



Society of Florida Archivists

# THE FLORIDA ARCHIVIST

## ARCHIVES SPOTLIGHT

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Sandra Varry  
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### Dear SFA Members,

With the Annual Meeting behind us and summer upon us, it's time to start gearing up for next year! Planning is underway and our Miami team is already hard at work. I'd like to thank our outgoing Board members and welcome our new members as we embark on another year.

Our June Board Meeting concluded in the further consolidation of our web presence and services and we are completely moved to Wild Apricot through the efforts of Immediate Past President Tomaro Taylor, our new Web Communications Manager Krystal Thomas, and Listserv Manager Burt Altman. The Board has also approved the start of a professional journal spearheaded by our new Vice President Bill Modrow, and our newsletter is now easily readable on the website through Issuu and the hard work of new editor Marissa Kings. Our Membership Committee, chaired by Garret Kremer-Wright and our Directors, Erin Mahaney and Susan Swiatosz are refining our membership and streamlining the process. Our new treasurer, Ben DiBiase has taken over the mantle of managing our finances. Gail Donovan as Secretary keeps us on our toes and keeps track of all that we do.

We have continued our discussions with the Society of Georgia Archivists for a potential joint meeting, and due to the great positive response, we will push forward with this endeavor for 2016. The Board has also approved the creation of a short video to promote the Judith Beale Scholarship.

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Alumni scrapbooks aren't always recognized for the institutional knowledge and educational and advancement po-

tential they contain. Not all scrapbooks contain high quality photographs, detailed notes or historical relevance, so these items must be approached with thoughtful consideration. Did the student capture a unique period of time for the institution? Is the photography clear and its composition interesting? Did the student accurately record time and place for the photographs and are other students and subjects identified? Are there surviving descendants and are they enthusiastic about filling in background information about the student's subsequent adult life?

McKay Archives Center holds a number of alumni scrapbooks, all of which contain at least some historical significance and institutional interest. One in particular, begun in 1920 by student Cecil Morley, is remarkable in that Cecil attended Southern College (renamed Florida Southern College in 1935) at three different locations: Sutherland (now Palm Harbor), Clearwater Beach, and Lakeland. In addition to her well-composed shots of fellow students and other campus figures, Cecil's scrapbook reflects fast-changing social mores in the early 1920s, women's fashion and place in society and the evolution of a college as it survived two fires and a tropical storm and eventually moved to Lakeland.

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# Word of the Week



The Society of American Archivists presents Word of the Week, launched on July 22! Word of the Week is a weekly email produced by SAA's Dictionary Working Group and will define new archives terms as well as update entries from the 2005 *A Glossary of Archival Records Terminology*. SAA is soliciting your feedback on these proposed definitions as well as your suggestions for new terms in preparation of the new *Dictionary of Archives Terminology*, coming in 2015. You can sign up for the emails at [www2.archivists.org/word-of-the-week](http://www2.archivists.org/word-of-the-week).



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## Current & Upcoming Exhibits

### Gone With the Wind: Reel to Real Orange County Regional History Center

The Orange County Regional History Center is hosting a travelling exhibit, *Gone with the Wind: Reel to Real*, to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of the film. The exhibition features original gowns, costumes and artifacts of the film and is derived entirely from one collector, James Tumblin, who has the largest privately-held collection of memorabilia from the film. The exhibit runs from August 16 to November 30, 2014.

For more information please go to [www.thehistorycenter.org/exhibits/upcoming](http://www.thehistorycenter.org/exhibits/upcoming).



### A Commemoration of the Civil Rights Movement:

#### Photography from the High Museum of Art Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, holds one of the most significant collections of photographs of the civil rights movement. The twenty-two works that will be on display in the exhibition are only a small fraction of The High's collection, which includes more than 250 photographs that document the social protest movement.



The photographs in this exhibition capture the courage and perseverance of individuals who challenged the status quo, armed only with the philosophy of nonviolence and the strength of their convictions. The exhibit runs until November 2, 2014.

### The Pottery of Wedgwood The Henry B. Plant Museum

The innovative designs of Josiah Wedgwood (1730-1795) have been the standard for ceramics for more than 250 years. Wedgwood has graced the tables of monarchs, Heads of State and the world's most prestigious hotels, including the Tampa Bay Hotel. The Henry B. Plant Museum new exhibit, **The Pottery of Wedgwood**, continues until December 31, 2014.

Introduced in 1759 by Josiah Wedgwood, the distinctive pottery bearing his name has a legacy synonymous with luxury and skilled craftsmanship. Queen's Ware, Black Basalt and Jasperware are his most famous designs applied to both useful and ornamental wares.

**The Pottery of Wedgwood** features more than 80 examples of Wedgwood's creations from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The majority of the objects on display are from the Museum's permanent collection from the Walton M. Smith bequest. Twenty-one of the pieces are on special loan from the Birmingham Museum of Art, which houses the most comprehensive collection of Wedgwood outside of England.



The centerpiece of this striking exhibit is a grand floor vase purchased by Henry and Margaret Plant for the Tampa Bay Hotel. This monumental majolica "Swan" vase is one of the largest pieces of majolica ever produced by Wedgwood and is one of eight known to be in existence in the world. A fine ceramic dish painted by noted French artist Emile Lessore (1805-1876) and a bone china plate from the Theodore Roosevelt White House Service are also on display.

The exhibition is underwritten by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph T. Lykes, III, Phelps Dunbar, LLP, Regions Bank, Smith & Associates Real Estate and Tampa Bay Times.



# 2014 Annual Meeting Recap

## 2014 Awards of Excellence

by Susan Swiatosz

Each year the Society of Florida Archivists Award of Excellence recognizes outstanding contributions to the preservation of Florida's documentary heritage. This year two outstanding candidates received the award at SFA's Annual Meeting.

Kathy Turner Thompson was nominated by Elizabeth Dunham, Mary Flekke, and Michael Zaidman for her lifelong enthusiasm promoting the study of local history and her commitment to the archives profession. Kathy completed her second three-year term as SFA Treasurer this spring, a role that has been described as one of the most time-consuming volunteer positions within SFA. During her time as Treasurer, Kathy was also instrumental in establishing our SFA Pay Pal account to allow members the convenience of paying for membership and annual meetings online. At the same time Kathy has been employed with the Citrus County Board of Commissioners, where she has held several positions since 1996. As Director of Museum Services, Museum Services Manager and most recently, as Historical Resources Officer Kathy has planned exhibits, educational programs, and annual fundraisers.

The second award recipient, Janet DeVries was nominated by Dorothy Patterson for her original research and publication and her commitment to local history. Thanks to the Nancy Drew books she read as a young girl, Janet has always had an interest in mysteries and historic sleuthing. Since 1997 she has used her talents as a researcher to promote local history in Boynton Beach and South Palm Beach County, first as the archivist at the Boynton Beach City Library and currently as president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society. During her employment at the Boynton Beach City Library, Janet was instrumental in founding the School House Children's Museum, the first history-based children's museum in Florida.

While working fulltime, Janet was also pursuing her education and last year Janet graduated from Florida Atlantic University with her BA in History. She won the Hugh W. Ripley Award for best undergraduate research paper, "Who Really Founded Boynton Beach."

No stranger to publishing, Janet has written or co-authored four Arcadia books about south Palm Beach County and two books about Palm Beach pioneers Fred and Byrd Spilman Dewey. She is currently working on a new book scheduled for publication next year. Currently working as a Library Technician II/Archivist at Palm Beach State College, Janet is pursuing her MLIS at FSU.



*Kathy Turner Thompson, Janet DeVries, and Mary Flekke*

## Mary Flekke Honored With Certificate of Recognition

by Susan Swiatosz

This spring, the SFA Executive Board honored outgoing Membership Committee Chair Mary Flekke with a Certificate of Recognition for her long-time service to SFA. Mary has been involved with SFA governance since 1996 and has served in any number of positions from Director to President. As Membership Committee Chair Mary focused on membership recruitment and retention, and has functioned as SFA's institutional memory: she remembered everyone's name from their membership renewal and associated names with faces at annual meetings. Mary has also been instrumental in organizing several annual meetings where she managed to make every attendee feel valued and welcome. Congratulations Mary!

# 2014 Annual Meeting Recap

## New Executive Board Members Announced at 2014 Annual Meeting

by Susan Swiatosz

Election results were announced at the SFA Annual Meeting in May and several new faces will be joining the Executive Board.

Former Vice President Sandra Varry will serve as President. Sandra was recently appointed as Heritage Protocol & University Archivist at Florida State University and was Senior Archivist at the University of Central Florida's Special Collections & University Archives from 2009-2013. She also serves as the SFA liaison with the Society of American Archivists. Her goals for the coming year include expanding continuing education opportunities for SFA members, increasing student and new member participation, and creating a peer reviewed journal for the organization.

William "Bill" Modrow, University Librarian in the Special Collections & Archives Division of Florida State University Libraries, will serve as Vice President. Bill is also currently serving as chair of the State Library Council representing Florida archivists; this position also serves on the Florida Library Association's Legislative Committee. A former SFA director, Bill would like to work towards increasing participation in SFA sponsored events, and for the organization to provide more professional development opportunities for its members through publications and professional development workshops.

Gail Donovan is in her second year of a three-year as Secretary. Gail Donovan is the Archivist responsible for appraisal, selection, arrangement, description, reference, preservation and outreach for the Archives and Special Collections in the Arthur Vining Davis Library and Archives. Her interests include digital archives, digital repositories and data curation.

Treasurer Ben DiBiase is Director of Educational Resources and COO of the Florida Historical Society. A native Floridian, Ben received his B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Central Florida in 2009 and will finish his M.A. in History from UCF this summer.

Directors Erin Mahaney and Susan Swiatosz complete the Executive Board. Erin is in her second year of a two year term. She is a Certified Archivist and has been a member of SFA for five years. Susan is starting her two year term. She is the Librarian/Archivist at the Boynton Beach City Library where she is organizing and processing collections gathered over the past 80 years.

Tomaro Taylor adds her experience to the Executive Board as well. As Immediate Past President, Tomaro serves as an advisor to maintain continuity. She will also take on the roles of 2015 Nominating Committee Chair and Assistant Web Manager.

Board Affiliates and Committee Chairs for 2014-2015 include: Membership Committee Chair Garret Kremer-Wright, Newsletter Editor Marissa Kings, Web Communications Manager Krystal Thomas, Assistant Listserv Manager Burt Altman, and 2015 Annual Meeting Committee Co-Chairs Althea (Vicki) Silvera and Béatrice Skokan.



*Annual Meeting Committee Chair Wenxian Zhang*

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## Member & Institutional News



### FSU Digital Library Launch

by Krystal Thomas

In February of this year, FSU Libraries announced the launch of the new Florida State University Digital Library. The FSU Digital Library provides online access to Florida State University's rich and unique historical collections of photos, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts, and rare books.

The FSUDL highlights collections and items from Special Collections & Archives, Heritage Protocol & University Archives, the Claude Pepper Library, the Harold Goldstein Library of the College of Communication & Information and the Warren D. Allen Music Library of the FSU College of Music.

These collections include FSU yearbooks from 1900 to 1997, historical photos of campus and student life, and selections from the Paul A.M. Dirac Papers. New materials never shared online before that have been added to the FSUDL since our launch in February include selections from the Claude Pepper Photograph collection, Edward Lear's Book of Nonsense and Letter collection, the Cuneiform Tablet collection and the Confederate Sheet Music Collection. In total, over 5,000 new items have been added to the FSUDL since the site went live.

Over time, the FSUDL will connect students and researchers with digital collections from all over the University. The technology platform supporting the digital library allows for future growth in both content and services.

The Florida State University Digital Library is run on the FL-Islandora platform, managed by the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC). Florida State University Libraries has been a development partner with FLVC on the state's common digital platform project.

Please visit the Florida State University Digital Library at [www.fsu.digital.flvc.org](http://www.fsu.digital.flvc.org).

### University of Miami Libraries Receives SAA Award



The Remixing Archival Metadata Project (RAMP) by the University of Miami Libraries is the 2014 recipient of the C.F.W. Coker Award from SAA. The team members who worked on this project are: Tim Thompson, Matt Carruthers, Andrew Darby, David Gonzalez, and Jamie Little.

The RAMP editor is a web-based tool for generating and disseminating EAC-CPF records. The RAMP editor successfully brings together librarians and archivists with a diverse range of skills around a project with a singular goal: to make descriptive work more accessible to the public by making archival description dynamic and reusable. More information on the project can be found online at <http://demo.rampeditor.info/>.

### Special Prize Winner at 2014 Florida History Fair

Congratulations to Alexandria Witherspoon, winner of the SFA-sponsored Best Use of Primary Sources Award at the 2014 Florida History Award! Alexandria attends St. Petersburg High School and, under the direction of her teacher Mr. Anthony Bryant, created a website entitled *Pelican Island: Cultivating Federal Responsibility for Wildlife*. Alexandria received the award at a ceremony on May 6 at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum.



Alexandria Witherspoon and Dr. Jeana Brunson,  
Director of the Museum of Florida History



## Member & Institutional News

### UCF Department Head Retires

by Mary Rubin



*Judith Beale and Laila Miletic-Veizovic*

Laila Miletic-Vejzovic, Department Head of Special Collections & University Archives at the University of Central Florida, retired at the end of June 2014 after 6 years of leading the department. She was recognized in "Who is Who in Sciences in Croatia," an e-project of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports promoting Croatian academics in Croatia and abroad. She taught at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Zadar in Croatia multiple years and in 2013 she presented an overview of the Special Collections & University Archives department at the UCF Library to the school.

Laila was also a member of the Security Committee as well as the Publications & Communications Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College & Research Libraries, a part of the American Library Association. She was very involved at the library, university, and state levels with regard to Special Collections and historical collections. At UCF, Laila was a part of the Planning Committee that began the UCF Veterans History Project. The histories, which students began recording during the fall 2010 semester, are archived and made digitally available through the UCF Libraries' Digital Initiatives and Library of Congress website. Laila will be missed very much at UCF and we wish her the best with any endeavors she takes on during her retirement!

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# SFA Notes

## October is Florida Archives Month

*American Archives Month* is a collaborative effort to highlight the importance of records of enduring value.

To promote *American Archives Month* in Florida, SFA sponsors workshops, online exhibits, and calendars each October to increase the visibility of archives and archivists in Florida. Florida Governor Rick Scott signed a proclamation designating October as Florida Archives Month in 2013.



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

### FLORIDA ARCHIVES MONTH

WHEREAS, every year in October, Florida celebrates Florida Archives Month; and

WHEREAS, Florida Archives Month provides an opportunity to learn more about the archival repositories throughout the state that collect and make available to the public materials covering Florida's 500-year history; and

WHEREAS, archives in the State of Florida are established by state and local governments, colleges and universities, religious institutions, libraries, historical societies, museums, private corporations, and families as a means of preserving history; and

WHEREAS, Florida Archives Month is also an occasion where Florida's residents and visitors can learn more about and honor the archivists that diligently preserve and protect the history of our state; and

WHEREAS, archivists acquire, manage, preserve, and help patrons identify and use historically significant collections of unique materials, such as government records, manuscripts, photographs, films, and sound recordings, in physical and digital formats; and

WHEREAS, archivists assist people studying their community's rich history, learning from the efforts and actions of their predecessors, tracing their ancestors and confirming property rights; and

WHEREAS, archives generate interest in local communities and the state, family history, genealogy, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, immigration, western settlement and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, cultural heritage tourism is a catalyst for increased visitation to and within our state, rising year-upon-year over the past two decades, and with Florida's diverse history, archives throughout the state provide visitors with a glimpse into the past,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2013 as *Florida Archives Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 6th day of September in the year two thousand thirteen.

  
Governor

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The goals of *Florida Archives Month* are three-fold:

- Create an online exhibit of Florida-themed archival materials;
- Develop a calendar of events highlighting statewide activities;
- Promote, participate in, or generate workshops for continuing education and preservation.

It's not too early to start planning! Help SFA celebrate by contributing to the events calendar and online exhibit or by providing a workshop in your area.

SFA Members are encouraged to submit events, activities, photos and other materials for the *Florida Archives Month* calendar and online exhibit. Selected images may be used for posters or other materials used to promote *Florida Archives Month*.

Photo submissions must be limited to five (5). Submissions must be high-quality, high resolution images that include a 40-word maximum description for each item. Images and text can be submitted through the SFA website.

**Calendar events must be submitted at least one (1) week in advance. Send events to**

**[archivesmonthsfa@gmail.com](mailto:archivesmonthsfa@gmail.com)**

## 2014 Archives Month Committee

Chair: William Modrow, SFA Vice President

Members: Burt Altman, Susan Rishworth, Mary Rubin



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## Contd...

### Archives Spotlight contd.



The publishing criteria for McKay Archives Center's digital history of student life, *Historic Florida Southern*, is that items tell a story (e.g., the burning of a dormitory, the evolving academic curriculum), draw parallels to modern life (a 1900 report card, photographs of students socializing), and document the architectural growth of the campus. Early use of the scrapbook for this collection included only a few photographs. Most images were scanned individually, with a few entire pages of Cecil Morley's and another student's scrapbooks scanned. As work progressed on the collection, the value of presenting Cecil Morley's scrapbook in toto was recognized. As a result, the scrapbook was disassembled, each page was scanned in chronological order and organized on CONTENTdm as both a book with page flip view capabilities and as single 600 dpi resolution images.

The decision to digitize Cecil Morley's entire scrapbook was easy; its pages are rich in content which meet all these standards. College advancement personnel then helped locate Cecil's descendants, her three adult children, who enthusiastically supplied additional material. A granddaughter had captured Cecil's oral history of the 1922 fire, our college's only firsthand account of the devastating 4:00am event which reduced two buildings to rubble but left students and faculty unharmed. They donated a memory book containing many notable names recognized by advancement staff. Her children also permitted the scanning of photographs of Cecil's post-college life as well as details on her parents and childhood.

### President's Address contd.

There are many exciting developments already this year, and they are the built on the efforts of each member of our Board as well as our membership. It is important to keep up the momentum, and that comes through participation so I encourage everyone to make comments, ask questions, and put forth ideas to the Board for the continued success of our organization. As always, thank you for your support.

The result is a content-rich slice of life from the perspective of a popular, talented and witty student. Academic use of this material includes women's studies, land development practices in Florida and varied historic angles. *A Student's Life - Cecil Morley* is the fourth chapter in *Historic Florida Southern College*. Digitizing an entire scrapbook with the participation of the family and descendants was a first for McKay Archives Center, but the added depth and cumulative value of its inclusion assures that it won't be the last. Please contact Instructional Services Librarian Cathy Jones (Roux Library, Florida Southern College) at [cjones@flsouthern.edu](mailto:cjones@flsouthern.edu) for more information.





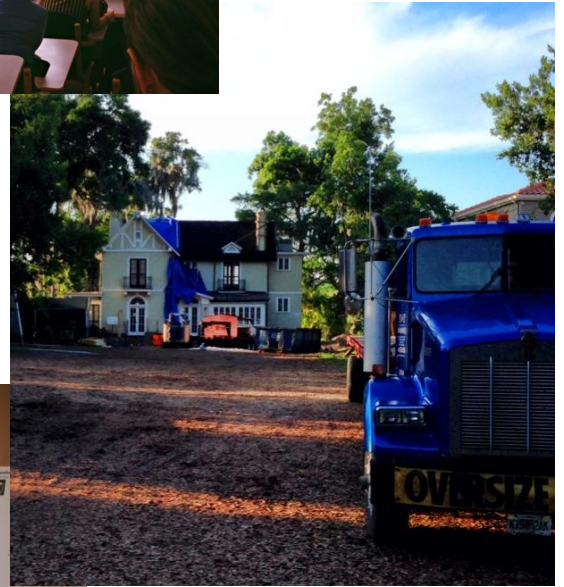
## 2014 Annual Meeting Recap Contd.



*Judith Beale Scholarship recipients Hannah Davis, Amanda Moreno, and Angiemarie Villafane*



*Architectural historian Christine French spoke about saving Winter Park's Capen House (below).*



Presentations from the Annual Meeting can be viewed at <http://florida-archivists.org/2014-annual-meeting-presentations/>



*Poster session discussions*

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## Annual Conference SFA Dinner

Thursday, August 14th  
6:30 PM

SFA members attending the SAA conference will be meeting at the entrance to the Exhibit Hall at the Wardman Park Hotel at 6:30 during the conference vendors' happy hour to continue on to a local restaurant (TBD).