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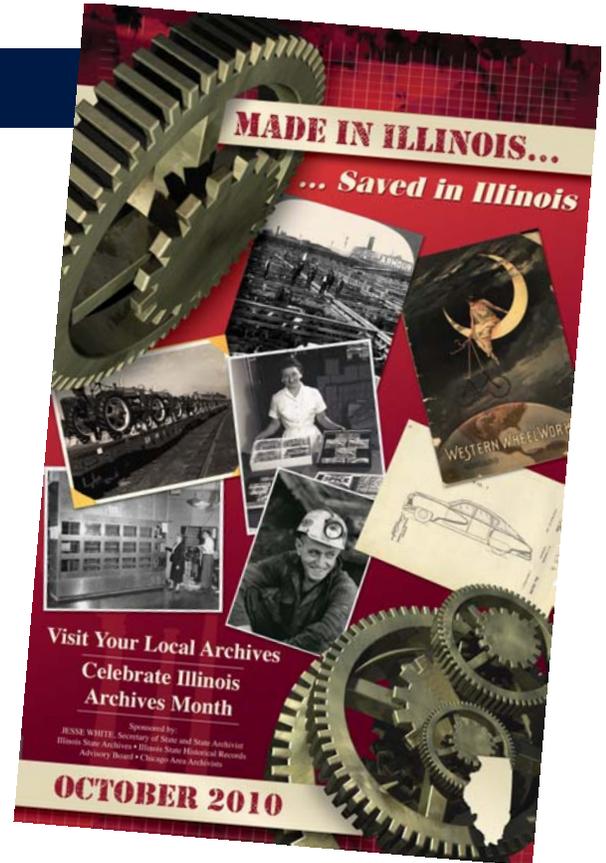
Celebrate Illinois Archives Month!

October 2010 marks the fourth consecutive year that Secretary of State Jesse White, the Illinois State Archives, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) and the Chicago Area Archivists have joined together to cosponsor Illinois Archives Month. The celebration is the state-sponsored arm of the national celebration designated by the Society of American Archivists (SAA) to promote the importance of archival and historical institutions.

"Illinois has a rich history and that history can be found in the historical documents and photographs held in the many archives throughout the state," said Secretary White. "Highlighting these materials and the institutions that preserve them and make them accessible is the purpose of Illinois Archives Month."

Archives, libraries, museums, historical societies and other groups throughout the state are encouraged to celebrate Illinois Archives Month by sponsoring special events that highlight their collections, programs and services. Event ideas include creating exhibits, hosting receptions, giving tours, writing articles and developing educational programs on the use of the archival and historical resources.

To assist in publicizing events, ISHRAB is again hosting an online Events Calendar. A new poster promoting Illinois Archives Month also is available in hard copy or as a PDF. The poster was funded in part by a federal



State and National Archival Partnership (SNAP) Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). For more information on obtaining a poster, showcasing your institution's collections and activities, or posting your institution's Illinois Archives Month events on the Events Calendar, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, Illinois State Archives, ISHRAB, Illinois Archives Month 2010) or call 217-782-2226.

Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board



Members of the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board met with Secretary of State Jesse White in May to discuss upcoming events and activities. Seated left to right are: Jamie Nelson, Morag Walsh, Secretary White and Lisa Oppenheim. Standing left to right are: Jodi Martinez, Douglas Bicknese, Sue Richter, Matthew Rutherford, Gary Stockton, Dan Barringer, Bea Julian, Stanley Brown, Linda Evans, Archives Director David Joens and Elaine Evans.

DATES & REMINDERS

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

2010 Conference on Illinois History
September 30-October 1, Springfield
217-558-8892, www.illinoishistory.gov

ISHRAB/SAA

"Archives Overview" Workshop
October 8, Springfield
www.archivists.org

Illinois State Historical Society

Fall Bus Tour: "Reagan, Black Hawk, Lincoln
and the Historic Rock River Valley"
October 8-9
217-525-2781, www.historyillinois.org

Midwest Archives Conference

Fall Symposium 2010: "Archival User Studies"
October 21-23, Dayton, OH
www.midwestarchives.org

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Fall Conference
"You Have Family. You Have History"
October 23, Peoria
217-789-1968
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs

Illinois Association of Museums

Annual Conference
"Exploring the Magic of Place"
November 3-5, Naperville
www.state.il.us/hpa/iam/default.html

Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month, 10 a.m.
Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Cook County Local Records Commission Meeting

2nd Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m.
Video Conference Room, 9th floor
Thompson Center, Chicago
or
Capital City Center, Springfield
130 W. Mason St.
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

State Records Commission Meeting

3rd Wednesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.
Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Historical Records Preservation Grants awarded

The ISHRAB has awarded Historical Records Preservation Grants totaling \$40,000 to 16 Illinois historical records repositories to develop and/or carry out projects to identify, preserve, access and use historical records in Illinois. Funding for the program was provided by a SNAP grant from the NHPRC.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, Springfield

— \$2,375 to conduct a preservation assessment for a collection of 15 significant 19th-century original, oversized maps of Illinois towns and counties in need of repair.

Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, Chicago

— \$2,500 to complete the arrangement and description of 40 linear feet of research files, correspondence, photographs and other materials.

Athens Municipal Library Heritage Collection

— \$3,328 to hire a professional cataloger to catalog materials not found in OCLC or the local library system's databases; purchase archival flat file drawers to house original area maps; and digitize photos, books, textiles and documents.

Bloomington Public Library — \$648 to conserve issues of two historic Illinois newspapers and purchase supplies to house miscellaneous historic newspaper issues.

City of Columbia — \$1,381 to inventory, organize, catalog and preserve key documents related to the history of the city and surrounding area.

Crete Public Library District — \$4,730 to digitize a rare and fragile glass-plate negative collection, out-of-print history books, and part of a historical newspaper collection.

Des Plaines Historical Society — \$2,500 to contract the services of the

Chicago Film Archives to inspect, evaluate and repair home-movie film in its collection and transfer the film to DVD format.

Evergreen Park Public Library — \$2,650 to identify, describe and preserve the library's local history collection.

Indian Prairie Public Library, Darien — \$968 for the conversion of 22 volumes of the *Darien DuPage Progress* to microfilm.

La Grange Area Historical Society — \$1,260 to transfer the collection catalog from an unsustainable custom database to a standard industry software package.

Media Burn Independent Video Archive, Chicago — \$4,991 for the preservation, access and arrangement of historical records documenting Chicago people and events.

Mendota Museum and Historical Society — \$923 to transfer the acquisition catalog from an outdated database to a standard industry software package.

Old Town School of Folk Music, Chicago — \$4,910 to inventory, process, re-house and create a finding aid for the school's photo and documents collection.

Parkland College, Champaign — \$2,597 to hire a consultant to provide a report and make recommendations on how to manage the college's archives.

Springdale Cemetery & Mausoleum, Peoria — \$1,700 to hire a temporary archivist to inventory, arrange and describe the cemetery's archival collection.

Vermilion County Museum Society, Danville — \$2,541 to encapsulate 350 local blueprints and create a research database.

2010-2011 IRAD interns



IRAD INTERNS — Front row, left to right: Stephanie Springer, Bethany Snelson, Anne Suttles, Cassandra Pardo, Ata Somo and Victoria Stewart. Second row, left to right: Hardings Porri, Philip Mohr, Arthur Fitz-Gerald, Amanda Reyna, Dennis Brammeier, Marlaina Haberman and Dalibor Sinik. Third row, left to right: Johnathan Flowers, John Duerk, Michael Bugajski, David Mizell and Sean Dougherty. Standing at top is Ross Griffiths, on-campus IRAD supervisor at ISU.

The Illinois State Archives has selected 18 graduate students to serve as Illinois Regional Archives Depository interns for the 2010-2011 academic year. The depositories, located at seven universities throughout the state, preserve the official records of local governmental agencies that have permanent legal, administrative, historical, or other research values.

An IRAD internship introduces graduate students to the functions of an archival institution and allows them to develop basic archival and research skills. The students began their internships with an intensive two-day training session in

Springfield, which was funded by a SNAP grant from the NHPRC. The IRAD interns and their majors are:

Eastern Illinois University

Philip Mohr, Historical Administration
Hardings Porri, History

Illinois State University

David Mizell, Politics and Government
Cassandra Pardo, Bioarchaeology

Northeastern Illinois University

Dennis Brammeier, Political Science
Amanda Reyna, History
Dalibor Sinik, Political Science
Ata Somo, Political Science

Northern Illinois University

John Duerk, Political Science
Stephanie Springer, History

Southern Illinois University

Michael Bugajski, Philosophy
Sean Dougherty, History
Arthur Fitz-Gerald, History
Johnathan Flowers, Philosophy

University of Illinois at Springfield

Bethany Snelson, History
Anne Suttles, History

Western Illinois University

Marlaina Haberman, History
Victoria Stewart, History

ISAAB/ISHRAB appointments

Secretary of State Jesse White recently appointed Janet Olson of Northwestern University to the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board/Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board for the 2010-2013 term. She replaces Douglas Bicknese of the National Archives at Chicago. Matthew Rutherford of the Newberry Library, Dan Barringer of State Farm Insurance Company, and Susan Richter of the Vermilion County Museum were reappointed to the 2010-2013 term. For a complete listing of ISAAB/ISHRAB members and contact information, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board).

ISAAB members advise the State Archives on general operations. ISHRAB is the state-level arm of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a statutory body affiliated with the National Archives and Records Administration. Members of the board review grant proposals submitted by Illinois institutions to the NHPRC.

ISHRAB sponsors "Archives Overview" workshop

The ISHRAB sponsored an SAA workshop in June called "Archives Overview," developed by the SAA for persons working in small historical records repositories who have limited archival training. The ISHRAB provided full scholarships for 15 Illinois archivists to attend the workshop at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

A second "Archives Overview" workshop will be held in Springfield on October 8. This workshop is designed for persons working in a small public library, archives or historical society who are responsible for the care of historical records. Although all scholarships for this workshop have been awarded, space is available for the regular registration fee of \$235 for SAA members and \$285 for non-members. For more details and registration information, please visit www.archivists.org (click Education & Events, then Continuing Education Calendar).

American History Teachers' Collaborative

The Illinois State Archives hosted three fellows from the American History Teachers' Collaborative (AHTC) in July. Coordinated by Urbana School District #116, the AHTC is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Teaching American History Grant program. As an AHTC partner, the State Archives annually hosts fellows for a week-long session, giving them personal instruction and guidance in using Illinois state government documents in a classroom setting. The AHTC has sent fellows to the Archives every summer since 2005.

With the help of local and national partners, the AHTC provides a variety of professional development activities for teachers, including summer institutes, Saturday workshops, book discussion groups and summer fellowships. The goals of the AHTC are to improve teachers' American history content knowledge; provide teachers direct access to historical artifacts and primary sources; and disseminate content knowledge and foster communication of best practices in the teaching of American history.



AHTC fellows Don Barbour (left) of Urbana Middle School, Mary Reger of Robeson Elementary School in Champaign, and Michael Pollack of Urbana High School share research and teaching strategies during their weeklong visit to the State Archives.

Scholarships awarded to Illinois archivists

The ISHRAB recently awarded 29 scholarships ranging from \$45 to \$200 to Illinois archivists and archival volunteers to attend professional archival workshops and conferences in Illinois. Funding was provided by a SNAP grant from the NHPRC. The scholarships helped defray expenses to attend the Midwest Archives Conference and SAA workshops: "Describing Archives: A Content Standard" and "Fundamentals of Acquisition and Appraisal."

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