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## Feature Article

### **The *Oliver Leonard Kapsner, O.S.B. Cataloging Bulletin: A Resource for Catalogers of Catholic Publications***

*Robert L. Kusmer, German, Humanities and Theology Cataloging Librarian and German Language and Literature Librarian, University of Notre Dame*

At some point in 2007 I was contacted by Tom Duszak of the Catholic Library Association with an invitation to start a newsletter aimed at catalogers in Catholic libraries. After some discussion I agreed to compile and edit such a publication, with

the agreed-upon frequency to be quarterly. With that, the Oliver Leonard Kapsner, O.S.B. Cataloging Bulletin: e-newsletter of the Catholic Library Association was born, and the rest, as they say, is history. I've continued my endeavors since then and have just released the April 2016 issue (number 35).

The Bulletin offers current cataloging information which can benefit the work of catalogers to potentially enhance or update the information found in local catalogs. The main substance of the issues consists of updates, corrections or new entries in LC topical subject headings, genre headings and LC classification gleaned from the weekly lists made available through the Library of Congress website. In addition, new or updated name authority headings in the news are often highlighted separately. Finally, other pertinent news from the cataloging world is passed along. Recent topics have included Demographic Group Terms applicable to Catholic materials; news about the digitization of the National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints; the list of Genre/Form Terms for Religious Works approved by the Library of Congress along with information about the collaborative work underlying it; the new CIP data block announced by LC; and other articles.

Still, a standing desideratum has been to see more contributed content to the Bulletin from the reading audience. The Catholic Research Resources Alliance represents a constituency that could step up in this regard, along with the membership of the Catholic Library Association.

So much for what the Bulletin is all about, while looking forward to how it could be enhanced in the future. And as the saying goes, the future begins now: starting with the July issue I have stepped down as editor of the Cataloging Bulletin. My successor is Dr. Thomas Dousa, a Cataloger at the University of Chicago Library. I am sure Tom would be grateful for your suggestions and ideas concerning the future shape of the publication. His email address is [tmdousa@uchicago.edu](mailto:tmdousa@uchicago.edu). Please join me in wishing him success!



## ***From the Board***

*Steve Connaghan, Chair and University Librarian, The Catholic University of America*

It was my great pleasure to welcome



Meeting held on June 7. I was “live” from Georgetown University, where through the joys of video conferencing, I enjoyed seeing many people “on camera” at St. John’s University, Saint Joseph’s University or in their libraries. The [lightning talks by members](#) on their unique and often digital collections were uniformly excellent as was the update on

the growing number of subject guides on Catholic themes and events (see below under Collection highlights). After many discussions during the past year on digitizing Catholic newspapers, it was rewarding to see the demonstration of the emerging Catholic News Archive (See [Announcing the Catholic News Archive](#)). Dave Cassens, Saint Louis University, ended the meeting with a succinct review of the [Draft Three Year Strategic Plan 2016/17 – 2018/19](#), highlighting what we do in building communities around providing enduring global access to rare, unique and new digital Catholic research resources.

I am pleased to thank the entire Board for its dedicated and thoughtful work this year, and especially our departing members: Dave Cassens, Dean, Saint Louis University; Artemis Kirk, University Librarian, Georgetown University; Lorraine Olley Eustice, Director, D.Min. (Cand.), University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary; and Scott Walter, University Librarian, DePaul University. Next year, five recently-elected members will join the Board: Sara B. Baron, Ed.D., University Librarian, Duquesne University; Theresa Byrd, Ed.D., University Librarian, University of San Diego for a second term; Ana Fontoura, Dean, College of New Rochelle; Kathy Webb, Dean, University of Dayton; and Janice Welburn, Dean, Marquette University. I look forward to my continuing participation as past Board chair.

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## ***Committee Briefs***

### ***CRRA Subject Guides Subcommittee***

*Ted Bergfelt, Chair CRRA Subject Guides Subcommittee, Duquesne University*

In April 2016, CRRA began a subscription to LibGuides. In Spring 2016, a

the Collections Committee, also began to operate, with Ted Bergfelt (Duquesne University) as the chair. Members of this subcommittee include Dustin Booher (Catholic University of America), Andrew Rea (DePaul University), Steven Szegedi (Dominican University), and Desirae Zingarelli-Sweet (Loyola Marymount). The purpose of the subcommittee is to create subject guides (using the LibGuides software) that will help connect Catholic Portal users quickly and easily to relevant content, both print and electronic, at CRRA institutions and beyond. There are currently thirteen CRRA LibGuides, and two more are under development. The choice of topics for future CRRA LibGuides will be based on Catholic Portal search statistics, the twelve CRRA collecting themes, special events, and suggestions from Portal users and CRRA member institutions. The current list of CRRA Subject Guides may be viewed by clicking this link:

<http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/catholic-portal/subject-guides/>

## ***Liaisons Council***

*Ximena Valdivia, Chair of the Liaisons Council, Barry University*

### **Annual Report of Liaisons Council activities:**

#### 1. New appointment

On September 2015, Ximena Valdivia from Barry University was appointed chair of the Liaisons Council.

#### 2. CRRA Liaisons Council meeting

On October 2, 2015, Council had the first meeting of the year. Agenda of the meeting included introduction of 2 new members, member news and a discussion on Liaisons [goals](#) for 2015-16.

#### 3. CRRA Liaisons Bulletin

On November 2011 the liaisons council started a monthly bulletin with news on members' professional development, achievements and conferences, as well as institutional projects and grant opportunities. The Bulletin is distributed via email and past issues may be reviewed at the "What's New" section on the CRRA portal [home page](#) or the [Liaisons Bulletin Archive](#).

#### 4. Survey (goals 5.2, 5.3, 5.4)

progress of 2015-2016 Council goals. The survey was distributed four times (between December 2015 and January 2016) via email to Liaisons. Twenty two member institutions responded the survey, representing a 50% response rate participation. The survey also showed satisfactory results in relation to the 2015-16 Liaisons Council goals. By January 2016 goals 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4. were considered accomplished. It is believed that the results of the survey will help the Liaisons Council and other CRRA groups to set priorities and new goals.

#### 5. CRRA DAC/Liaisons Webinar on Collaborative Digitization (goal 5.1)

A webinar on Collaborative Digitization: The Catholic Pamphlets Project was offered on June 1, 2016, as a joint effort between Digital Access Committee and Liaisons Council. Jean McManus and Eric Lease Morgan of Notre Dame described their project to digitize Catholic pamphlets and make them available in the portal. Presenters shared their experience with in-house and outsourced digitization, workflow, connecting images to MARC records, copyright issues, etc. The webinar had an attendance of more than 21 people, considering that some sites had multiple participants

#### 6. Annual Meeting

Liaisons Council participated actively in the Annual Meeting Lightning Talks session on June 7, 2016. The session was organized, moderated and presented by Liaison Council members. Fourteen members presented on their institutions' unique Catholic [digital](#) and [archival collections](#).

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## ***Newspapers Project*** **Announcing the Catholic News Archive**

Thanks to the [generous commitments](#) of CRRA members and partners, we are delighted to announce that the Catholic News Archive on the Veridian platform is up and running. With pledged funds and the work of numerous sourcing partners and vendors, we have begun digitizing 32,000 pages from the Catholic News Service newsfeeds, the Miami Voice, Philadelphia's Catholic Standard and Times, and the New Orlean's Clarion Herald. This is just the beginning, stay tuned as we continue to add content as funds become available. Please have a look at the Archive and [send us](#) your comments or suggestions!

Sincere thanks to all who made this possible, with special thanks to those who worked so diligently and swiftly to get this initial 32,000 images ready for processing: Katherine Nuss, Catholic News Service Archives; Shawn Weldon, Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center and Cait Kokolus, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; Jonathan Roach, Jess Orozco and Julia Ricks from St. Thomas University and Lee Leumas and Remesia Bolerjack at the Office of Archives and Records at the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Peter Finney of the Clarion Herald.

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## ***Tech Corner***

### **Liaisons Webinar on Catholic Pamphlets Recording Available**

The Digital Access Committee (DAC) and Liaisons co-sponsored a June 1 webinar on Collaborative Digitization: Catholic Pamphlets

Jean McManus and Eric Lease Morgan of Notre Dame described a Notre Dame project to digitize Catholic pamphlets and make them available in the Portal, sharing their experience with in-house and outsourced digitization, workflow, connecting images to MARC records, copyright issues, specifications, and more. The next project phase will be to reach out to CRRRA members to add their Catholic pamphlets to the Portal, thereby creating a collaboratively curated collection of Catholic pamphlets held by members.

Sincere thanks to Jean McManus, Eric Morgan, DAC chair, Demian Katz and Liaisons chair, Ximena Valdivia for their leadership and support in making this a successful webinar.

If you are interested in viewing the recorded webinar, please see links on the [Liaisons page](#) to the [Zoom Video Recording](#) and more. Feel free to share this with your colleagues.

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## ***Collection Highlights***

The fifteen [lightning talks by members](#) on their [digital collections](#) and [archival collections](#) were a fascinating glimpse into Catholic history. Amazing what can be said in 4 minutes. Records from religious congregations – Augustinian, Dominican, Jesuit, Ursuline, and Vincentian – were featured as was the influential Dockweiler Family Papers of Los Angeles. Prominent collections highlighted were the Marian Library at the University of Dayton and the Bureau of Indian Mission Collection at Marquette University. Digitization activities are on the rise as seen in the *METAscripta* Project digitizing manuscripts in the Vatican Film Library at Saint Louis University, the Daily Reflections Archive at Creighton, and Catholic pamphlets at the University of Notre Dame. While learning more about these collections, participants identified opportunities for collaboration in creating even more comprehensive collections, for example, around Catholic pamphlets, which were frequently published regionally, are uniquely held in member collections. Click on [lightning talks by members](#) for links to the collections and presenter contact information.

Along with collections, the focus was on encouraging use. It was exciting to see the how this is happening through the [American Catholic History Classroom](#), which features a range of materials for educators and researchers, and the growing number of [subject guides](#) available on religious congregations, African-American Catholics and *Laudato Si*, all with links to relevant materials in the portal. All CRRA members can copy and adapt the [subject guides](#) for local use as well as contribute or suggest new guides be created by writing to any member of the [Subcommittee on Subject Guides](#).



## **News from Our Members**

A shout out to Donald Beagle, Belmont Abbey College, who was designated recently as the Association of College & Research Libraries "ACRL

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## ***News from CRRA***

- The first *CRRA Corner* appeared in the Catholic Library Association's *Catholic Library World* 86:4 (June 2016) with an introduction to CRRA. Future *CRRA Corners* will discuss subject guides to Catholic themes by Ted Bergfelt and digitizing Catholic newspapers. If you would like to suggest a topic or write a *CRRA Corner*, contact [Rose Fortier](#), Marquette University.
- Alan Krieger, Notre Dame and Pat Lawton, CRRA, submitted an update on CRRA to the American Theological Libraries Association Roman Catholic Denomination Group.
- Pat Lawton and Jennifer Younger presented [Best Practices for Digital Archiving: Aggregated, Catholic, Collaborative](#) at the Catholic Media Conference, June 3, 2016 in St. Louis.



Farewell to Nick Casas - A word of special thanks is due [Nick Casas](#), CRL Coordinator for CRRA, who played a large role in working with members and partners to identify good source material and shepherd the digitized newspaper content through the process. Nick has been with us almost two years and has been a valuable co-worker. Many of you have had the pleasure of working with Nick and will join us in

extending sincere thanks and very best wishes for an exciting new chapter in his career. Thanks, Nick, and stay in touch!

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## ***Save the Date!***

**Join Jamie LaRue, Dr. Nancy Arnison at the IFLA**



Jamie LaRue, Director of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom and Dr. Nancy Arnison, Director of the Theological Book Network are keynotes for the [IFLA RELINDIAL SIG](#) Meeting (Religions: Libraries and Dialogue Special Interest Group) sponsored by ATLA on Friday, 12 August 2016 from 9:00am-4:00pm at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH. Their remarks, as well as those from panelists of four different faiths and three presenters of invited papers will focus on the theme of the meeting, Fostering Global Communication among Religions and Libraries. Registration or attendance of IFLA is not required. Space is limited. View the program and register at <https://events.atla.com/rsm/rsm2016>



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