



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 – June 27

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 during the month of June.

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.

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.

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

3. CRRA Liaisons Council calls for a Volunteer

Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer and serve in the CRRA community?

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as chair of the CRRA [Liaisons group](#).

This would be a two-year appointment. Duties include coordinating informational webinars, submitting brief reports on Council activities and ensuring there is an open line of communication between member libraries and CRRA. The chair may also participate in strategic planning discussions with the CRRA committees and/or the board via phone conferences.

For more information, please contact Pat Lawton, Digital Projects Librarian, CRRA, University of Notre Dame, at plawton@nd.edu.

4. Call for Images from your Catholic collections (Kathy Young)

Would you like to highlight your Catholic collections at the [annual meeting](#) of the Catholic Research Resource Alliance in Chicago this June? We will be playing a slideshow before the meeting and during lunch, and later, on the CRRA website. It's easy to do and you can participate even if you are not attending the meeting. If interested please send the following files and information by June 22nd:

The 2 images highlighting your Catholic collections. Images should be JPG format, 150 to 300 dpi. Please include the following information with your images – name of collection, name of library and institution, and contact information.

Images and the associated information should be sent to Kathy Young, chair of the annual meeting planning committee, at kyoung3@luc.edu.

5. New CRRA exhibit

Denise Gallo, Jeff Hoffman, Jennifer Head and Marta Deyrup are working on developing an exhibit of digital artifacts and textual narratives that show the link between women's religious orders in the United States and their counterparts in Europe. They want to demonstrate how the archives linked through the CRRA portal can be used for international research.

After our first meeting the four of us wondered if we have enough content for this kind of exhibit and if we should broaden the topic to include histories of religious orders in the US that have no connections with Europe. Would you let us know if a.

Please contact Marta M Deyrup at Marta.Deyrup@shu.edu if you have materials you would like to contribute to this project and or if you have ideas to help grow the exhibit.

6. 2017 Conferences and Workshops

6a. 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](#).

6b. 2017 Western Archives Institute

The 30th annual Western Archives Institute will be held at Santa Clara University from July 9 – 21, 2017. Tuition for the Institute is \$725 and includes a selection of archival publications. Other non-negotiable fees including program transportation, facility fees, opening dinner, and luncheon at the closing program. Housing and meal plans are available at additional cost. For additional program information, see <http://www.calarchivists.org/WAI>, or contact ArchivesWeb@sos.ca.gov.

6c. 2017 Society of American Archivists annual meeting - ARCHIVES 2017: Alike/different

The 2017 Society of American Archivists annual meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 23-29, 2017. Join SAA for *ARCHIVES 2017* in Portland for extraordinary days of learning that will connect you with colleagues who share your challenges, give you the knowledge and skills you need to succeed, and broaden your perspectives. You'll return to work refreshed, renewed, and ready to take your institution to the next level! The annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists includes a wide array of informative education sessions, pre-conference workshops, networking opportunities, special events, exhibits, and tours of local repositories. The *ARCHIVES 2017* Expo is your best opportunity all year to learn about new products and services, ask questions, and share your perspectives with the archives profession's industry partners. Conduct business, network with colleagues – take back to your work place some Great Ideas for enhancing your work. For details and registration, please check [here](#)

6d. 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](#)

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
LEADERSHIP-201712	Archives Leadership Institute	NARA	6/12/2017	12/7/2017
ENGAGEMENT-201710	Public Engagement with Historical Records	NARA	6/9/2017	10/5/2017
ARCHIVAL-201710	Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects	NARA	6/9/2017	10/5/2017
20170809-GW	Public Humanities Projects	NEH	6/8/2017	8/9/2017
20170809-TD	Media Projects	NEH	6/2/2017	8/9/2017
20170927-FT	Summer Stipends	NEH	5/19/2017	9/27/2017
20170720-PW	Humanities Collections and Reference Resources	NEH	5/16/2017	7/20/2017
20170622-AB	Humanities Initiatives	NEH	4/20/2017	6/22/2017
20171227-MR	Programming Grants to Accompany NEH on the Road Exhibitions	NEH	1/6/2017	12/27/2017
EDITIONS-201710	for Publishing Historical Records in Documentary Editions	NARA	12/9/2016	10/5/2017
MAJOR-201707	Access to Historical Records - Major Initiatives	NARA	7/25/2016	7/12/2017

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