



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. CRRA 2017 Annual Meeting - Mark the Date!**

The CRRA Annual Member Meeting will be held at the Loyola University Chicago's Water Tower Campus in downtown Chicago. We will meet in the Schreiber Center, 16 E. Pearson Street. Plan now to join colleagues – in-person and possibly online – on Tuesday, June 27. Please reserve the morning from 8 a.m. – Noon Central Time. For information, please go to [CRRA Annual Meeting](#).

For questions and comments, please contact [Pat Lawton](#) or [Jennifer Younger](#). We welcome your ideas and participation.

### **2. CRRA Data Collection on the Value of the Portal**

CRRA Liaisons, Collections, DAC and Scholars committees have developed a survey designed to better understand scholars' use of Catholic research resources and to explore what is unique and important about the Portal, where is it duplicative, and how it might be improved and made more relevant or useful.

The survey is intended to be shared with current and prospective Portal users by CRRA members. In order to assist member institutions in collecting data locally, a short video presentation of the portal accompanies the survey. The questionnaire is short with open and closed questions specific to the goals. The survey will remain open until June 1, 2017.

Please complete the survey and also share with others at your institution. To start the survey, please go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crra\\_portal\\_survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crra_portal_survey).

Special thanks to Josh Dinsman, Ph.D., CRRA Website Manager and Digital Projects Assistant for his assistance in designing the survey and Barry University for putting together the intro to the Portal video.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Lawton, Digital Projects Librarian, CRRA, University of Notre Dame, at [plawton@nd.edu](mailto:plawton@nd.edu).

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and help with this project.

### 3. CRRA at the Digital Initiatives Symposium

Several CRRA members presented papers or posters at the symposium recently sponsored by the University of San Diego, also a CRRA member. Abstracts, slides and/or posters are accessible at

<http://digital.sandiego.edu/symposium/2017/> along with the other presentations, many of which could be of interest to you. Look for the download icon on the website. Author email addresses are in the slides and posters. Our University of San Diego colleagues were omnipresent in welcoming speakers, ensuring sessions ran smoothly, and making sure attendees had what they needed to make the most of the symposium. Thanks San Diego.

Titles and presenters were:

- Scholarly Publishing Education for Academic Authors: Reframing the Library's Instruction Role, **Charlotte Roh**, *University of San Francisco* and **Gail P. Clement**, *California Institute of Technology*
- Creating a digital commons decentralized workflow, **Sarah Titus**, *Saint Norbert College*
- How automated workflows helped us ingest 600 faculty publications in three months in LMU's institutional repository! **Shilpa Rele**, *Loyola Marymount University* and **Jessee Young**, *Loyola Marymount University*
- Determining copyright, licensing and terms of use for a digital newspaper collection: the Catholic News Archive, **Jennifer Younger**, *Catholic Research Resources Alliance*
- Where do we grow from here on digital collections? **Hannah Unsderfer**, *Regis University* and **Erin McCaffrey**, *Regis University*

### 4. University of Notre Dame

**4a.** University of Notre Dame's Hesburgh Libraries is excited to host Professor Kyle Roberts, Loyola University of Chicago, who will speak on "21st Century Digital Approaches to Rethinking 19th Century Catholic Print", Thursday June 1, 2017 at 2:00pm (EDT), in the Rare Books and Special Collections. Professor Roberts talk is in conjunction with the launch of a digital exhibit counterpart to the physical exhibit, "*Preserving the Steadfastness of Your Faith*": Catholics in the Early American Republic", on view in Rare Books and Special Collections through August 11, 2017. The online exhibit will be available at [rarebooks.library.nd.edu](http://rarebooks.library.nd.edu) by June 1.

**4b.** University of Notre Dame is launching a new research tool called *Convocate*. This launch is the culmination of three years of project partnership between the Hesburgh Libraries and the Center for Civil and Human Rights and is a great example of the ways that the Libraries shape and help to implement campus research and digital projects. *Convocate* is an innovative

database and research tool that positions Notre Dame at the forefront of research into connections between international human rights law and Catholic social teaching. Initial database documents in international human rights come from the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, and the African Union, among others — those that focus on Catholic social teaching are from the Vatican and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Notre Dame News released this story on April 21:

<http://news.nd.edu/news/center-for-civil-and-human-rights-to-publish-first-database-examining-intersection-of-catholic-social-teaching-and-international-human-rights-law/>

## **5. 2017 Conferences and Workshops**

### **5a. 2017 Texas Conference on Digital Libraries**

The 2017 Texas Conference on Digital Libraries (TCDL) will take place at the [Commons Learning Center](#) (CLC) on the J.J. Pickle Research Campus in Austin, Texas on May 23-25, 2017. The CLC is within walking distance of the [Texas Advanced Computing Center](#) and near the pedestrian-friendly Domain Austin, featuring more than 100 stores, restaurants, and hotels. TCDL covers topics relevant to the creation, promotion, and preservation of research, scholarship, and cultural heritage digital materials. The goal of TCDL is to bring together those working on digital projects -- including outreach librarians, repository managers, catalogers, faculty members, technical staff, and others -- in order to build a practical, usable, and sustainable model for digital libraries. More information about conference programming including conference sessions, presentations, poster sessions, and workshops available at <https://conferences.tdl.org/tcdl/index.php/TCDL/TCDL2017/index>

### **5b. American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works 2017**

AIC 2017, the 45th Annual Meeting will take place May 28-June 2, 2017, at the [Hyatt Regency Chicago](#) in Chicago, IL. The meeting theme is *Treatment 2017: Innovation in Conservation and Collection Care*. Whether item or collection-level, preventive or interventive, treatment remains at the heart of what conservators do in order to preserve cultural heritage collections. The design and implementation of an ethical and sound conservation treatment, even the ultimate decision of no treatment at all, begin before its commencement and the consequences continue well beyond its completion. Learn more about pre-sessions, tours, workshops, and sessions at <http://www.conservation-us.org/annual-meeting/annual-meeting-2017>

### **5c. ALCTS Virtual Pre-conference 2017**

Diverse, Inclusive, and Equitable Metadata, June 5-9, 2017. How are metadata creators developing methods to encourage the creation of metadata that represents diverse points of view? How does using sources of authority control such as LCSH contribute to misrepresentation of cultural heritage materials? Are our digital libraries equitable? This virtual program provides a venue for sharing ideas to promote cultural competencies and inclusivity in

the metadata process. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Anna Neatrour ([anna.neatrour@utah.edu](mailto:anna.neatrour@utah.edu)) or Darnelle Melvin ([melvin.372@osu.edu](mailto:melvin.372@osu.edu)), ALCTS MIG Programming Co-Chairs. The ALCTS Virtual Preconference will take place the week of June 5th, with each session starting at 1pm Central Time.

#### **5d. 2017 American Theological Library Association Annual Conference**

The 2017 American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Annual Conference “Human Touch in the Digital Age” will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 14-17. The conference will bring together a wealth of educational programs, interest group meetings, excursions, and events. For more information, please click [here](#).

#### **5e. ALA 2017 Annual Conference and Exhibition**

The ALA 2017 Annual Conference and Exhibition - Transforming Our Libraries, Ourselves- will be held in Chicago on June 22-27, 2017. Attendees from all over the world will have access to the latest on futures thinking, digital content, e-books, innovation, library transformation, community engagement, books and authors, leadership, advocacy, policy updates, and more, as they enjoy networking and social events. They will be informed, inspired, and entertained through: 500+ programs, discussions, and sessions - Memorable events and speakers - 900+ exhibitors – the newest titles, hottest products, emerging technologies - Preconferences, in-depth professional development - 100s of authors, Conversations--facilitated and informal, planned and impromptu - ALA JobLIST Placement Center - Events and programs related to the ALA public awareness campaign, Libraries Transform. For information and details, please click [here](#).

#### **5f. 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 [D-Lib](#) Digital Library Federation [DFL Community calendar](#)

#### **6. 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>

<b>OPPORTUNITY NUMBER</b>	<b>OPPORTUNITY TITLE</b>	<b>AGENCY NAME</b>	<b>POSTED DATE</b>	<b>CLOSE DATE</b>
20170622-AB	Humanities Initiatives	NEH	4/20/2017	6/22/2017
20170607-MD	Digital Projects for the Public	NEH	4/5/2017	6/7/2017
20170601-SO	State Humanities Councils General Operating Support Grants	NEH	3/29/2017	6/1/2017
20170608-PR	Research and Development	NEH	3/27/2017	6/8/2017
20170601-PY	Common Heritage	NEH	3/23/2017	6/1/2017
20170606-HAA	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants	NEH	2/17/2017	6/6/2017
20171227-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/6/2017	12/27/2017
EDITIONS-201706	Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	12/9/2016	6/14/2017
STATE-201706	State Board Programming Grants	NARA	12/9/2016	6/14/2017
EDITIONS-201710	for Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	12/9/2016	10/5/2017
NLG-LIBRARIES-FY17-2	National Leadership Grants for Libraries	IMLS	11/9/2016	6/9/2017
LB21-FY17-2	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program	IMLS	11/9/2016	6/9/2017
MAJOR-201707	Access to Historical Records - Major Initiatives	NARA	7/25/2016	7/12/2017

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