013, the Provincial Archives opened to the public in a new facility located at historic St. Joseph House in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The facility includes a state-of-the art repository to house the collections, two exhibit galleries which host an ongoing exhibits program, and a reading room for researchers." <http://daughtersofcharity.org/our-legacy/> and <https://www.facebook.com/dcarchives>



Report Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Novara, Maryland Caucus Representative

New Jersey Caucus News

MARAC Steering Committee Meeting, Philadelphia, PA November 7, 2013

[ALSO SEE NEW JERSEY CAUCUS ARCHIVAL PROJECTS EVALUATION SERVICE (CAPES) COORDINATOR'S REPORT, JULY-SEPTEMBER 2013]

New Jersey Caucus Meeting

Approximately 20 members of the New Jersey Caucus attended a caucus meeting on July 30 at the Monmouth County Historical Association, in Freehold, New Jersey. Before sitting down to discuss issues in the New Jersey Caucus, members were given a tour of the Association's current exhibition of Micah Williams portraits by museum curator Bernadette Rogoff. Archivist Laura Poll gave a tour of the archives after the meeting. Thanks go to Laura for making such a beautiful space MCHA available for the meeting!



The Caucus Archival Project Evaluation Services (C.A.P.E.S.)

'Discover Unexplored Preservation Opportunities at your Library with the C.A.P.E.S. Program' was presented by the History and Preservation Section during the New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference, Tuesday June 4, 2013, at The Revel Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Caucus Archival Project Evaluation Services (C.A.P.E.S.) provides professional evaluations of historical and archival collections held by New Jersey archives, libraries, historical societies, and other agencies. It is free to eligible applicants and funded by the New Jersey Historical Commission and run under the auspices of the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC).

There was also an afternoon poster session with the same title where CAPES consultants answered questions and application forms and promotional materials were available.



The panel, all members of MARAC, were (l.to r.)

Frederic C. Pachman, Program Moderator and CAPES Coordinator

Elsalyn Palmisano, Consulting Archivist, Monmouth Medical Center and CAPES Consultant

Elizabeth McDermott, Local History Librarian, Red Bank Public Library and CAPES Grant Recipient

Mary McMahon, Archivist, North Jersey History Center. Morristown & Morris Township Library and CAPES Consultant

Joseph DaRold, Director, Plainfield Public Library and CAPES Grant Recipient

Monmouth County

Cheryl A. Cook to Receive Jane Clayton Award from Monmouth County



Monmouth County Clerk M. Claire French has announced that Cheryl A. Cook will be presented with the Jane Clayton Award on Archives and History Day, October 12, at the Monmouth County Library. The award, given annually since 1997, honors an individual who, over a substantial number of years, has made exceptional contributions to an awareness, understanding, and/or preservation of the history of Monmouth County. Since her retirement as Head of Collection Development for the Monmouth County Library in 1999, Cook has worked diligently to preserve and enhance historical resources in Freehold Township. She created a museum for Early Childhood Education at the West Freehold Schoolhouse in 1999. She then spent several years establishing the Oakley Farm Museum that opened in 2002. More than 15 Eagle Scouts have done their projects at the farm, which includes the entire contents of a 19th century village blacksmith shop Cook acquired from the Vanderveer family. In 2003, she played a leadership role in the founding of the Freehold Township Heritage Society, which raises funds for preservation projects, including the restoration of the Georgia Road Schoolhouse that reopened in 2010. Cook also was instrumental in creating a museum at the Solomon property now located in Mount's Corner Shopping Center. The Barn is now the home of the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, founded in 2006. These are but a few of Cook's many achievements that have enhanced the preservation of historic buildings and enabled public history education and programs. "Without question," stated County Clerk French, "Cheryl Cook is deserving of this recognition of her achievements. I look forward to presenting the award to her on Archives and History Day." For a schedule of events on October 12, see <http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?Id=4177>

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NEW JERSEY CAUCUS

Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service

Coordinator's Report

July - September 2013

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New Jersey Historical Commission Grant

The Coordinator worked with Sara Cureton at the NJHC and submitted a \$10,000.00 request for supplemental grant funding that will be utilized during FY2014.

Advisory Committee

Prior to the meeting of the MARAC New Jersey Caucus on July 30 at the Monmouth County Historical Association, the Coordinator convened a meeting of the CAPES Advisory Committee. Topics covered included revision of the *CAPES Operating Procedures & Guidelines* (October 2006), *Recommended Resource List* (2011) and the *CAPES Report Survey Template*. Copies of the minutes are available upon request.

Publicity

During the last three months:

- The Coordinator has signed-up for a table at the annual Archives and History Day on October 12 at the Monmouth County Archives.
- The Coordinator attended the New Jersey Caucus meeting at the Monmouth County Historical Association on July 30, and gave a brief report to the members.
- The Coordinator attended the meeting of the New Jersey Historical Commission on September 17 at the Vietnam Era Museum in Holmdel. NJHC Executive Director Sara Cureton spoke briefly on C.A.P.E.S. and introduced the Coordinator to the audience.
- CAPES 25 Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the CAPES program, and the coordinator is working with New Jersey Caucus members to develop commemorative and promotional activities.

Consultations

The following surveys were completed during this quarter:

Jewish Home Foundation of North Jersey
Piscataway Public Library
West Long Branch Library – Monmouth County
Mount Zion AME Church, New Brunswick
Museum of Early Trades and Crafts (2nd Visit)

Elizabeth Shepard
Greg Gill
Elsalyn Palmisano
Carla Zimmerman
Chad Leinaweaiver

The following surveys are pending:

Dowdell Library of South Amboy
Farmingdale Historical Society
Watchung Historical Committee
Historical Society of Berkeley Heights
Fairfield Public Library
Camden Shipyard and Maritime Museum
New Brunswick Exempt Firemans Association

Janette Pardo
Laura Poll
Christine Lutz
Deborah DelCollo
(Unassigned)
(Unassigned)
(Facility undergoing renovation)

Finances

Our checking account is with the TD Bank, and two signatures are required on all checks. The expense categories listed below, coincide with the categories in the NJHC grant.

July 1, 2013			\$6195.52	
Balance				\$
Income		0		
Income Total			0	
Expenses				
	Transportation (Mileage)	81.46		
	Photocopying, photography	19.65		
	Salaries (Coordinator)	0		
	Professional services	2000.00		
	Postage	44.92		
	Materials & supplies	50.80		
	Conferences (Archives Day)	0		
Expenses Total			(2196.83)	
Sept. 30, 2013				\$3998.69
Balance				

Individual expenses:

Jewish Home Foundation of North Jersey
Piscataway Public Library
Monmouth County Library, West Long Branch
Mount Zion AME Church, New Brunswick
Museum of Early Trades and Crafts (2nd Visit)

Frederic C. Pachman	\$108.77
Elizabeth Shepard	\$431.56
Greg Gill	\$423.66
Elsalyn Palmisano	\$413.24
Carla Zimmerman	\$412.45
Chad Leineweaver	\$400.00

Comments

So far, this year, thirteen different consultants have been assigned CAPES surveys.

Janet Reimer resigned as a CAPES consultant.

The current balance should allow us to complete the six (6) pending surveys in 2013.

In this last quarter, the Coordinator spent a significant amount of time with telephone calls and e-mails, from institutions asking about eligibility for a CAPES survey or requesting copies of reports.

Following approval of the CAPES Advisory Committee, a revised draft of the *CAPES Operating Procedures and Guidelines* will be e-mailed to all members of the New Jersey Caucus in October. After review and approval of the Caucus membership at our meeting on November 8 during the MARAC Fall Conference in Philadelphia, the new document will go into effect in January 2014.

To: MARAC Steering Committee
From: Susan Woodland, New York State Caucus rep
Re: Caucus report for Steering Committee meeting
Philadelphia, November 7, 2013

News from around the state

Researching New York Conference

The 2013 *Researching New York* Conference will be held on November 14-15, 2013 at the University at Albany. *Researching New York* brings together historians, researchers, archivists, museum curators, librarians, graduate students, teachers, Web and multimedia producers, and documentarians to share their work on New York State history. Conference registration information is available at: <http://nystatehistory.org/researchny/rsny.html>.

The complete conference program, available on the conference web site, includes more than 25 panels and featured events which examine a wide array of topics on New York State history, including many responding to the conference theme, Religion in New York, exploring how religion, religious practice, and expressions of spirituality infuse the history of New York State in a myriad of ways. The conference keynote address will be delivered by Robert Orsi, Professor of Religion at Northwestern University. His wide ranging writings focus on social and cultural aspects of religion. Called "the reigning scholar of American Catholicism" by *Publishers Weekly*, Orsi is author of the landmark study, *The Madonna of 115th Street: Faith and Community in Italian Harlem, 1880-1950* (25th Anniversary edition 2010), *Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them* (Princeton, 2004) and numerous articles and book chapters. Recent works include *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies* (2012) and *Catholics in the American Century: Recasting Narratives of U.S. History* (Cornell University Press, 2012). Professor Orsi is currently working on a collection of theoretical and methodological essays, tentatively titled Abundant History, and on a social and cultural history of 20th-century Catholic childhoods in the United States, to be published by Harvard University Press.

Submitted by Brian Keough, Head, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, Science Library 352, University at Albany, SUNY

Archives Week Symposium on Disaster Planning for Archives and their Communities

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (ART) in conjunction with the Center for Jewish History held a one-day symposium on October 7, 2013, with the aim of bringing together archivists, records managers, librarians, museum professionals, emergency responders, disaster recovery professionals, volunteers and the general public to address how professional and citizen archivists as well as related professionals can both better protect their collections from disaster and also become a resource for the larger community in disaster situations.

ART also published a calendar of New York City events during archives week, which can be seen here: <http://www.nycarchivists.org/archivesweek>. More than 30 repositories participated with programs, exhibits and events throughout the week.

TO: MARAC Steering Committee
FROM: Dyani Feige, Pennsylvania State Caucus Chair
RE: Pennsylvania State Caucus News

Submitted to the Steering Committee on Thursday, November 7, 2013 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE CONSERVATION CENTER FOR ART & HISTORIC ARTIFACTS ONE OF 16 RECIPIENTS OF IMLS NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANTS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently announced nearly \$30,000,000 in grants to museums across the nation. As one of 16 IMLS National Leadership Grants for Museums grant recipients, the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) will receive \$189,000 to lead the Pennsylvania Cultural Resilience Network (PACRN), a two-year project to develop, coordinate, and consolidate statewide efforts to address disaster preparedness and response needs at museums and historic sites through new programs and resources.

Components of the PACRN initiative include: emergency planning, response, and recovery training for museums and historic sites; the establishment of a trained response team to provide triage assistance when emergencies occur; expanded online emergency resources; and the development of an Annex concerning protocols at collecting institutions to be added to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's statewide response and recovery plans.

"Systems for statewide coordinated response have not yet been developed for Pennsylvania's museums and historic sites, and many of these organizations remain at-risk in the event of a disaster or emergency," said Ingrid E. Bogel, CCAHA Executive Director. "The PACRN initiative will address this need and benefit collecting institutions throughout the state through enhanced safety and security for the art and artifacts in their care."

IMLS Director Susan Hildreth will present a workshop and ceremony on Capitol Hill on September 18 to recognize the 2013 winners and to highlight successful applicants and awards. The event will showcase the many ways museums support learning experiences, serve as community anchors, and are stewards of cultural and scientific heritage through the preservation of their collections.

"IMLS recognizes three valuable roles museums have in their communities: putting the learner at the center, serving as community anchors, and serving as stewards of cultural and scientific collections," said IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. "It is exciting to see the many ways our newly announced grants further these important museum roles. I congratulate the slate of 2013 museum grant recipients for planning projects that advance innovation in museum practice, lifelong learning, and community engagement."

**THE DICKINSON COLLEGE ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND THE LGBT CENTER OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
COLLABORATING TO DOCUMENT LGBT LIFE AND ACTIVISM IN OUR REGION**

The Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections and the LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania in Harrisburg are collaborating to document LGBT life and activism in our region. Dickinson will serve as a repository for copies of oral histories recorded by Center members, as well as documents, photographs, and artifacts that support those histories. The collection currently includes founding documents for the LGBT Center, files from lobbying campaigns and activist groups such as Le-Hi-Ho (Allentown, PA), campaign materials for recent openly gay candidates for public office, and gay bar memorabilia. The collection also contains issues of local newsletters, including the *Lavender Letter* (Harrisburg), the *Gay Era* (Lancaster), and *Here's How* (Williamsport). In celebration of LGBT History Month, intern Mana Shaw ('14) created an exhibit titled "History Comes Out" featuring selections from this new collection of material. On Sunday, Oct. 27 the college hosted an opening reception that brought together 75-100 members of the central PA and Dickinson communities to celebrate this significant project. For more information about this initiative or to make a donation, contact Malinda Triller Doran at archives@dickinson.edu or 717-245-1399.

NEWS FROM THE LUTHERAN ARCHIVES CENTER

In September, the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, needing more space for their important archives, joined the Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia organization. Through their many predecessors, the New York Synod is the second oldest Lutheran Synod in America, dating from 1786. In order to accommodate their archives, Lutheran Archives Center is expanding its compact shelving system by 25%; the new shelving banks will be installed November 12-14. Diversified Storage Solutions of Norristown, who installed the original system in 2005-2006, is again working with the Center on the addition to the shelving system.

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To: MARAC Steering Committee
From: Laura Stoner, Virginia Caucus Representative
Date: October 31, 2013

The Greater Richmond Archivists Bunch met three times since the last report.

The state of Virginia celebrated Archives Month with a poster sponsored by the Library of Virginia, State Historical Records Advisory Boards, and MARAC. It can be viewed at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/archivesmonth

Creating an Archives and Special Collections Roundtable in the West Virginia Library Association:

The initiative to create an Archives and Special Collections Roundtable in WVLA has gotten off to a slow beginning. Feedback from the different constituencies in WVLA has been positive, but the procedures to form a new roundtable have been slowed by some of the requirements of the organization's by-laws. However, in October, the WVLA executive committee approved a by-laws change allowing for electronic voting that should speed up the processing of establishing a new roundtable. Currently, the Preservation Roundtable has been continued as a Roundtable with myself as the chair.

Two options are now available to create the Archives and Special Collections Roundtable; 1) develop a new Roundtable with mission statement which requires the vote of 25 active WVLA members approval, and 2) change the name and develop a new mission statement for the Preservation Roundtable. I am continuing to coordinate with the WVLA executive committee to determine the easiest way to make these changes, although either way we go will not be finalized until the executive committee meets again in the fall of 2014 at their annual business meeting.