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Annual Report

Royal Norwegian Air Force
pilots at Camp Little Norway
near Toronto, circa 1943.
From the Campbell Norsgaard
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Archives

Archiving Norwegian America

At our biennial member meeting in October, NAHA announced Archiving Norwegian America, a centennial campaign for the NAHA Archives. This expansive project was laid out by NAHA leadership as part of its strategic planning process. Our mission-critical endowment campaign will enable greater preservation and stewardship of the NAHA collections, while improving access to these materials for the next century.

LEARN MORE and follow our progress at norwegianamericanhistory.org/support/campaign.



NAHA Archivist Kristina Warner assists visiting scholar Jostein Garcia de Presno with research on the Rev. Claus L. Clausen.

Archiving Norwegian America Campaign Donors

The following members and friends have made gifts to the archives campaign. All donations were received by December 31, 2024.

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Grants in 2024 included a generous 3-year digitization grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. NAHA received additional funding from the Sons of Norway Foundation and the State of Minnesota through the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. *Tusen takk!*



2024

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on-site
researchers

60

new archival
donations

4,500

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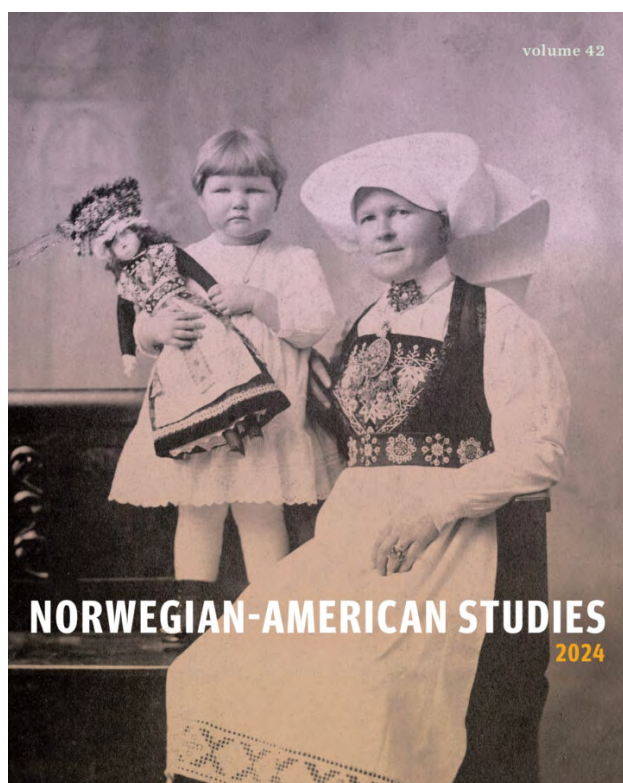
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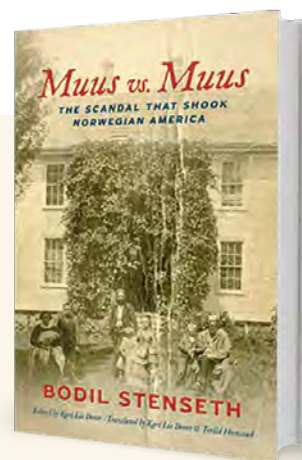
Publications



NAHA members receive our scholarly journal, *Norwegian-American Studies*, each fall. First published in 1926, the journal is dedicated to showcasing the best work in the field of Norwegian-American studies, including the related disciplines of history, literature, religion, art, and cultural studies.

Featured articles in Volume 42 were “The Kravik-Lokensgard Diaries” by Solveig Zempel and “Creating a Sense of Place: Norwegian Ethnicization in the Pacific Northwest, 1870-1960” by Terje Mikael Hasle Joranger. The journal also includes book reviews, photographic features, works-in-progress, and updates on teaching, learning, and researching in the field. In addition to our print edition, free digital access to the journal and all past issues are available to NAHA members via Project MUSE digital library.

NAHA co-published *Muus vs. Muus: The Scandal That Shook Norwegian America*, in partnership with MNHS Press. Originally published in Norwegian as *Fru Muus' klage* by Bodil Stenseth (Forlaget Press, 2019), the English-language edition has been edited by Kari Lie Dorer and co-translated by Dorer and Torild Homstad—both members of NAHA.





Events

and Tours

NAHA holds regular events for its members and the public. In March of 2024, we hosted Gunnar Nerheim, University of Stavanger professor emeritus of modern history. His new book, *Norsemen Deep in the Heart of Texas: Norwegian Immigrants 1845-1900* was hot off the press from Texas A&M University Press. The event was co-hosted with Norway House.

In August, NAHA partnered with St. Olaf Alumni Travel for “Norway: A Thousand Years of Migration.” This 10-day tour explored how people have been on the move to, from, and within Norway over the past millennium, changing the course of transatlantic history. Beginning in Stavanger, the group traveled north to the migration centers of Bergen and Trondheim, with additional stops in Stiklestad and Snåsa.

In October, more than 100 NAHA members and friends attended our biennial member meeting. The day included three engaging presentations, news from NAHA leadership, and the election of new board members. The theme of the day was the importance of archives, and we announced our campaign for our archives endowment. We capped off the day with a dessert reception in our new special collections reading room. If you missed the event, you can find links to the three presentations on our website.

ABOVE: 1. Professor Maddalena Marinari of Gustavus Adolphus College spoke about the 1924 Immigration Act at our biennial meeting. 2. NAHA board member Kristin DeKuiper at Stiklestad. 3. Professor Kari Lie Dorer of St. Olaf College presented “Muus vs Muus: Unraveling Archival (His)stories” at the biennial meeting. 4. NAHA acknowledged outgoing board members Jim Honsvall, Debbie Miller, and Scott Knudson in October. 5. The tour group visited the *Restauration* replica at Mosterøy. 6. Board member Vicki Tobias spoke about managing family archives at the biennial meeting. 7. The tour group experienced Nidaros Cathedral while in Trondheim.

Financials

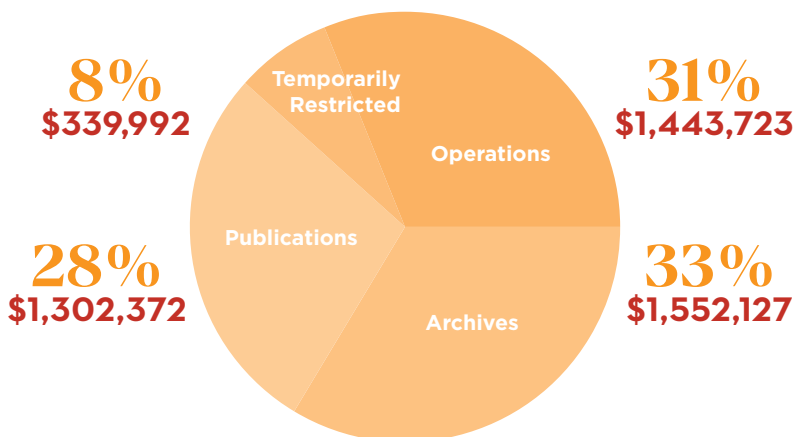
Funding for Operations

Distributions from investments	\$174,211
Donations (for operations)	\$52,761
Membership dues	\$49,498
Operating reserves	\$46,738
NAHA meeting/event fees	\$7,743
Book sales and royalties	\$3,171
TOTAL	\$334,122

Summary of Expenses

Salaries and benefits	\$159,162
Programs and administrative	\$77,674
Contract labor	\$48,568
Publications	\$28,682
Meetings and events	\$11,191
Supplies and equipment	\$4,345
Awards and fellowships	\$4,500
TOTAL	\$334,122

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