

March 14, 2025

ASG ARCHIVES CONSULTANTS VISIT PURPOSE

Consultants Eira Tansey and Helen Wong Smith were contracted by CoSA (the non-profit Council of State Archivists group) to seek data on Procurement & Disaster Infrastructure and other topics for a CoSA report about American Territorial Archives in the Pacific and Carribean that will be enlightening to administrators & financiers. They are funded under a grant from the ILMS Institute of Library and Museum Services awarded to CoSA a few years ago. An American Territories summit was held at St. Louis Missouri in the fall of 2024 for this project, which is called AWARE – Archives Working Across Remote Environments, and was attended by the State/Territorial Archivists of Alaska, Am. Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands. The AWARE project stems from a conversation of State and Territorial Archivists held at their first post-Covid-19 reunion at Nashville Tennessee in 2022.

COSA CONSULTANTS VISIT OUTLINE

MARCH 17 MONDAY c10:00 pm Airport evening welcome arrival and guidance to cars, hotels.

MARCH 18 TUESDAY UTULEI & TAFUNA

- 9:00-10:00 1. Visit to OARM at Tafuna for data gathering/tour re data procurements, Infrastructure, Samoan culture and other topics, ie. OARM data resources.
- 10:00-11:00 2. OARM Bldg Renov. Proj. walk through with Dep. Director, Bidders & Consultants.
3. Drive or transport to Utulei Executive Office Bldg
- 12:00-2:00 1. Luncheon with DAS Director & office staff and guests. Greeting, meeting and conversation about procurement/infrastructure/culture and the American Samoan archives. Invitees are Am. Samoa Hist. Records Advisory Board leaders, ie. Territorial Registrar, Vital Statistian, School Transcripts Officer, High Ct. and/or Dist Ct. Clerk & Territorial Archivist.
2. Brief EOB tours of appropriate archives-records storage areas if appropriate, ie. Gov & AG/IMM offices and/or Samoan Affairs and/or visit to Feleti Barstow Library (including a brief cordial call on Governor or First Lady or Lt. Gov or Chief of Staff if possible).
- 2:00-3:30 1. Addl afternoon visit/tour of Territorial Registrar archives & records office.
2. A stop at the Jean P. Haydon Museum/Arts Council next door afterwards.

MARCH 19 WEDNESDAY OARM READING ROOM OR TAFUNA PW TBD

- 9-11:00 am 1. Tafuna PW conference room Consultants meeting.
Meeting with community partners, researchers, stakeholders, for 1-2 hrs.
Invitees: Church repositories, Friends of the Museum, Humanities Council, ASCC Professors, Gov/AG representatives, High Ct & Dist Ct. staff, One USN USPS staff, One USN Congresswoman staff. ASHRAB agency staffers, PW archives and/or various ASG agency attendees.
2. Optional luncheon or lunch break, adjournment.
- 12:00-4:00 3. Consultant's free space. optional offsite cultural site visits, ie. Turtle/ Shark, Tauese Marine Sciene Center or Shopping, etc

MARCH 20 THURSDAY ASHRAB NHPRC TRAINING OUTREACH AT ASHPO OFFICE TAFUNA

- 9-12:00 1. ASHRAB Workshop, with optional remarks by Consultants, see program.
- 12-4 :00 2. Addl free time for consultants to explore, sightsee before departure.
- 6-8:00 3. Airport Check in, farewells.



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ASHRAB TRAINING OUTREACH – ASHPO TAFUNA

THURSDAY - 3/20/25 – 10AM - 12PM

9:00 -9:15 *Samoan Christian Prayer*

9:15 - 9:30 *Greeting remarks by speakers on the purpose and goals of the ASG ASHRAB:*

Am Samoa Historical Preservation Officer Tish Peau

9:30 - 9:45 *Refreshments, Coffee Break*

9:45 - 10:15 *Special guest speaker on the topic of Climate Change:*

Archivist Eira Tansey of the Memory Rising Consultancy

10:15-10:45 *Special guest speaker on the topic of Cultural Competency:*

Archivist Helen Wong Smith of the University of Hawai Archivist, Manoa

10:45 -11:15 *Video presentation about ASG Records Management/Programs; Digitization methods & Metadata: and Anniversary publications goals for an ASHRAB 125th Flag Day and America's 250th Semiquincentennial celebration*

Archivist James Himphill of the American Samoa Office of Archives & Records

11:15-12:00 *Discussion, Q&A, summarizations, farewells.*

Afternoon Tour options: Vaitogi Turtle Shark site, and/or a Leone/Poloa drive, etc.

ASHRAB BOARD MEMBERS: Director of Education Dr. Mary Tulafono Historical Preservation Officer Tish Peau, Territorial Archivist James Himphill. Territorial Registrar Divine Falaniko. Vital Statistician Les Tua. This workshop funded by a grant from the U.S. National Archives Historical Publications and Records Commission of Washington, D.C.

