

WELCOME TO THE

Archivists of the Houston Area Quarterly Newsletter

Archivist's Note

Welcome back to the Archivists of the Houston Area Quarterly Newsletter!

We're so grateful to everyone who joined us for Old, Weird Houston 2026! This year, OWH brought together 15 repositories from Houston-area libraries and museums alongside 18 other vendors and sponsors including artists, publishers, and others interested in the preservation and dissemination of Houston's diverse history. Approximately 450 visitors attended the fair and enjoyed a day full of music, lectures, & freebies galore!

Summer will be a bit quieter for AHA!, but we're already getting amped for Archives Month this October! Stay tuned & stay cool!

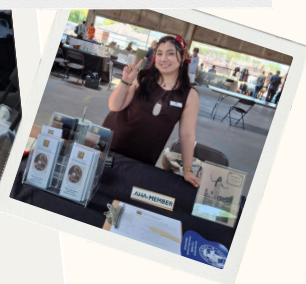
Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Let us know at houstonarchives@gmail.com.

Enjoy!

Katelyn Landry-Carranza
2026 AHA! Vice-President



OWH 2026!



AHA! Summer 2026 Calendar



JULY

AHA! SUMMER MEMBERS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 @ 12-1 PM | ZOOM

Please join our second members meeting of 2026 to hear more about what our board and committees are up to! **We will also have a guided conversation about the Digital Archives Specialist (DAS) certificate offered by SAA, so bring your questions!**

[ZOOM LINK](#)

AUGUST

ADVOCACY EVENT

DETAILS TBA

Join us for a virtual roundtable on ongoing efforts to advocate for funding and support for GLAM institutions.

STAY TUNED!

SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN AHA! SOCIAL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 @ 6:30 PM | TRUCK YARD (2118 LAMAR ST)

Catch up with other AHA! members at our autumn social! Feel free to grab a bite, have a drink, or just chill!

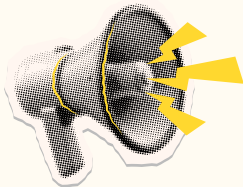
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Board News

MEET THE NEW VP!



Hi! My name is Katelyn Landry-Carranza and I was elected AHA! Vice-President/President Elect at our Spring Members Meeting on April 8, 2026. I'm currently an archivist at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston. I graduated from Rice University in 2022 with a BA in history, and I earned my MA in archives and public history from New York University in 2025. I'm originally from Austin, TX, but Houston has won my heart. I love horror movies, craft beer, yoga and Pilates, and museums! I'm super excited to plan Archives Month 2026 and to serve AHA!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR!

The Communications Committee Chair is responsible for providing leadership, structure, and accountability for the committee. In this position, you have opportunities to apply and grow your skills in project management, graphic design, and social media outreach. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating meetings with the rest of the Communications Meeting
- Reporting progress of the committee at monthly board meetings
- Generating a report for AHA! Member meetings

While we are looking for a new committee chair, we also welcome anyone who wants to join the Communications Committee as a committee member!

**INTERESTED? REACH OUT TO AHA! PRESIDENT ELY JASSO
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Repository Spotlight

HOUSTON ASIAN AMERICAN ARCHIVE (HAAA)



(L) Jack Joe in grocery store, 1958. (R) Gloria Ferrer Baterina family photograph, circa 1970s.
Houston Asian American Archives, MS 573, Woodson Research Center, Fondren Library, Rice University

Established in 2010 at Rice University's Chao Center for Asian Studies, the Houston Asian American Archive (HAAA) is dedicated to preserving the history of Houston's AAPI community by conducting oral history interviews, collecting documents, photographs, memorabilia, and artifacts, and supporting teaching and student research on Asian American life. As of now, HAAA has collected around 500 oral histories that collectively demonstrate a diverse tableau of experiences related to immigration, career building, education, military service, racial discrimination, marriage and familial life, musical and artistic pursuits, religion, civic engagement and social justice organizing within Houston's Asian American community. The archive is a particularly strong resource for understanding Asian Americans' experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the wave of anti-Asian hate speech and racial violence that erupted in 2020 and 2021. Many of these interviews are freely accessible to the public at haaa.rice.edu. HAAA continues to conduct oral history interviews that will serve as invaluable resources for future researchers, and actively supports ongoing research projects that seek to expand public awareness of Houston's Asian American history and community. If you're interested in hearing an oral history interview or recording yours, please visit the HAAA [interview page](#).

[CHECK THEM OUT](#)

[EXPLORE THE COLLECTION](#)



Collection Spotlight: JD DOYLE ARCHIVES



Houston Pride Parade 1985

The JD Doyle Archives is a treasure trove of digitized materials that document Houston and Texas LGBTQ+ history as well as LGBTQ+ music history. Houston historian JD Doyle began this endeavor in 2000 with Queer Music Heritage, a radio show and website dedicated to preserving sharing the work of LGBT musicians and entertainers. While live programming ceased in 2015, QueerMusicHeritage.com remains a repository for its past shows as well as a vast number of videos, photographs, publications, and articles written by JD about LGBT music history. Also under the JD Doyle Archives umbrella is HoustonLGBTHistory.org, a similarly kaleidoscopic collection of photographs, publications, ephemera, and articles about Houston's LGBTQ+ community, including past Pride festivals, local businesses, organizations, politics, events, and more. There's also a healthy sprinkling of materials from elsewhere in Texas and throughout the nation. A third major project within the JD Doyle Archives is the [**Texas Obituary Project**](#), a searchable database of those we have lost, with an emphasis on those lost to AIDS. Finally, JD Doyle Archives manages [**The Banner Project**](#), a pop-up exhibit about Houston's LGBTQ+ history created by board member Sara Fernandez. The exhibit is available for organizations to borrow and is permanently available online here and on display at The Montrose Center.

The sheer volume of material on these sites is a remarkable feat of collaborative community archiving, as the JD Doyle Archives Board has worked closely with both independent community members and institutional archives to make the materials available to as wide an audience as possible. These collections are so significant that [the sites were selected to be part of the Library of Congress LGBTQIA+ Studies Web Archive](#). To conclude, I have to mention the sites' interfaces are incredibly charming – with their large, brightly colored text and fully homegrown HTML coding, their aesthetics harken back to the raucous early days of the internet. Houston, do yourself a favor and get lost in this rainbow rabbit hole. Happy Pride, y'all!

Professional Development Opportunities



**ICA INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES WEEK 2026:
#ARCHIVESFORJUSTICE: RIGHTS, MEMORY & FUTURES
JUNE 8-11 | VIRTUAL**

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**SAA-CORDA WEBINAR: PREPARING STRONG
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS
JUNE 10 | VIRTUAL**

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**MOMA FELLOWSHIP IN ARCHIVES, LIBRARY AND
RESEARCH COLLECTIONS
APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 10**

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**AI TOOLKIT FOR ARCHIVISTS WEBINAR SERIES
JUNE 16, JUNE 23, JULY 8, JULY 14 | VIRTUAL**

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**BITCURATOR CONSORTIUM FORUM 2026
JUNE 17 | VIRTUAL**

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**EDUCOPIA COLLECTIVE DECISION MAKING WORKSHOP
JUNE 23 | VIRTUAL**

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**SAA 250 FOR THE 250TH ONLINE EXHIBITION
SUBMISSIONS DUE JULY 4**

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**ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2026: SAA ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 29-AUGUST 1 | NEW ORLEANS, LA & VIRTUAL**

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H-Town Trivia



Founded in 1865 by formerly enslaved Black Americans, Freedmen's Town is Houston's first Heritage District and is being actively preserved by the Houston Freedmen's Town Conservancy. In which of Houston's wards is Freedmen's Town located?



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