



The CRRA Liaisons Council Bulletin brings monthly news on members' professional development, achievements and conferences, as well as institutional projects and grant opportunities. This bulletin looks to help support and grow our community. Thanks for submitting your news and articles.

### **1. CRRA Liaisons Council meeting minutes**

Minutes from the Liaisons Council meeting on November 29, 2017, prepared by Council Chair Desirae Zingarelli-Sweet, may be found at [Minutes](#).

### **2. Catholic News Archive – Testimonial, Mary Brown, Archivist, Center for Migration Studies, NY**

Recently, the [Catholic News Archive](#) was helpful in turning a folder of disparate papers into a story of refugee rescue. An intern at the Center for Migration Studies (CMS) was looking for something among the National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC) Bureau of Immigration records when I noticed the Bureau's Czechoslovakia file seemed thicker than the usual folder. To our astonishment we found documents from the 1930s describing the Czech Catholic immigrant aid agency's efforts on behalf of refugees from the Nazis. Our intern consulted a reference librarian, and the librarian turned to the Catholic News Archive.

A July 10, 1939 story (press release 39-2105, p. 9) with a bland title about "political changes" in Czechoslovakia described Czech Catholic efforts to aid co-religionists whose Jewish ancestry left them vulnerable to the Nuremberg laws recently imposed on their country. CMS's records indicated one of the people active in this effort was Josepha Kolarik, secretary of the Saint Raphael Society for Czech Immigrants. Václav Myslivec, a prominent Czech Catholic journalist, knew Kolarik, and his first report after World War II, distributed in an August 27 NCWC newsfeed (45-2255, p. 2, and 45-2271, p. 17), broke the news of her disappearance during the war. On November 19, 1945, another NCWC newsfeed (45-3080, p. 13) reported the end of Myslivec's search: Kolarik had died at Ravensbruck in 1943. The International Tracing Service at Bad Arolsen had information on two people named Kolarik; The NCWC newsfeeds' account of Kolarik's death made clear which data pertained to Josepha. The August 27 and November 19 newsfeeds provided additional details on Kolarik's last months of work: Myslivec repeatedly recalled how, harassed by the Nazis and ousted from her job—which also meant being deprived of her means of earning a living—Kolarik made a pact with Myslivec that whoever was still alive would find a way to tell the Americans what was happening in Czechoslovakia. Thanks to the NCWC News Service, Myslivec was able to fulfill that charge, and, thanks to the Catholic News Archive, the information and inspiration we found in our research are available to everyone.

### **3. Lane Award for Work in Religious Archives, Nominations Invited**

The Society of American Archivists' (SAA) Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P., Memorial Award. This award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of religious archives. Criteria for nomination include:

- Involvement and work in the Archivists of Religious Collections, Section (ARCS) of the Society of American Archivists
- Contributions to archival literature that relates to religious archives
- Participation and leadership in religious archives organizations
- Evidence of leadership in specific religious archives.

Only individual archivists are eligible for nomination. The award finalist is recognized with a certificate from SAA and a \$300 cash prize provided by the Society of Southwest Archivists at the annual Society of American Archivists meeting.

For more information on the Lane Award, including past winners, see:

<http://www2.archivists.org/governance/handbook/section12-lane>.

All nominations shall be submitted to the Awards Committee by February 28, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact: Jillian Ewalt, Metadata Archivist, Special Collections and University Archives California State University, Sacramento [ewalt@csus.edu](mailto:ewalt@csus.edu).

### **4. 2018 ACWR Triennial Conference “Gratitude for the Past and Hope for the Future”, Call for Session Proposals (Dee Gallo, ACWR President)**

ACWR 2018: Archives for Congregations of Women Religious  
September 13-15, 2018  
The Brown Hotel—Louisville, Kentucky

The 9<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR) will be held September 13-15, 2018, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Our theme for this conference is “Gratitude for the Past and Hope for the Future.”

As archivists, we are firmly planted in the past, yet we must also focus on the present and future in these times of rapid change. Many of our communities are in transition: archives are closing or consolidating; positions formerly filled by women religious are now shifting to a lay staff that must be oriented to heritage and charisma; and constantly-changing technologies challenge our abilities to arrange, retrieve and make accessible a new generation of material. This year's theme will allow presenters to demonstrate how they have dealt with such issues, highlight challenges, and introduce related issues.

ACWR is soliciting proposals for conference sessions based on this theme and welcomes proposals from its membership, independent researchers, historians, archivists, and others related to the conference's field of expertise. Traditional sessions and panel discussions are

welcome, but multimedia presentations, workshop sessions and roundtables are also encouraged.

Based on the results of our recent membership survey, proposals that address the following topics are particularly relevant:

- Technology, including an introduction on and creation of policies and procedures for digital materials, starting a digital program, digital preservation, and digitizing initiatives for small archives
- Storage and handling of object and audio-visual collections, including conservation issues
- Oral history programs and policies
- Administrative issues, such as mergers and plans or policies implemented for completing communities

Each breakout session is sixty minutes. All presentations in a session should be limited to forty-five minutes total to allow time for discussion. Also, proposals may be merged into a panel format if similar themes or projects are submitted.

A committee will evaluate proposals on the strength of a 300-word abstract, the speakers' experience, and relevance to the meeting theme. All proposals should include a title for the proposed presentation and a brief bio of the presenter(s).

Proposals are due to [archivistsacwr@gmail.com](mailto:archivistsacwr@gmail.com) by January 19, 2018.

## **5. NEH Grant to Hugh J. Phillips Library at Mount St. Mary's University (Julie Loy)**

The Hugh J. Phillips Library at Mount St. Mary's University has been awarded a Preservation Assistance for Smaller Institutions grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support a comprehensive preservation assessment. NEH funding provided through this grant program will be used to hire a LYRASIS professional preservation consultant to conduct a preservation needs assessment of collections, environmental conditions, facilities, and current departmental preservation policies and procedures to provide baseline data for departmental preservation improvement planning. Additionally, funding will support the installation of an automated environmental monitoring system that will continuously collect and report temperature and relative humidity within the areas that store collections. More information and details may be found at [news release](#).

## **6. 2017 Conferences and Workshops**

### **6a. ALA Midwinter**

February 9 – 13, 2018, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO

Full registration for the 2017 Midwinter Meeting will include the new Symposium on the Future of Libraries, sponsored by the ALA Center for the Future of Libraries.

Information, registration and details at <https://2018.alamidwinter.org/>

#### **6b. ALCTS 2018 Midwinter Symposium “Empowering Access and Ensuring Accessibility: Connecting People to Information and Collections”**

On Friday, February 9, 2018, the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) will hold the Midwinter Symposium “[Empowering Access and Ensuring Accessibility: Connecting People to Information and Collections](#)” during the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver. Aimed at those working in collections and technical services, this full-day symposium will examine how libraries and cultural institutions provide all populations with access to materials.

ALCTS or ALA membership is not required to attend the ALCTS Midwinter Symposium. In addition, attendees do not need additional registration for the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Online registration is available through the [ALA 2018 Midwinter website](#).

For questions about the ALCTS Midwinter Symposium or other ALCTS Midwinter programming, please contact [Megan Dougherty](#), ALCTS Program Officer, Continuing Education. View a [comprehensive listing of ALCTS events at Midwinter](#) and follow ALCTS on social media using #alctsmw18 for the latest details on ALCTS Midwinter programming.

#### **6c. Institute for Research Design In Librarianship (IRDL).**

This Institute is designed to bring together a diverse group of academic and research librarians who are motivated and enthusiastic about conducting research but need additional training and/or other support to perform the steps successfully. During the summer workshop that is the centerpiece of the Institute, participants will receive expert instruction on research design and small-group and one-on-one assistance in writing and/or revising their own draft research proposal. In the following year, participants will receive ongoing support in conducting their research and preparing the results for dissemination.

For complete program information, please see [the IRDL website](#).

This application center will open from December 1, 2017-January 27, 2018.

Before you begin, please be sure you have completed your application document and have saved it as a single PDF according to the instructions noted at <http://irdlonline.org/call-for-proposals/prepare-your-proposal/>

#### **6d. JCDL 2018: Joint Conference on Digital Libraries**

The ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries in 2018 (JCDL 2018) will be hosted by three units of the University of North Texas (UNT) — the College of Information, the UNT Health Science Center, and the UNT Libraries. It will be held at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, the rustic and artistic threshold into the American West. Its co-organizer includes the School of Information Management at Wuhan University. Theme: From Data to Wisdom: Resilient Integration across Societies, Disciplines, and Systems.

Communities Welcomed: JCDL welcomes interesting submissions ranging across theories, systems, services, and applications. We invite those managing, operating, developing, curating, evaluating, or utilizing digital libraries broadly defined, covering academic or public institutions, including archives, museums, and social networks. We seek involvement of those in iSchools, as well as working in computer or information or social sciences and technologies. Multiple tracks and sessions will ensure tailoring to researchers, practitioners, and diverse communities including data science/analytics, data curation/stewardship, information retrieval, human-computer interaction, hypertext (and Web/network science), multimedia, publishing, preservation, digital humanities, machine learning/AI, heritage/culture, health/medicine, policy, law, and privacy/intellectual property. More information at <http://2018.icdl.org/>.

#### **6e. 2018 CLA Annual Convention**

[Catholic Library Association Annual Convention](#) is going virtual, Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Eastern. Speakers will include award winners Father Bryan Massingale and Father James Martin. More information will be posted soon but be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

#### **6f. 2018 American Theological Library Association**

The 2018 American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference – “Connections at the Crossroads, Creating Collaboration in a Changing Landscape” -will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 13-16, at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. The conference will bring together a wealth of educational programs, interest group meetings, excursions, and events. For more information, please click [here](#).

#### **6g. More on Conferences**

Listing of digital library meetings, workshops, and conferences, as well as other activities associated with digital libraries research and technologies, click on Digital Library Federation [DFL Community calendar](#).

### **7. Grant Opportunities**

Michigan State University Libraries publishes a compilation of web pages and books of potential interest to nonprofit organizations seeking funding opportunities related to religion. Please go to [Grants for Nonprofits: Religion and Social Change](#) . Also for Faith Based Grants, check out GrantWatch for faith based grants supporting at-risk youth, crime victims and community organizations. 86 Faith Based Grants available at <https://www.grantwatch.com/cat/11/faith-based-grants.html>. Library of Congress published a Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries, Archives, and Museums list, to access the 2010 edition go to <https://www.loc.gov/preservation/about/foundtn-grants.pdf>

OPPORTUNITY NUMBER	OPPORTUNITY TITLE	AGENCY NAME	POSTED DATE	CLOSE DATE
ME-FY18	Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff - A Museums for America Special Initiative	IMLS	12/8/2017	3/1/2018
LB21-FY18-2	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	11/29/2017	6/8/2018
EDITIONS-201806	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	11/29/2017	6/13/2018
EDITIONS-201810	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	11/29/2017	10/4/2018
STATE-201806	State Board Programming Grants	NARA	11/29/2017	6/13/2018
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY18-2	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	11/29/2017	6/8/2018
20180116-HAA	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants	NEH	11/15/2017	1/16/2018
20180110-TD	Media Projects Grants	NEH	11/9/2017	1/10/2018
20180110-GW	Public Humanities Projects	NEH	11/9/2017	1/10/2018
20180111-PJ	National Digital Newspaper Program	NEH	11/8/2017	1/11/2018
LB21-FY18-1	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	7/20/2017	1/16/2018
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY18-1	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	7/20/2017	1/16/2018
MAJOR-201807	Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives	NARA	7/14/2017	7/11/2018
PRELIM-201801	Access to Historical Records: Major Initiatives (Preliminary)	NARA	7/14/2017	1/18/2017
20171227-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/6/2017	12/27/2017

Source <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

