



This new CRRA Liaisons Council initiative will bring 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. 2015/16 Accomplishments CRRA Liaisons Council

- Initiated the monthly *Liaisons Bulletin* of news by and about members, member collections, continuing education, and grants opportunities.
- Hosted an all-Liaisons meeting on making content available in the portal and collaborative collection building and digitization.
- Co-hosted with DAC the *Webinar on Catholic Pamphlets*.
- Conducted a survey to collect data in support of 2015-2016 Liaisons goals.
- In collaboration with Collections and Membership, adopted use of LibGuides at 15 member institutions.
- Added links to the CRRA portal and/or Newspapers Online to ten member websites.
- Suggested priority collections/themes for members to collaboratively build portal content including digital collections (digital humanities and newspapers) and religious congregation materials, especially oral histories.

Thank you to all of you who have collaborated to make of these accomplishments a reality.

2. Bicentennial Celebration of the Vincentians in America: An Exhibition

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Congregation of the Mission's work in the United States, DePaul University Library, with the assistance of DePaul's Office of Mission and Values, presents *The Bicentennial Celebration of the Vincentians in America: An Exhibition at the John T. Richardson Library*. The exhibition will run Autumn and Winter quarters, and encompasses two separate installations. The first, *God as Compass, Rudder, and Pilot: the Missionary as a Pioneer*, details the journey the Vincentian missionaries took, from its beginnings in Rome in 1815 to the company's eventual settlement at St. Mary's of the Barrens in the Missouri Territory in 1818. Its sister installation is *Knowledge and Salvation: the Missionary as a Man of the Enlightenment*, which explores books from the library of these first American Vincentians and the influence of the Enlightenment on the missionaries. The exhibit includes books, correspondence, artifacts, and maps, and acknowledges the religious vocations and motivations of the Vincentian missionaries while contextualizing their place within the larger arena of American history. A digital iteration of the exhibit is forthcoming.

For those in the Chicagoland area, DePaul University will host an opening reception on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 4PM-6PM in our Special Collections and Archives (John T. Richardson Library 314, 2350 N Kenmore Ave, Chicago, IL 60614). The event is free and open to the public, so feel free to stop by if you are interested. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Andrew Rea area1@depaul.edu with any questions.

3. 2016 Conferences and Workshops

3a. Digital Directions: Fundamentals of Creating and Managing Digital Collections

Denver, CO, September 26 – September 29. Guided by a faculty of national experts, join colleagues from institutions large and small for 2 1/2 days of instruction on best practices and practical strategies for the creation, curation, and use of digital collections. Network with colleagues who have similar challenges, interact with faculty one-on-one, gain a comprehensive introduction to digitization, and visit the mile high city of Denver, CO. For Information and details go to <https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/digital-directions/dd-2016>

3b. Making of the Humanities Conference

The fifth conference on the history of the humanities, 'The Making of the Humanities V', will take place at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore (USA), from 5 till 7 October 2016. The MoH conference is organized by the [Society for the History of the Humanities](#) and bring together scholars and historians interested in the history of a wide variety of disciplines, including archaeology, art history, historiography, linguistics, literary studies, musicology, philology, and media studies, tracing these fields from their earliest developments to the modern day. We are especially interested in work that transcends the history of specific humanities disciplines by comparing scholarly practices across disciplines and civilizations. Please note that the Making of the Humanities conferences are not concerned with the history of art, the history of music or the history of literature, etc., but instead with the history of art history, the history of musicology, the history of literary studies, etc. Check for details on [registration and accommodation](#) and [Preliminary Conference program](#)

3c. Islandora Camp

Kansas City, MO, October 12 – October 15, 2016

Islandora is an open-source software framework designed to help institutions and organizations, and their audiences, collaboratively manage and discover digital assets using a best-practices framework. Combining Fedora and Drupal, Islandora is implemented and contributed to by an ever-growing international community. Full details and registration on our camp website: <http://islandora.ca/camps/mo2016>

3d. Workshop on Visualization for the Digital Humanities, Baltimore, MD, October 24 -

October 27, 2016. A [workshop](#) will take place as part of [IEEE VIS 2016](#) in Baltimore, MD. The purpose of the workshop and forum is to propose new research directions in visualization for the digital humanities, to familiarize the visualization research community with the problems faced by digital humanities researchers, and to foster future collaboration between visualization and digital humanities research.

4. Archivists of Religious Collections Section, Annual Meeting, 2016

The Archivists of Religious Collections Section of the Society of American Archivists held their annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, August 5, 2015. For details and information, please see below minutes of the meeting, please pay attention to the links to the videos of the presentations. You may also enjoy some other archive related videos at <https://vimeo.com/channels/RLGasero>

Society of American Archivists

Archivists of Religious Collections Annual Meeting

Friday, August 5, 2016

Atlanta, George

Opening

Wesley Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Panel Program

The meeting began with a panel program with the business portion to follow. Vice-chair Dee Gallo introduced the speakers and Coleen McFarland Rademaker as the moderator.

Russell Gasero, secretary, recorded the panel presentations for those not at the meeting. The videos of the presentations are available at:

Terry Baxter: vimeo.com/179240918

Danielle Cooper: vimeo.com/179211238

Rebecca Hankins: vimeo.com/178673854

Malachy MacCarthy: vimeo.com/179371377

The feeling was expressed that this was the best program ever.

Business Meeting

The business meeting began at 2:00 pm.

Council Liaison

Lisa Mangiafico concluded her term as liaison. Courtney Chartier will be the new council liaison for the section. Her report was sent as an e-mail to the section on August 2 (see below for text). The council has concluded its efforts in making changes that result in all groups as member affinity groups. They took the feedback received and modified the proposal.

Members may belong to as many groups as they desire. An immediate change is the need for the annual report by September 1, this year.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2015 meeting were submitted and approved by the members.

ICA Faith Tradition Section

Lynn Lumas, Archdiocese of New Orleans, serves as chair of the section. They will be meeting in Seoul, South Korea, in September. There will be an all day workshop on emerging management.

The next meeting will be in Mexico City in October, 2017. A call for sessions will go out in late fall.

Vice-chair Report

Dee Gallo put the panel presentation together with the help of Coleen McFarland Rademaker. It was a great program—check out the videos!

Chair Report

Wes Wilson reported that The Sr. M. Claude Lane Award went to Diane Wells last year. This year's recipient is Dee Gallo.

The section has produced three newsletters. David Kingma is stepping down after three years and he has been working on recruiting a new editor. This will continue. Anyone who is interested should contact Dee Gallo (denise.gallo@doc.org).

Election Results

Janet Hauck is the new vice-chair/chair elect and Melanie Maxwell is the new steering committee member. (See end for full roster of officers.)

Adjournment

Dee Gallo took over as chair and adjourned the meeting. A reception was held at Gibney's Pub.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell L. Gasero

Council Liaison Report

Dear SAA Archivists of Religious Collections Section members,

I know many of you are traveling to Atlanta at this time, and look forward to seeing you here. Whether you will be in Atlanta or not, I wanted to bring you up-to-date on the actions Council took at our meeting on August 1st. I also wanted to take this opportunity as I rotate off the Council to let you know how much I have enjoyed seeing the work the section is doing—I have particularly enjoyed the wonderful programs you have presented at the annual meetings. Newly elected Council member Courtney Chartier will be the section's new liaison at the conclusion of the annual meeting. For those of you at the annual meeting, I look forward to seeing you at the section meeting Friday afternoon.

Council actions:

1. Approved recommendations from the Council's Working Group on Member Affinity Groups (find the agenda item at: <http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/0816-1-III-A-MembAffGroups.pdf>)

That the SAA staff, with oversight from the Council Working Group on Member Affinity Group, prepare and implement a work plan to transition SAA sections and roundtables to the new

structure as quickly as practicable, with presentation of an initial plan to the Council in November 2016 and updates at least every other month. Based on significant member feedback, the highlights of the changes are:

- o Eliminate the distinction between sections and roundtables.
- o SAA members may join as many groups as they choose.
- o Nonmembers may be list participants on up to three discussion lists.
- o All groups will be required to:
 - Have standardized bylaws.
 - Submit information about the group's annual meeting by March 1.
 - Conduct an online election annually, with submission of a slate by June 1.
 - Submit an annual report and complete leader roster by September 1.
 - Respond to Council requests for research, advice, and expert comments.

o New groups may be formed as they are now, with submission of a petition signed by 100 SAA members.

o Groups may be discontinued if they don't meet one or more of the requirements. This will happen only following significant discussion with the groups' leaders.

o Staff will continue to investigate software options to support more robust online communities.

Yet to be decided as we move through this process is what the affinity groups will be called (sections, affinity group, etc.)

2. Approved an Information Brief on Archives and the Environment.

3. Heard an update on the work of the Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion (see page 43 in print Onsite Program) and approved a revision of the SAA Statement on Diversity and Inclusion to include "Inclusion."

4. Appointed Mark Matienzo to conduct an environmental scan—working with representatives to be identified by the Standards Committee, Electronic Records Section, Metadata and Digital Object Roundtable, EAS Roundtable, and Web Archiving Roundtable—and provide observations regarding SAA's current approach to addressing metadata and digital practice.

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Roster of Section Officers

Gallo	Denise	Chair	8/6/2016 - 7/29/2017	Daughters of Charity Provincial Archives
Hauck	Janet	Vice Chair / Chair-Elect	8/6/2016 - 7/29/2017	Whitworth University
Wilson	Wesley	Immediate Past Chair	8/6/2016 - 7/29/2017	DePauw University Archives
Gasero	Russell	Secretary	8/22/2015 - 7/29/2017	Reformed Church in America Archives
Kingma	David	Newsletter Editor	8/11/2012 -	Gonzaga University
Ewalt	Jillian	Member-at- Large	8/22/2015 - 7/29/2017	University of Dayton
Maxwell	Melanie	Member-at- Large	8/6/2016 - 8/18/2018	Archdiocese of Atlanta
Prietto	Carole	Web Liaison (Social Media Coordinator)	3/25/2014 -	
Chartier	Courtney	Council Liaison	8/6/2016 - 8/15/2019	Emory University

5. 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
NANH-FY17	Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services	IMLS	9/8/2016	12/1/2016
AAHC-FY17	Museum Grants for African American History and Culture	IMLS	9/8/2016	12/1/2016
NLG-MUSEUMS-FY17	National Leadership Grants for Museums	IMLS	9/8/2016	12/1/2016
MFA-FY17	Museums for America	IMLS	9/8/2016	12/1/2016
20170111-HAA	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants	NEH	9/6/2016	1/11/2017
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY17-1	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	7/28/2016	1/13/2017
LB21-FY17-1	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	7/28/2016	1/13/2017
PRELIM-201701	Access to Historical Records - Major Initiatives Preliminary Proposals	NARA	7/25/2016	1/19/2017
MAJOR-201707	Access to Historical Records - Major Initiatives	NARA	7/25/2016	7/12/2017
ARCHIVAL-201612	Access to Historical Records - Archival Projects	NARA	7/25/2016	12/6/2016
ENGAGEMENT-201610	Public Engagement with Historical Records	NARA	6/6/2016	10/6/2016
ELECTRONIC-201610	State Government Electronic Records	NARA	6/6/2016	10/6/2016
20160929-FT	Summer Stipends	NEH	5/5/2016	9/29/2016
20161005-AK	Humanities Connections	NEH	4/19/2016	10/5/2016
20161229-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/4/2016	12/29/2016

EDITIONS-201610	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	11/24/2015	10/6/2016
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Source <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>