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**Hurricane Katrina** made landfall near New Orleans on August 29, 2005, and caused major damage to the coastal regions of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. This photograph was taken on September 15, 2005, in the remains of the Bay St. Louis (Mississippi) City Hall. The Mayor's Minutes books, covered in sludge and mold, were removed from a vault that had been flooded. Photo courtesy of **CHRISTINE WISEMAN**, Georgia Archives.

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# “Honoring Thy Colleagues”

## SAA’s 2005 Award Recipients

The Society of American Archivists celebrated outstanding achievement in public service, outreach, and writing, and provided scholarship assistance to students at an awards ceremony held August 19, 2005, during SAA’s 69th Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Hundreds of conference attendees packed the grand ballroom of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside to honor their colleagues and salute their successes. The annual competition recognizes accomplishments of the preceding calendar year.

The Awards Committee, co-chaired by Daria D’Arienzo of Amherst College and Philip Mooney of Coca-Cola Company, worked with subcommittees in the selection process for each award. SAA heartily congratulates the following award recipients and extends its thanks to all who participated in the competition.

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### Harold T. Pinkett Minority Student Award



Photo by Wayne Catalano.

**JENNIFER OSORIO** and **PAUL SEVILLA** of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), are the joint recipients of SAA’s 2005 Harold T. Pinkett Minority Student Award. The award recognizes minority graduate students of African, Asian, Latino, or Native American descent who, through scholastic achievement, manifest an interest in becoming professional archivists and active members of SAA. The award, established in 1993, honors the late Dr. Harold T. Pinkett, who served with distinction during his long tenure at the National Archives and

Records Administration and was a Fellow of SAA. It is coordinated through the SAA Archivists and Archives of Color Roundtable.

Jennifer Osorio is currently enrolled in the MLIS program at UCLA, specializing in archives and records management. She is incoming co-president of UCLA’s SAA student chapter and the outgoing co-president of the student chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology. She is also the recipient of the Society of California Archivists’ James V. Mink Scholarship. Osorio is currently working as a graduate student researcher on the International Research and Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems (InterPARES 2) Project in the UCLA Department of Information Studies.

Paul Sevilla was born in the Philippines and immigrated to the United States when he was 10 years old. Before he began his graduate degree, he provided reference support at the

California Department of Health Services Resource Center. He is in his second year as a MLIS student at UCLA. Currently, Sevilla is working at UCLA’s Department of Special Collections and interning as an archival research assistant at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Hollywood, Calif. In addition to the Pinkett Minority Student Award, Sevilla also received a partial scholarship to attend the 46th Annual American Library Association’s Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Preconference in St. Louis last July. He has also received other student honors and awards through the years, including the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

### Colonial Dames of America Scholarship



Photo by Wayne Catalano.

**LINDA HOCKING** and **DEBRA KIMOK** received SAA’s 2005 Colonial Dames Scholarship. Established in 1974, the award enables new archivists to attend the Modern Archives Institute of the National Archives and Records Administration. Each scholarship covers \$1,200 of the total tuition, travel, and housing expenses associated with attending the institute. To be eligible for this scholarship an individual must have been employed less than two years as an archivist and work in an archives or manuscripts collection where a fair percentage of the repository’s holdings

predate 1825. The award is funded by the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter III, Washington, D.C.

Linda Hocking, recipient of the Colonial Dames of America Scholarship to the Winter 2005 Modern Archives Institute, is Curator of Library and Archives at the Litchfield Historical Society in Litchfield, Conn. Hocking received her MLIS in 2001 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her BA in Political Science in 1995 from Marist College. In a letter to the Colonial Dames she explained that she will soon begin a digitization project on historical society records from 1751–1833. Because of her attendance at the MAI, she “will now be able to make better decisions about level of description, arrangement, conservation needs and issues surrounding the creation of digital facsimiles.”

Debra Kimok, recipient of the Colonial Dames of America Scholarship to the Summer 2005 Modern Archives Institute, is Special Collections/Reference Librarian for the Benjamin F. Feinberg Library, State University of New York (SUNY) at Plattsburgh. Kimok received her MLS from SUNY Buffalo in 2000 and her BA in History from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1997. In her cover letter, she wrote, “While all of my previous internships and self-study have provided me with a good



Photo by Debra Kimok.