

# SAHA Annual Report: January 1999 - November 1999

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## 1. USE MADE OF SAHA COLLECTIONS

The statistics below reflect the use made of SAHA for the 1998/1999 period compared to the use in the 1997/1998 period.

	<b>1998/1999</b>	<b>1997/1998</b>
Number of Daily Users	623	631
Number of boxes requested	902	793
Number of Researchers	235	146

The origin of the researchers who used SAHA material are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Wits</b>	<b>South Africa</b>	<b>International</b>
1997/1998	146	53	56	37
1998/1999 <sup>1</sup>	235	76	121	38

The following is a breakdown of the purpose of the research conducted:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Television</b>	<b>Publication</b>	<b>Academic</b>	<b>Exhibitions</b>	<b>Other</b>
1997/1998	9	16	48	2	71
1998/1999	36	15	85	12	87

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 1 for details of researchers and nature of research

The following collections were used during the 1998/1999 period:

- Photographs
- United Democratic Front
- SAHA Database (extensively)
- Frederickse Interviews
- PLANACT
- DPSC
- Posters
- Slides
- Transvaal Indian Congress
- GALA collections (extensively)

## **2. SERVICES PROVIDED**

### **2.1 Facilities**

The following facilities are available:

- On-line database to PHT/SAHA Database material, Posters UDF and Ephemera
- Photocopying
- Indexed Inventories to processed SAHA and GALA collections
- Photographic reproduction
- Scanning
- Web site with links to Historical Papers and GALA
- All sorted collections are available on the National Register of Manuscripts (NAREM) in finding aid form

## **3. LIAISON**

SAHA was one of the key organisers of an advanced seminar and workshop series, *Refiguring the Archives* that is to be co-hosted with the University's Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Historical Papers, GALA and the National Archives, in the second half of 1998. The South African Society of Archivists latest journal (vol. 40) is based on the workshop series and a book on the seminar series is also forthcoming early in 2000.

SAHA staff are helping to develop and teach an archival module in the second half of 1999, as part of the Graduate School's MA in Heritage.

A close association was maintained with the relevant academic departments, particularly the History, Political Studies and Education departments. Organised visits to Historical Papers and SAHA were arranged in conjunction with various lecturers for third year and honours students from these departments. With the help of Kate Abbott, who is employed by Historical Papers, the conservation and indexing of SAHA photographs is continuing.

Close links are maintained with GALA and many exciting GALA collections have been added during the last year. Ms Pickover continues to represent the SAHA Board of Trustees on the GALA Advisory Board. The GALA Annual Report for 1998 is appended. The GALA material continues to be extensively used by academics, journalists, organisations and interested individuals.

#### **4. PROBLEMS**

The scheme to employ Masters Students to help catalogue some of the unsorted material has been disappointing and has not been as productive as was hoped. Two of these students failed to report for duty, despite signing a contract, while another did not complete her allotted duties in terms of the contract and was therefore only paid a percentage of the money allocated to her. Practically this means that the CSSR collection remains unsorted and that the FFF collection still needs to be completed.

#### **5. STAFF AND STAFF TRAINING**

Staff duties during this period included:

- monitoring, supervision and feedback re archival collections and general administrative matters;
- sorting collections and preparing them for research;
- assisting researchers;
- general correspondence;
- administration of finances;
- preparation of reports and budgets;
- attending meetings and conferences;
- liaising with Gay and Lesbian Archives and other archival institutions

Ms Saleh completed a two-year Post-graduate Diploma in Information Management at the end of 1998. A copy of the course content is appended.

A proposal from SAHA to the Ford Foundation for Razia to attend a two-week intensive training course on EAD (Encoded Archival Description) and TEI (Text Encoding Initiative) in July 1999 at the University of Virginia in the USA was successful. It is hoped that as a result of this training, SAHA and GALA finding aids can be tagged and made available on the Internet. Razia will also be in a position to run joint SAHA/SASA (South African Society of Archivists) training workshops for other archivists in South Africa on how to implement EAD and TEI.

After discussions between SAHA and PLANACT, it was agreed that PLANACT would continue to pay a contract worker, Lindiwe Dlamini, until the end of February 2000 in order to complete the arrangement and description of the Planact collection.

Monde Simelela has completed sorting, describing and indexing the Transvaal Indian Congress Collection.

Simon Rampepe is in the process of sorting the Health Workers collection.

Ntombise Sobetshe is in the process of sorting, arranging and cataloguing the Five Freedoms Forum.

Karen Martin continues to be employed by GALA to assist with the sorting of their collections and to aid researchers.

## **6. TECHNICAL SERVICES**

Notable acquisitions made during this period included:

- Wits Spring Festival
- Equality Foundation
- PLANACT (additions)
- Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Taskforce
- Ceasefire (additions)
- ACTUP (Johannesburg)
- Ann Smith Papers
- Steven Cohen Papers
- Eliza Moore
- Edwin Cameron Collection (additions)
- Pieter Cilliers Papers
- Barbara Hogan Papers
- Press cuttings re gay and lesbian issues (additions)
- Mark Griffin Papers
- GALA Oral History Project (additions)

## **7. GENERAL**

### **7.1 Conferences, workshops and meetings**

SAHA staff attended the following activities:

- Community Archives Workshop
- Documenting Society. The Problem of Archival Selection
- An Illusion of Freedom: documenting the past in the new Millennium
- Oral Memory Workshop
- Workshop: Education and Training for Archivists in South Africa
- Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences seminar series on *Refiguring the Archives* (various)
- Meetings of the National Digital Imaging Project Committee
- Meetings of SASA National Committee
- Archival Education and Training Advisory Committee Meetings (TSA)
- Standards Generating Board/SAQA Meetings
- Y2K Lecture

## **7.2 Papers and Publications**

- Ms Pickover delivered a paper: “Digital imaging Projects in the South. Access for whom?” at the *Refiguring the Archives* workshop on access to archives
- Journal of the Society of South African Archivists, Vol. 40. Contributions by both Ms Pickover and Ms Saleh. They were also largely responsible for the production of this edition.

## **7.3 Membership of Professional Associations**

Ms Saleh and Ms Pickover are members of:

- South African Society of Archivists (SASA), National Executive Committee. Ms Pickover is Chairperson and Ms Saleh is a member of the committee
- ACARM (Association of Commonwealth Archivists and Records Managers)
- ESCARBICA

Ms Saleh remains appointed to Technicon SA's Advisory Committee for Archival Studies.

Ms Pickover is a member of the National Digital Imaging Project Committee (DISA).

## **7.4 Co-operation with other institutions and organisations**

- Investigators from the TRC
- University of California, Los Angeles, Fowler Museum – posters and photographs for exhibition, *Music in the Life of Africa*
- Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences, exhibition of posters
- University of the Witwatersrand, Open Day, exhibition of documents, pamphlets, ephemera and posters
- Gertrude Posel Gallery Exhibition relating to the TRC
- Alexandra Resource Centre
- Ditsela Labour Exhibition
- 10 years of Pride Exhibition
- Material for Queer Johannesburg Tour

## **7.5 Annual Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 December 1998**

Please see attached document

## Appendix 1

### DETAILS OF USE MADE OF SAHA COLLECTIONS, DECEMBER 1998 – NOVEMBER 1999

#### **Organisations, etc.**

Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
SABC TV  
Maskew, Miller, Longman  
Macmillan  
African National Congress  
Institute for Multiparty Democracy  
COSATU  
Ditsela  
National Monuments Council  
Office of Gays and Lesbians of  
Zimbabwe  
National Coalition for Gays and Lesbian  
Equality  
Planact  
Morula Pictures  
Mail & Guardian  
Sunday World

#### **Individuals**

Abrams, S.  
Adelzadeh, A.  
Akhurst, E.  
Alberton, p.  
Allan, L.  
Antoniou, T.  
  
Bailey, G.  
Becker, S.  
Bhana, J.  
Bhengu, R.  
Bizos, G.  
Blignaut, C.  
Body, K.  
Bojabotsetia, T  
Bompani, B.  
Bonner, P.  
Bojabotsetia, T.  
Braid, S.  
Brits, P.  
Brundrit, J.  
Budlender, S.

Bulbulia, Z.  
Bullington, S.  
  
Cage, K.  
Calitz, M.  
Carrim, N.  
Catsam, D.  
Chand, J.  
Chicktay, M.  
Chin, N.  
Choshi, T.  
Chweidan, J.  
Clark, G.  
Clarkson, K.  
Coetzee, S  
Cohen, D.  
Colman R.  
Conacher, A.  
Court, S.  
Croucher, S.  
Curry, D.  
  
Danga, A.  
Daniels, B.  
De Barros, L.  
De Boer  
D'Emilio, M.  
De Jager, J.  
De Villiers, R.  
Dhillon, D.  
Dirsuweit, T.  
Ditsie, B.  
Dixon, K.  
Dlamini, J.  
Dube, B.  
Daniels, B.R.  
Davidowitz, O.  
  
Edgson, M..0  
Eidelberg, P.  
Eisenstadt, k.  
Epprecht, M.

Etzo, S.

Fearon, C.  
Fleetwood, D.  
Flusk, G.  
Freeman, R.

Gainer, D.  
Gaule, S.  
Gerhart, G.  
Gevisser, M.  
Ginsburg, R.  
Golebrewsha, K.  
Goldsmith, T.  
Goralsky, R.  
Gordin, D.  
Graham, B.  
Graham, S.  
Gresle, Y.

Harlow, B.  
Harris, A.  
Havenga, M.  
Hayward, G.  
Hepburn, J.  
Hill, S.  
Hlasa, R.  
Hlatshwayo, S.  
Hoad, N.  
Hoeane, T.  
Horton, C.  
Ichharam, M.  
Israel, M.

Jackson, M..  
Joannides, H.  
Jones, J.

Kalk, J.  
Keen, J.  
Kelso, C.  
Khoza, L.  
Khuele, M.  
Kjellberg, T.  
Klein, H.  
Koll, C.  
Krabill, R.  
Krost, P.  
Krouse, M.

Lazar, E.  
Ledwaba, L.  
Leilde, A.  
Lekabe, K.  
LeMottee, S.  
Levine, F.  
Levy, S.  
Lewis, J.  
Lohrinscheit, C.  
Luirink, B.  
Louw, R.

McLean, H..0  
Magalema, T.  
Mager, A.  
Magubane, B.  
Mahlangu, J.  
Maloka, S.  
Mangidi, K.  
Manion, A.  
Massoud, M.  
McLean, K.  
Mesthrie, U.  
Moabelo, M.  
Modisa, H.  
Mokoena, S.  
Molete, L.  
Molwantwa, D.  
Monaghan, R.  
Mongalo, B.  
Moran, D.  
Morgan, R..0  
Motseta, S.  
Mtetwa, A.  
Mwamuka-Kolele, N.

Nakanyane, S.  
Nasina, N.  
Ncapayi, G.  
Nchodu, T.  
Ndebele, N.  
Ndlangesa, C.  
Ndumo, J.  
Nel, M.  
Newman, N.  
Njinge, M.  
Nkonwana, O.  
Nkosi, P.

Noko, M.  
Norton, M.  
Ntuli, S.  
Nzaah, G.

Papadopolos, J.  
Peach, R.  
Philips, M.  
Pigou, P.  
Pimdo, M.  
Powell, J.  
Prangley, A.

Ralinala, R.  
Rametse, M.  
Randall, D.  
Rasethe, M.  
Ratema, S.  
Rawat, Y.  
Reddy, S.  
Reddy, V.  
Robertson, H.  
Rogen, R.  
Ross, D.  
Ross, R.  
Rost, I.  
Roth, M.  
Rubushe, S.  
Ruiz, N.

Sadie, P.  
Saloojee, K.  
Samba, C.  
Sano, M.  
Schierhout, G.  
Schneider, E.  
Scruggs-Yearwood, T.  
Segal, M.  
Seif, S.  
Sekele, T.  
Seroto, J.  
Setewane, N.  
Silverman, M.  
Simelane, S.  
Sinclair, R.  
Skhosana, N.  
Sommer, H.  
Southey, N.  
Stojovic, S.

Swarr, A.  
Swartz, L.

Tabengwa, O.  
Tan, T.  
Taylor, C.  
Theuninck, A.  
Torr, D.  
Trabold, B.  
Tren Grove-Jones, T.  
Trisk, B.  
Tsimboukis, T.

Unze, A.

Van der Merwe, H.  
Van Doorene, D.  
Von den Steinen, L.

Wadee, H.  
Walker, L.  
Willoughby-Herald, T.  
Winkler, M.  
Wright, R.

Xaba, S.

Yoro, J.

Zain, M.

## Research

### Undergraduate and Honours

- ❑ Representation of South African History, locally and globally
- ❑ Heroic political figures
- ❑ The End Conscription Campaign
- ❑ Gay rights in South Africa
- ❑ Apartheid teacher education
- ❑ Role of youth violence in the PWV townships in the 1980s
- ❑ The equality clause in the constitution
- ❑ 1968 Immorality Act
- ❑ Polarisation between hostel dwellers and township people on the East Rand, 1985
- ❑ Conscientious Objection
- ❑ AIDS Memorials
- ❑ Gay Pride marches
- ❑ Indian Resistance against Apartheid
- ❑ How transformation has affected the daily life of gays and lesbians in South Africa
- ❑ Gay society on Wits campus
- ❑ Detainees at John Voster Square
- ❑ 1987 COSATU strikes
- ❑ The assassination of David Webster
- ❑ Sebokeng
- ❑ The male body
- ❑ Land invasion in South Africa
- ❑ Slogans of the liberation struggle
- ❑ The role of white women in resistance to apartheid
- ❑ Homophobia in South Africa
- ❑ The legal consequences of same sex relationships
- ❑ Five Freedoms Forum

### Masters

- ❑ Ethnicity and the Indian community post 1990
- ❑ Women's organisations in South Africa
- ❑ The ambivalence of the ANC vis-à-vis the USA
- ❑ Comparative regional study of homosexual "crime"
- ❑ Reconstruction of the Soweto Riots
- ❑ The unique political alliance: a historical analysis of the changing character of the relationship between the SACP and the ANC, 1921 – 1990
- ❑ Arguments used by the police in the campaign against homosexuality
- ❑ Impact of political violence on democracy and on activists
- ❑ Change in the Greater Johannesburg Metro
- ❑ The effect of culture and text on language
- ❑ Impact of minority stressors on homosexual and bisexual males
- ❑ Social history of Umkhonto we Sizwe, 1976 – 1991
- ❑ The origin, development and function of gay language in Johannesburg, 1950-1999
- ❑ Human Rights education
- ❑ Homosexuality in the SADF

- ❑ Women's political organising and the liberation struggle
- ❑ Lesbian images in visual and verbal text in contemporary Southern African society
- ❑ Gay identity and AIDS
- ❑ Catholic movements in opposition to Apartheid: 1984 - 1994

### Doctorates

- ❑ The United Democratic Front
- ❑ Dutch-South African relations
- ❑ Urban housing
- ❑ Domestic workers in Johannesburg post 1990
- ❑ Black activists in the South African Communist Party
- ❑ Cross-cultural rhetoric's of race and sexuality in South Africa, 1966 – present
- ❑ Comparative study of the protection of employee's right to strike
- ❑ Ways Anti-Apartheid organisations constructed a tradition of resistance through visuals and slogans in posters, t-shirts and banners, of the 1980s.
- ❑ Trade Union growth, structure and power in South Africa, 1970 - 1996
- ❑ Review of the relevance of the two-stage strategy in the South African political economy
- ❑ The 1995 Labour Relations Act: A critique
- ❑ History of business in Soweto
- ❑ Judges and Politics: sentencing of political offenders, 1960 – 1990
- ❑ Comparative study of Gay politics
- ❑ Bannings
- ❑ Assessing the collective mentality of homophobic SA from 1960
- ❑ Mamelodi
- ❑ Historiography of democratisation in labour organisations
- ❑ Underground material distributed by the SACP and the ANC
- ❑ Gender and nationalism in South Africa
- ❑ The potential for economic regeneration of the inner city through culture
- ❑ The position of homosexuals in Islam
- ❑ Steve Biko: visual images
- ❑ The impact of the sexual orientation clause on gays and lesbians with attention to differences based on race, class and gender
- ❑ Examination of gender as a continuum in relation to the lives of gay and lesbian South Africans
- ❑ Political Leadership in Exile

### Television Documentaries & Dramas and Radio productions

- ❑ 100 years of education
- ❑ Dramatisation of the life of Helen Joseph
- ❑ Mugabe campaign against gays and lesbians in Zimbabwe
- ❑ *People of the South* – research re interviews with individuals
- ❑ The Labour Relations Act
- ❑ Gay rights in South Africa
- ❑ Apartheid Education in Schools
- ❑ Robben Island
- ❑ Grassroots women's movements in post-apartheid South Africa

- ❑ Set dressing for TV series
- ❑ Lesbian and Gay social history
- ❑ Josi: the tour of queer Johannesburg
- ❑ Gay Theatre
- ❑ Gay History in Kwa-Thema
- ❑ Documentary on political leaders: Mbeki, Tambo and Buthelezi

### Articles and Publications

- ❑ Homophobia in Swaziland
- ❑ Sexual orientation: local and legal movements
- ❑ *From Protest to Challenge*, Vols 6 & 7
- ❑ South African Political Exiles in the UK
- ❑ Gay issues (play)
- ❑ Book on South African life
- ❑ Article on decriminalisation of consensual adult sex between males
- ❑ Workbook on Apartheid and Racial Discrimination (MARU)
- ❑ Lesbian history in the gay world (novel)
- ❑ Article re Ruth First
- ❑ Book re Oliver Tambo
- ❑ Boon on Thabo Mbeki
- ❑ Book on Gay and Lesbian life in Southern Africa
- ❑ Article on Winnie Mandela
- ❑ Article re forecasting on South African Transition
- ❑ Article for EXIT newspaper re gay history
- ❑ Article re gay liberation movement
- ❑ The Life-history of Simon Nkoli
- ❑ Non-violent resistance from 1970 - 1994
- ❑ History of Drag
- ❑ Is homosexuality really un-African (Tribute Magazine)
- ❑ Religion and homosexuality
- ❑ Book on Indian South Africans
- ❑ Report on informal justice

### Other

Submissions to and research by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
 ANC organisational work  
 Renaming of a hospital (Yusaf Dadoo)  
 Speech by Gauteng GTMC on early Indian Passive Resisters  
 Archives as source material  
 Course assignments  
 Teaching purposes  
 Curriculum development for schools  
 Exhibitions  
 Wits Debating Society: Homosexuality and African Culture  
 Postcards of struggle posters  
 Project re gay and lesbian life in Johannesburg in the 1950s  
 Government statements on black consciousness and SASO

Visual documentation for inclusion in school learning packs  
COSATU resolutions  
Regina Mundi Church (Heritage Site)  
Training and Development (Provincial Government)  
Case study on cross-subsidisation  
Courses in Trade Union Studies