

Here in the Real World: Understanding and Serving Our Users

Program

Annual Meeting of the
Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions

April 22-24, 2015
Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives
Nashville, Tennessee

*Unless otherwise indicated all sessions and events are held in
Conference Room #350
Southern Baptist Convention Building
901 Commerce Street / Nashville, TN 37203*

Wednesday, April 22

Early Arrival Events

- 1:00 pm – Registration Open 3rd floor mezzanine
2:30 pm
- 2:30 pm – **Pre-conference Mini Workshop** Martin Fisher
4:30 pm **Play it Again: Transferring and Digitizing Audio Recordings**
Determining how to manage, store, reproduce, and digitize differing formats of audio recordings can be challenging. This workshop offers practical, hands-on tips and techniques for preserving and digitizing a broad variety of sound recording formats including addressing equipment and playback issues.
- 5:30 pm Meet in front of SBC building for transportation to the new First Tennessee Park
- 7:00 pm **Nashville Sounds vs. Oklahoma City** First Tennessee Park
*Pay for your own dinner at game. *Game tickets *not* included with registration. See annual meeting registration form for details.

Thursday, April 23

Morning Events

- 8:00 am – Registration Open 3rd floor mezzanine
11:00 am
- 8:15 am – Welcome Laura Botts
8:25 am

8:25 am – **Session A** Moderator: Elizabeth Wells
9:10 am **You Never Even Called Me By My Name: Engaging Research Communities to Improve Descriptions in Digital Collections** Steve Jones

Presenters in this session focus on criteria for selecting, digitizing, describing, and engaging users in digital collections. One presenter focuses on his work with members of Temple Beth-El in Muncie, Indiana, to improve descriptions of a photograph collection before it was online, and his work engaging the local history community to improve descriptions of a digitized film collection after it was released online. A second presenter describes procedures and processes for digitizing photograph collections at Wake Forest University and how these efforts have resulted in enhanced visibility and use of the archives.

9:10 am – Break
9:25 am

9:25 am – **Session B** Moderator: Fred Anderson
10:10 am **You Should've Seen It "In Color": Glass Plate Negatives and Lantern Slides' Use, Care, and Challenges** Julia Cowart
Bill Sumners

Presentations in this session highlight the value, use, and challenges of these photographic images. Presenters focus on Baptist related glass plate negatives and lantern slides in the Furman University Archives and the SBHLA and how these slides were used by the Baptist mission boards and others.

10:10 am – Break
10:25 am

10:25 am – **Session C** Moderator: Carol Reid
11:25 am **Hey, Hey Good Lookin'. Whatcha Got Cookin': Promotion Activities in Baptist Historical Collections** Jennifer Taylor

Baptist libraries and archives share the unique dual mission of collecting and preserving materials on the one hand, and ministering to the public through outreach and advocacy efforts on the other. This session explores avenues through which two Baptist special collections and a Baptist historical society have engaged their communities and users and how those efforts have resulted in enhanced visibility and accessibility of their holdings.

Al Lang
Dr. Jerry Windsor

11:25 am – Break
11:45 am

11:45 am – **Session D** Moderator: Jason Fowler
12:30 pm **So Much Cooler "Online": Exploring the Dichotomy of Print vs. Electronic Formats** Kent Millwood
Zach Fischer

Twenty-first century librarians often face pressures to discard print media in favor of electronic formats.

These pressures may lead to tensions between librarians and administrators. This session explores the print / electronic records dynamic and offers suggestions for librarians to effectively communicate on the subject with their administrators and their users.

12:30 pm – Lunch
2:00 pm Boxed lunches, included with registration.

Greetings and welcome to SBC building

Dr. Frank Page

Lunch Presentation

I Fall to Pieces: Picking Up and Moving On

This presentation includes a slide show featuring two case studies, one on the ins and outs of moving an archive, the other on considerations for custom housings for damaged books.

Naomi Taplin
Kathryn Wright

2:00 pm –
3:00 pm

Session E

Moderator: Dr. Alan Lefever

Workin' 9 to 5, for Service and Devotion: Evaluating Duplication Policies and Fees for Baptist Libraries and Archives

Baptist libraries and archives provide an array of unique and valuable resources to researchers. Presentations in this session address policies and procedures for duplicating materials, including avenues through which institutions determine duplication fee schedules and which items the archives will and will not reproduce.

Jan Ballard
Dr. Taffey Hall
Kathy Hillman

Afternoon and Evening Events

4:45 pm Meet in front of SBC building for transportation to dinner.

5:00 pm Dinner
 *Pay for your own.

Old Spaghetti Factory

6:30 pm To Ryman Auditorium.

7:00 pm **Opry Country Classics Show at the Ryman**

Artists include the Gatlin Brothers, Craig Morgan, and others. Tickets for ALABI members included with registration. Tickets for guests extra. See annual meeting registration form for details.

Friday, April 24

Morning Events

8:30 am – Devotional
8:45 am

Adam Winters

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Presentation of Betty Hurtt Meritorious Service Award	Laura Botts
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Session F Always on My Mind: Strategies for Collaborative Digital Newspaper Projects <i>Baptist serials provide a bounty of rich information on the life, culture, and beliefs of Baptists to students and scholars alike. Researchers can glean the most accurate picture of Baptist life and thought in a particular region of the country or on a particular topic when long runs of the serials are digitized. This session presents three strategies for digitizing Baptist newspapers in which collaborative efforts of multiple institutions have been involved with each project.</i>	Moderator: Dr. Glen Taul Dr. Jenny Lowery Vi Estel Kathy Hillman
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break	
10:20 am – 10:40 am	Institution and Baptist Historical Collection News and Updates	Jan Ballard
10:40 am – 11:00 am	Business Meeting Door Prizes Adjournment	Laura Botts
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch Boxed lunches, included with registration.	

Thanks so very much! We will see you next year!

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Program Participants

- Anderson, Fred. Executive Director, Virginia Baptist Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia.
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- Botts, Laura. Associate Professor and Associate Director for Special Collections, Tarver Library, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.
- Cowart, Julia. Interim Special Collections Librarian and University Archivist, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.
- Estel, Vi. Archivist, California Baptist University, Riverside, California.
- Fischer, Zach. Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, Lila D. Bunch Library, Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee.
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- Lefever, Alan. Director, Texas Baptist Historical Collection, Waco, Texas.
- Lowery, Jenny. Instructional Librarian and Archivist, Emma Waters Summar Library, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee.
- Millwood, Kent. Director of Library Services, Thrift Library, Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina.
- Page, Frank. President and Chief Executive Officer, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Reid, Carol. Librarian, Welch College, Nashville, Tennessee.
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- Taylor, Jennifer. Chair, Special Collection and University Archives, Library, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.
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- Windsor, Jerry. Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Florida Baptist Historical Society, Graceville, Florida.
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