



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. Overview of the CRRA Scholars' Advisory Committee Survey (2016)**

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This survey was designed and distributed to provide a current look at how the CRRA website is constructed and how the content is viewed by those who teach in the area of Catholic Studies. After sending out the electronic form to a cross-section of those individuals who could have a connection to the CRRA, a total of 14 respondents representing a geographically diverse cross-section from Washington State to New York State participated. The results show that around half of the respondents had a clear sense of what they wanted to see developed via the homepage while the other half did not have any suggestions or they had no previous knowledge of the CRRA and its mission. With this in mind, counted among the highlights from the responses received include the following major points:

- Those participating in the survey are willing to talk more with us about the portal and their resource needs, we may want to follow up with one on one interviews
- This survey is a good start for understanding what we want to know from our scholars about the portal and its use. (What would be valuable in your work? How to promote the resource? What materials would you like to see? What was gained from asking about courses taught?)
- Digital content and newspapers are of noted value, would like to see more full text of women religious in particular.
- Most (8 out of 12 respondents) were not aware of the portal before this survey
- "It would be valuable to have easier links back to the collections listings for manuscript collections listed. Love how I can often get to digital surrogate for individual objects."

Overall, the efforts of the scholarly community participating in the survey are appreciated as they provide a helpful look at how the CRRA site can benefit them and their students. Further analysis and forums will be planned to keep building an even stronger site ahead. For more information regarding specific data and the work of the Scholars' Advisory Committee please feel free to contact us at: [Alan.Delozier@shu.edu](mailto:Alan.Delozier@shu.edu).

## **2. Melody Layton McMahon, Catholic Theological Union**

Congratulations to Melody Layton McMahon, Catholic Theological Union, for her promotion to Professor of Theological Research and Bibliography. On October 30, 2016, there will be a Convocation followed by a reception at the CTU Academic and Conference Center (5416 South Cornell Avenue, Chicago) to celebrate this achievement. Please RSVP by email: [rsvp@ctu.edu](mailto:rsvp@ctu.edu). *Complimentary parking available in the CTU garage.*

## **3. CRRA Update Summer 2016 - Spotlight on Resources**

In the latest issue of the [CRRA Update](#), Summer 2016, you will find a feature article: Spotlight on Resources. The article highlights seven resources that facilitate teaching, learning and scholarship in many fields of the study of Catholic research. The resources provide information and links to the Catholic Portal, the Catholic News Archive, Catholic Newspapers Online, CRRA Subject Guides, Catholic Resources in Digital Form, CRRA Rotating Exhibit and our CRRA Liaisons Bulletin. Please add these links and resources to your website, library pathfinders, subject guides, or classroom projects. By doing so you will support the CRRA shared mission to provide enduring global access to Catholic research resources.

CRRA needs your feedback to determine what is useful and what is needed. Please [email](#) Pat Lawton to let them know if one or more of these resources has helped in your scholarly or educational efforts. Your suggestions for resources to add are always welcome.

## **4. 2016 Conferences and Workshops**

**4a. 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.

## **4b. DLF Forum, Milwaukee, November 2016**

2016 Digital Library Federation will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 7-9 November 2016. Also [Digital Preservation 2016](#) will be held for the first time in conjunction with the Forum, from 9-10 November.

Pay special attention to Frederick Zarndt of Digital Divide Data and Pat Lawton who will be discussing CRRA's Catholic Newspapers Program "Catholic, Collaborative, and Crowdfunded" November 8, 2016.

For information and details please go to <https://www.diglib.org/forums/2016forum/>.

**4c. 2016 Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities & Computer Science, Nov. 12-13, University of Illinois at Chicago**

Sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), DePaul University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago, the Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science (DHCS) brings together researchers and scholars in the humanities and computer science to examine the current state of digital humanities as a field of intellectual inquiry and to identify and explore new directions and perspectives for future research.

The 2016 theme is “New Directions,” and we invite submissions on any research broadly related to Digital Humanities and Computer Science work applied to humanistic research, with a particular focus on new trends in publishing, mapping, health humanities, digital archives, visualization and visualization tools, gaming, workflows, theories, and methodologies.

Information and details at <http://dhcs.uic.edu/>.

**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
20161207-RQ	Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants	NEH	9/20/2016	12/7/2016
20161207-RZ	Collaborative Research Grants	NEH	9/20/2016	12/7/2016
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	1/12/2017
ARCHIVAL-201612	Access to Historical Records - Archival Projects	NARA	7/25/2016	12/6/2016
20161229-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/4/2016	12/29/2016

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