



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – MAY 2012

IN THE NEWS

ASSOCIATION OF CENTERS FOR THE STUDY OF CONGRESS

Mary Goolsby and Ben Rogers attended the annual meeting of ACSC at the recently completed Russell Special Collection Library at the University of Georgia. Mary received the Raymond Smock Award which allowed her to attend her first meeting. About fifty archivists from congressional archives similar to Poage Library attended the three day meeting.

The Keynote was delivered by James C. Cobb, Phinizy Spalding Distinguished Professor in the History of the American South, UGA, on "the Strange Career of the Solid South." In the second session on congressional centers and public service leadership development, Sidney Salter, Journalist-in-Residence at Mississippi State, discussed how centers could use lessons from previous generations as a foundation to help develop leaders for the future and how to tap the power of partnerships to expand programming. The third session on Thursday was an in-depth, behind-the-scenes tour of the new 115,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art Russell Library. Highlights included an overview of the new archives management, reference, and circulation systems, work areas, classrooms, auditorium, banquet room, and the 30,000 sq ft. 32' tall Harvard-model, high-density storage vault that is largely underground. It is a magnificent building.

On Friday, participants discussed a possible collaboration project for naming and framing a topic that promotes the study of Congress and developing an issue guide for deliberative forums with the Kettering Foundation. The afternoon sessions were held jointly with the Congress and History Conference. Four political science professors discussed doing archival research in political science. The next session, *Research at the Centers*, explored diverse types of materials housed in political collections and tools available for locating and using archival collections. The most interesting session was *Reflection on Changes in Congress from Former Members*. Former congressmen Martin Lancaster, MC 1987-1995 and Matt McHugh, MC 1975-1992, shared perspectives on changes in Congress and efforts to help college students learn about the legislative branch through the Congress to Campus program. They also shared lessons learned from the handling of their official papers and reflected on the importance of congressional papers to historians.

The final general session on Saturday morning was a discussion of how three institutions lend support to congressional scholars through fellowships, grants and awards. The senior archivist from the LBJ library, the director of the Dirksen Congressional Center and the historian for the Center for Legislative Archives shared how their libraries fund research.

SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST ARCHIVISTS

This was Bill Hair's first time to attend the annual conference of the Society of Southwest Archivists (SSA). This year, SSA met jointly with the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists (CIMA) and the 40th Anniversary of the SSA.

On Wednesday, May 23, Bill attended a full day SSA DAS workshop titled, *Legal Issues with Digital Archives*. The course dealt with legal issues specific to archives of digital materials. The course covered the most common legal issues around electronic records including copyright, digital rights manage-

ment, acquiring and securing rights for particular uses of records, basic privacy issues, and providing access to sensitive materials.

Dr. Howard Besser, Professor of Cinema Studies and Director of NYU's Moving Image Archiving & Preservation Program, as well as Senior Scientist for Digital Library Initiatives for NYU's Library, taught the course. His current research projects involve preserving digital public television, preserving and providing digital access to dance performance, preserving difficult electronic works, and issues around copyright and fair-use, Do-It-Yourself media, and the changing nature of media with the advent of digital delivery systems.

On Thursday, May 24 the plenary session featured opening remarks by Carol Bartels, SSA president; Cory Nimer, CIMA president; and Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, president of the Society of American Archivists (SAA). Dr. Matthew Whitaker, founder of the Arizona State University Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, gave the keynote address. [A full report of Bill's conference sessions are in the Poage folder on BearSpace.]

BOB BULLOCK ARCHIVISTS SEARCH COMMITTEE

The position for the Bob Bullock Archivist has been posted by HR: <http://www.baylor.edu/hr/index.php?id=81307>

CONGRESSIONAL PAPERS ROUNDTABLE

Mary created a number of documents for the upcoming meeting in San Diego: Program Overview and schedule, meeting agenda, Directions and Logistics, FAQs and Registration. See <http://tinyurl.com/7jkn03e>

Ben wrote several articles for the upcoming CPR newsletter which should come out in June. Ben is also working with the Program Committee to complete plans for the all-day meeting.

SUMMER INTERN

Contributions to The Standing Committee are funding a summer intern to assist with exhibits and library promotion. **Kyle Beam**, a May graduate with a major in journalism and public relations and a minor in film and digital media, has been selected for summer 2012. Kyle will design banners for our 2012-2013 exhibits as well as permanent banners for the Poage office windows facing Moody. He will also work with the team to create graphics and audio-visual elements for the exhibits. Kyle will begin his graduate studies in journalism at Baylor in the fall.

Two other students joining us for the summer are **Lauren Wheeler**, a graduate student in political science who is working on the Bob Bullock papers and **Corinne Peters**, a PhD student, working on an exhibit of the photography of Dr. Colbert Held scheduled for next spring.

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Two of our student assistants graduated in May – **Mandi Mizuta** (Masters in Church/State Studies) and **Vanessa Onguti** (Bachelors in International Studies). Mandi will

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remain in Waco and continue teaching at McLennan Community College while Vanessa heads off to Thailand for a year-long teaching assignment.

Janai Onguti is spending a month this summer interning at a hospital in Kenya.

Lokesh Modi is interning this summer at Providence Hospital in the IT department.

Joel Lehr is interning this summer with an insurance firm in Houston.

Jordan Shoesmith will be heading to Scotland in the fall to study Chinese foreign policy at the University of St. Andrews.

Hannah Hwang will be returning to Baylor in the fall after a semester of study abroad in Korea.

PROJECTS

CONTENTdm. Lokesh and Mary worked with Darryl and Allyson to add our digital projects to the Poage web site:

<http://www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/index.php?id=87185>

Cutler Papers. Janai completed the inventory of subject files.

Edwards Papers. Supplies for rehousing the papers arrived from Hollinger/Metal Edge, so this project can move forward this summer.

Hightower Papers. Cory Dickman continues to work on the Hightower Government Group. Jordan Shoesmith continues typing the inventory for the Hightower Texas Group.

Mary Ferrell Papers. Boxes of newspapers, magazines, and government documents which supplement and complement papers in the Poage, Fisher, and Dowdy papers on the presidency and death of President Kennedy arrived. Rex Bradford, curator for the papers, also sent a preliminary inventory.

Seay Papers. All the books Theresa Seay used for her PhD dissertation at UConn were sent to cataloging. If there is already a copy in the JFK collection, a second copy is added to the general collection for check out and ILS Loan. Since Dr. Seay researched all presidential assassinations, there were a number of unique titles added to our library.

Tunnell Papers. Mandi completed the Tunnell inventory and Scope and Content Note before she graduated. These will be added to the web site when Lokesh returns in the fall.

ACTIVITIES BY DATE

May 1 – Staff held end of semester lunch for student assistants and for graduates Vanessa Onguti and Mandi Mizuta.

May 1 – Mary assisted with iCivics program in Baylor Law School.

Bill Hair took part in public school program at Woodgate Intermediate School/Midway ISD.

May 2 – Ben traveled to Austin to pick up materials and visit with Jack and Colleen Hightower, Charles McQueary, George Meyer, Ed Nichols and Carolene English.

May 3 – Bill's father went to the hospital in NC. Bill went to see his father on May 4, Father died on Sunday, May 6, funeral on Wed. May 9. Bill returned to work on Monday, May 14.

May 7 – Mary and Ben attended Dr Pepper Hour with Judge Starr in Allbritton Foyer.

May 8 – Mary attended Events Planning Expo at Waco Convention Center.

May 11 – Ben met with Tom Nichols and his wife from Kansas City and hosted them for lunch at Elite Café. Tom brought several boxes of his father's research on the Kennedy autopsy. His father, Dr. John Nichols, taught pathology at Kansas City Medical Center Hospital.

May 12 – Mary gave tour of NASA exhibit to Boy Scouts from West, TX.

May 14 – Mary attended a presentation on Web Scale Discovery Services.

May 15 – Ben met with the Dean to go over plans for the coming months.

May 16 – Ben met with the Dean to go over performance evaluation for himself and Mary.

May 16 – Mary, Bill, Jordan, Ed Nichols and Ben attended library salad lunch in Jones library.

May 16 – Bill attended MAW meeting to discuss state convention in 2013.

May 16-18 – Ed Nichols worked on his European diplomatic papers in one of the office areas on the second floor of Poage.

May 18 – Mary and Bill attended farewell reception for James Floyd at ABL.

May 21 – Bill returned Bullock microfilm to Hill College Texas Heritage Museum.

May 23-26 – Mary and Ben attended the annual meeting of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress at the new Russell Special Collections Library at the University of Georgia.

May 24-27 – Bill attended annual meeting of Society of Southwest Archivists in Mesa, AZ.

May 29 – Ben toured the University of South Carolina Political Collections library with director Herb Hartsook.

Mary gave orientation to three new summer graduate assistants.

Bill assisted researcher with materials about the construction of Lake Whitney. Jordan pulled the materials the week before from the papers of Bob Poage.

CATALOGING

Special Libraries Cataloging Team

Janet Pence: Books: Titles 324, Vols. 326; Original cat. 8 titles; Audio cassettes 2 vols; Vertical files 7 titles, 7 Bearcat original cat., 8 vols.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Society of American Archivists, Congressional Papers Roundtable. San Diego, CA. August 8-11.

Summary submitted by Ben Rogers, June 2012