

Today we were pleased to have as our guest speaker Daniel Hammer is vice president and deputy director of The Historic New Orleans Collection, a museum, research center and publisher dedicated to preserving the history and culture of New Orleans and the gulf south.

He has a Bachelor's degree in German literature from Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and a Master's degree in Historic Preservation from Tulane University School of Architecture. Both of these degrees directly inform his work at The Collection, where he has worked closely over the years with

its significant holdings relating to the history of the German community in New Orleans, and where he works daily with his colleagues to pursue that aspect of The Collection's mission that is dedicated to the preservation of the French Quarter as the vibrant, useful, and sustainable heart of the city.

Daniel grew up in Lakeview in New Orleans and attended Benjamin Franklin High School and the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts. He lives in Lakeview still today, with his wife and two children.