



## 1999 Annual Meeting

In celebration of SGA's **30th anniversary** the annual meeting program will highlight southern history and culture as it relates to growing diverse communities. The meeting theme is **SGA: Thirty Years of Documenting Southern History and Culture**. The meeting program and speakers will provide provocative and informative presentations that address past and contemporary documentation projects.

The sessions will present recent cultural and demographic trends and identify the records created and/or provided by these diverse communities. These sessions will also provide training to effectively develop, preserve, and provide access to materials produced by these communities. Illustrative projects will demonstrate successful attempts to document cultural diversity and include community members in the process. We believe that the meeting will promote and encourage interest in pursuing projects that document the growth within and experiences of diverse communities throughout the state.

The meeting will be held on beautiful [Jekyll Island, Georgia](#) at the [Jekyll Island Club Hotel](#) on **November 3-5, 1999**, so mark your calendars now!

### Wednesday, November 3, 1999

- 1:30 - 3:00 [Provenance Editorial Board](#) Meeting
- 3:30 - 5:30 [SGA Executive Board](#) Meeting

### Thursday, November 4, 1999

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
- 8:30 - 3:00 Vendor Fair
- 9:00 - 9:15 Opening Remarks and Welcome  
Myron House, SGA President
- 9:15 - 10:30 Keynote Speaker  
Rheta Grimsley-Johnson,  
Atlanta Journal-Constitution
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions
  - A. [Documenting Diversity](#)
  - B. [Knowing When to Hold Them: College and University Records Management](#)
- 12:15 - 1:30 Lunch and SGA Business Meeting
- 1:45 - 3:00 Concurrent Sessions
  - A. [Oral History: Expanding the Documentary Record](#)
  - B. [Electronic Records Management](#)
- 6:00 - 7:30 SGA 30th Anniversary Reception

### Friday, November 5, 1999

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 12:00 Vendor Fair
- 9:15 - 10:30 Concurrent Sessions
  - A. [Electronic Access Issues: Virtual Communities](#)
  - B. [Photo Digitizing: An Introduction to Imaging Programs](#)
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break

**10:45 - 12:00** Plenary Session  
[Georgia Project Updates](#)

**12:00** End of Annual Meeting

**1:00 - 5:00** SGA Golf Tournament

## Concurrent Sessions

### Documenting Diversity

Moderator: Brenda S. Banks, Assistant Director, Georgia Department of Archives and History

Speakers:

- Nancy Richard, Archivist and Project Coordinator, Preserving the Diversity of Boston's History, Northeastern University
- Arthur D. Murphy, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology and Geography, Director of [CARA](#), Georgia State University
- Deborah A. Duchon, M. A. Director, [Nutrition Education for New Americas Project](#), Dept of Anthropology and Geography, Georgia State University
- Susan J. Illis, Manuscripts Archivist and Project Coordinator, Atlanta Immigrant and Refugee Project, Atlanta History Center

Georgia and much of the South have been, for most of the past two centuries, black and white. However, during the last quarter of this century, much attention has been given to the fast growing and diverse population that is characteristic of Georgia and the entire nation. This session will explore our role as archivists in ensuring that these shifts in demographics and the possible effects on American History, culture, and politics are being properly documented through presentations about successful presentation projects at Boston's Northeastern University and the Atlanta History Center. We will also hear from staff of the Center for Applied Research in Anthropology (CARA) at Georgia State University. CARA tracks Georgia's changing demographics and how it affects major societal institutions (e.g. health care, law enforcement and education) and documents how individuals, household, and families adjust to multicultural environments.

### Knowing When to Hold Them: College and University Records Management

Moderator: Susan McDonald, University Archivist, Special Collections, Emory University

Speaker: Amelia Winstead, Local Records Coordinator, Georgia Department of Archives and History

Colleges and university (C&U) archivists face a major challenge in managing the records of their institutions. Many C&U archivists receive little, if any, formal training in records management. This session is designed to provide basic instructions for C&U archivists to help improve their competence in providing leadership and direction in managing their institutions' records. It will cover such topics as: records creation, records retention scheduling, database management, and procedures for records management programs.

### Oral History: Expanding the Documentary Record

Moderator: Jill Severn, University of Georgia

Speakers:

- Beth Millwood, [Southern Oral History Program](#), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Linda Sellars, Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Participants will be given an overview of key aspects of the oral history process, including project planning and conceptualization; preservation of oral history materials; and development of effective strategies to maximize collection access, including the use of the world wide web. Participants will develop an appreciation for the unique research value of oral history and the impact of changing technology.

### **Electronic Records Management: Where To Go From Here**

Moderator: James A. Yancey, Jimmy Carter Library

Speakers:

- Don B. Schewe, Jimmy Carter Library
- Doug Haire, Environmental Protection Agency

During the last century technology has provided us with a virtual cornucopia of electronic records. Ever changing formats have created a considerable challenge for archivists entrusted with the management and care of these records. This session is an introduction to electronic records management and will include: technical nomenclature, identifying past and present formats, technological obsolescence, media migration and holdings maintenance.

### **Electronic Access Issues: Virtual Communities**

Moderator: Naomi Nelson, Emory University

Speakers:

- Angee Baker, Director, Electronic Information Services, SOLINET
- Jason Ellis, Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science at the College of Computing, Georgia Institute of Technology

The Internet is bringing people together in ways that would have been hard to imagine ten or twenty years ago. User groups have shifted, and many who are using archives and libraries might not have thought about them before. Angee Baker of SOLINET will discuss the [CommunityPlanet](#) (formerly the Monticello Electronic Library Program) Project, which is attempting to improve access to electronic forms of community information found in local libraries. Likewise, Jason Ellis, Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science at the College of Computing, Georgia Institute of Technology, will discuss the [American Timewarp](#) project, which is a virtual community designed to support the collection and exploration of history by kids.

### **Photo Digitizing: An Introduction to Imaging Programs**

Moderator: Robert Bohanan, Jimmy Carter Library

Presenter: Gary Steele, Digital Techniques

As we enter the 21st century digital technologies will have a profound impact on the way archival institutions provide access to their collections. This session will explore the basic knowledge, strategies and technologies needed to implement a successful photo digitization program. Topics covered will include; imaging technologies and nomenclature, program strategies and planning, budgeting, image quality and technological obsolescence.

## **Georgia Project Updates**

Moderator: David Stanhope, Photo Archivist, Jimmy Carter Library

Speakers:

- Edward Weldon, [Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board](#)
- Naomi Nelson: [SAGE](#) (Selected Archives at Georgia Tech and Emory)

Come join us for this informative session and learn the latest about various projects and initiatives within the state of Georgia.