

Baylor Collections of Political Materials



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Society of American Archivists

Annual Meeting

Boston, MA
August 3-8, 2004

Ben attended the Society of American Archivists' annual meeting in Boston from Aug. 3 to Aug. 8. While there, he went on a conference behind-the-scenes tour of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. The library staff there described their work in the Ernest Hemingway Collection, the media archives and the research reading room. Time was allotted to tour the extensive exhibits in the museum section.



Ben also toured the John Joseph Moakley Archive & Institute at Suffolk University Law School (<http://www.joemoakley.org/>) Moakley was a U. S. Congressman who will perhaps best be remembered for initiating what Bostonians refer to as "The Big Dig" (<http://www.bigdig.com/>), a project to relocate I-90/I-93 from above ground to below ground at a cost to taxpayers of over \$15 billion.

Other seminars focused on Encoded Archival Description (EAD), the Congressional Roundtable, the EAD section, EAD outsourcing, and archival descriptive standards. On Thursday night, Aug. 5, a reception took place at the Children's Museum of Boston along the waterfront, and, on Friday night, Aug. 6, a session titled "Archives on the Silver Screen" was held.

Research Begins at the Bullock Archive

Research inquiries began early the first open day of the Bullock Collection. Jim Henderson, a former reporter working for Dave McNeely, visited the archive to research the Bullock Oral Histories for a book on Bullock and the legislative process. George Green from Marble Falls, with help from his family, worked with "Whistleblower" files, individual legislator files and videos for a book he is writing on his experiences in the Department of Human Services. Green plans to make another trip to the Bullock Archive when time permits. We look forward to providing productive research opportunities to many scholars and researchers in the future.



ACSC

Association of Centers for the Study of Congress

BCPM Joins National Organization

The Baylor Collections of Political Materials (BCPM) has recently joined the Association of Centers for the Study of Con-

gress (ACSC). The ACSC was founded in 2003 as an independent alliance of organizations and institutions which promote the study of the U.S. Congress.

The organization draws on the talents and resources of its members to promote a wide range of programs and research opportunities related to Congress. Many of member institutions house archival collections of the papers of current and former members of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and other related research collections. Their web site serves as a central location for links to the best web sites on Congress:

<http://www.congresscenters.org/>.



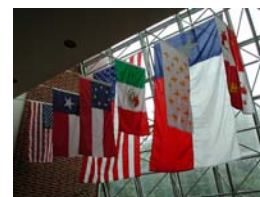
Ronald Reagan Campaign Buttons Donated

While visiting Dr. Robert M. Platt at his bookstore in the Fort Worth Livestock Exchange Building recently, **Ben Rogers** (BCPM) was given a collection of 227

Ronald Reagan campaign buttons, matted and framed. The buttons cover Reagan's career from the governorship of California to his second term as president. They are on display in the Baylor Collections of Political Materials. Bob Platt is a retired professor of anthropology who collects and sells political memorabilia and related books. If you visit the Fort Worth Stockyards, stop by his shop, Books, Etc., located in the back of the Exchange Building.

Poage Library Exhibit Area

Work has begun on the exhibit area renovation. The carpet has been removed and painting is almost finished. Electrical work, track lighting, and a wood floor should be completed in Sept.



Cataloging, August: Janet Pence: New titles 171 and new volumes 243. Original cataloging 32 titles.

STUDENT WORKER

Matt Gonzales is our Information Technology graduate assistant and ISY intern for this semester. He is working on an EAD template which student workers can use to input finding aids without having to know the EAD code.

BCPM 25th Anniversary



BCPM plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the W. R. Poage Legislative Library on October 8th. A number of former Poage staff members are planning to come. Look for more news.

Submitted by Ben Rogers
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