

## Simmons College AMIA Student Chapter

2016-2017

### **Officers:**

*President:* Victoria Johnson

*Vice President:* Adam Schutzman

*Secretary:* Leanne Galletly

*Communications and Events Officer:* Christine Abram

*Treasurer:* Nicole Carmolingo

*Webmaster:* Derek Murphy/ Travis Werlen

*Faculty Advisor:* Janet Ceja

This was our second year of the AMIA Student Chapter at Simmons College. Our objective throughout the year was to introduce new students to moving image archives, and we believe we succeeded. Attendance increased as the year went on, and we were able to extend our reach by partnering and co-hosting events with other Simmons student organizations.

### **2016/17 EVENTS**

*Banned Books Week Screening: The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Attendees: 8

As soon as the semester started, the student organizations were asked to host events for Banned Book Week. While the attendance was low (school had just started!), we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the new students interested in film.

*WGBH Tour & Presentation*

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Attendees: (Limited space) 10

This year was the first year for many of the AMIA Student Chapter officers, so we decided to replicate an event first held by the chapter in its first year. Casey Davis and Peter Higgins at WGBH gave an intimate tour to attendees, showing us around the archives and talking to us about working as a moving image archivist at one of the country's finest PBS stations.

*OPEN HANG/AV PETTING ZOO*

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Attendees: 20

Our first event of the new year was an open hangout in the graduate student lounge, where attendees were invited to interact with a wide-ranging collection of moving images and film archival materials.

*SOCIAL NIGHT (co-hosted with Panopticon)*

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Attendees: 30

This was our most popular event, as you can imagine. Together with Panopticon (another Simmons student organization), we hosted an evening of trivia, chat, and overall fun at a Simmons-favorite local pub. As this was our first event off campus, we didn't know how many attendees to expect; we were overwhelmed by the amount of interest in moving image archives.

*FILM HANDLING WORKSHOP*

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Attendees: 16

This workshop was our biggest event of the year, and having worked really hard on it for months, we were extremely pleased with its reception. At our first meeting as new officers, we discussed hosting a workshop in which students who have no or limited access to film archival materials could get some real, practical exposure to the field. Space was limited to 10 students (not including the officers), and it filled up quickly. We worked with our advisor, Professor Janet Ceja, to put together a professional, instructional and informational workshop to teach interested students the basics of film handling and inspection. We were very proud of this event, and hope to turn it into an annual event.

*16mm FILM SCREENING*

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Attendees: 20

This event was curated by our Vice President, Adam Schutzman (who is now the President of the AMIA student chapter), who picked films from the Simmons archives to screen. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and discussions about these films, and moving images in general.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Some of our officers attended and participated in the 2016 AMIA annual conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Former AMIA Simmons Student Chapter Communications and Events Coordinator, Lily Troia, and former President, Bryce Roe, invited President Victoria Johnson to speak on one of their curated stream panels on diversity. Victoria enjoyed getting to spend some

time with former Simmons Student Chapter officers, who graduated as the new officers were coming into their positions at Simmons. The officers really enjoyed the professional conference, getting to know fellow film enthusiasts as well as meeting new professional contacts. The officers discussed the conference experience with interested attendees across our semester of events at Simmons.