



AMIA Student Chapter

University of California, Los Angeles

2015 Annual Report

Mission Statement

The Association of Moving Image Archivists (AMIA) Student Chapter at UCLA exists to promote the exchange of ideas and interaction among its members, the profession, and the greater AMIA organization through social and intellectual activities. The chapter exists to provide a forum for the discussion and education of its members in the moving image archival profession, to promote interaction with professional moving image archivists, and to encourage participation in such activities. Bearing in mind the mutual interests of students within the Department of Information Studies and the Department of Film and Television, as well as the interests of other student groups at UCLA, the chapter works to foster cooperation and mutual understanding in supporting archival theories and practices.

Executive Board

President - Jen O'Leary

Vice-President - Taylor Morales

Treasurer- Shani Miller

Secretary- Robin Margolis

Outreach Coordinator- Diane Levine

Social Media

UCLA AMIA Student Chapter website: <https://uclaamia.wordpress.com/>

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/amiastudentchapterat UCLA>

Twitter: @AMIAatUCLA

The chapter created the Facebook group AMIA Student Chapters of the World: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/907232805976591/> to connect all of the AMIA Student

Chapters to facilitate an exchange of event and programming ideas as well as to connect to our contemporary colleagues.

We are also working on updating our social media sites and blog more regularly and creating a more active online presence.

Internships

Members of the AMIA Student Chapter have utilized their skills and expertise in practicum/internship positions across the country. Our members have gained experience at The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, The USC Hugh M. Hefner Moving Image Archive, UCLA Film & Television Archive, UCLA Library AV Preservation Center, UCLA Library Special Collections, Western Costume Company, HBO, the Wende Museum, Playboy Enterprises, Writers Guild of America, NBCUniversal, Nickelodeon, Yale University Film Archive, and more.

Projects From 2014-2015

Tours

In January of 2015 the UCLA AMIA Student Chapter visited the Audio Mechanics music and sound restoration facilities in Burbank, CA. John Polito graciously led a guided tour, providing students with a first-hand look at the restoration, remastering, and digitization process. The Chapter plans to organize more tours in the coming year, providing students with the opportunity to see the diverse array of careers available in the field.

WordPress Workshop

One of the culminating requirements for the UCLA Moving Image Archive Studies program consists of an online portfolio, therefore website building knowledge is a vital skill for students. In the Fall of 2015 some of our members took an introduction to WordPress class. In February 2015, the UCLA AMIA Student Chapter held a workshop in order to share their knowledge with students interested in learning how to build websites in WordPress.

Bastard Film Encounter

In April of 2015 several chapter members attended the two-day Bastard Film Encounter in Raleigh, North Carolina. The symposium focuses the examination of films that fall outside the scope of most archives, such as educational films, home movies, and sponsored films. Presenters included John Kostka (MIAS '15) and Robert Vaszari (MIAS '14). Chapter members Malin Kan (MIAS '15) and Staci Hogsett (MIAS '15) also volunteered, helping with social media and technical assistance.

16mm Open Projector Night

In April of 2015, Chapter members organized an open projector night. Members and non-members ate snacks and watched 16mm films. Participants were encouraged to bring both home movies and films from their personal collections. Highlights included home movie footage from a student's grandparent's trip to India and a beautiful print of *Skater Dater* (1965), the first known film to feature skateboarding.

Home Movie Day

As in years past, several members of the UCLA AMIA Student Chapter volunteered at Los Angeles' Home Movie Day at the Goethe-Institut. Members assisted with both film inspection and event check in. The event provided students with the opportunity to speak with members of the public about the importance of film preservation. In 2015, Los Angeles' Home Movie Day will be held at UCLA, and the Chapter plans to volunteer both during the event, and in prepping films in advance.

Projects and Plans for 2015-2016

Media Archiving Workshops

Last year, we began discussions with the Echo Park Film Center, a local film production and education community center, to host a Media Archiving Workshop to help members of the community archive their home movies, family projects, and other media. We plan to fully realize the workshop this year.

The AMIA Student Chapter also plans to hold a similar workshop to teach archivists, who are not trained in media archiving, how to work with moving image materials in their collections, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Archivists Collective.

Outreach to High School Students

The UCLA AMIA Student Chapter plans to visit high schools with underserved youths to introduce them to the medium of film, teach film projection, and discuss the importance of utilizing archival films as historical documents.

Mentorships

Members of the UCLA AMIA Student Chapter and MIAS program have been incredibly lucky to secure a myriad of internships and jobs at varied archives in the Los Angeles area. Over the next year, we plan to reach out to current mentors and archive professionals through mixers and other networking opportunities to build and strengthen relationships between students and professionals in the industry.

Fundraising

In the Winter of 2015 the UCLA AMIA Student Chapter held a contest to create t-shirt designs. Our winning design by Taylor Morales (MIAS '16) will be placed on t-shirts and sold to help raise funds for future projects, such as workshops and tours.

Social Events

The UCLA AMIA Student Chapter had great success last year with our mixers, trips to local screenings, movie trivia nights, and other social events, and we plan to continue these throughout the 2015-2016 school year.