**CRRA Liaisons Council Bulletin** **July 2017**

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 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 through the fall semester.

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.

## 2. 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.

**3. Belmont Abbey College** (Don Beagle)

Belmont Abbey College's Digitization Librarian Megin Vickers, Director of Preservation Ali Pizza (pronounced Pisa), and Library Director Don Beagle attended the recent ALA Conference in Chicago. We learned that E-ImageData Co. was holding a raffle to win a free ScanPro 2200. Our Library has kept microfilm holdings that have been difficult for students and faculty to use due to an old dysfunctional reader / printer, including PhD dissertations from major Catholic institutions, the Early British Periodicals collection, and so forth. Megin, Ali, and I all filled out raffle entry cards, and recently learned that Megin's entry won. Image Access Co. will be delivering a ScanPro 2200 to us courtesy of our local dealer, Palmetto Microfilm.

E-ImageData Co. has posted a brief article and video clip of the raffle drawing:

http://e-imagedata.com/latest-news/

Congratulations Abbey College!

**4. 2017 Conferences and Workshops**

**4a. 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 workplace some Great Ideas for enhancing your work.For details and registration, please check here**.**

**4b. BH and DH 2017 Conference**
BH and DH: Book History and Digital Humanities will take place September 22-24, 2017 in Madison, Wisconsin.
Often celebrated and criticized as the next big thing in humanist research and teaching, "the digital humanities" get a lot of press for shaking up the way things are done. But is "dh" a continuation of some of the most "traditional" scholarly work in the humanities: bibliography, textual criticism, and book history? This conference, convened by the Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, aims to study how digital humanities grows out book history, how "bh" and "dh" continue to be mutually informative and generative, and how they also contradict each other.
More information at http://www.wiscprintdigital.org/conferences/
Questions to: printculture@slis.wisc.edu

**4c. Digital Preservation 2017: "Preservation is Political"**
The National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) will hold its annual conference, Digital Preservation 2017: "Preservation is Political," in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 25-26, 2017**.** Digital Preservation is the major meeting and conference of the NDSA—open to members and non-members alike—focusing on tools, techniques, theories and methodologies for digital stewardship and preservation, data curation, the content lifecycle, and related issues. Our 2017 meeting is once again held in partnership with our host organization, the Digital Library Federation (DLF). DLF's October 22nd pre-conference event (bringing together HBCUs and liberal arts colleges) and the 2017 DLF Forum (23-24 October) are all happening in the same location.
Registration and details at http://ndsa.org/meetings/.

**4d. 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


**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 |
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| 20170913-HZ | Humanities Open Book Program | NEH | 6/22/2017 | 9/13/2017 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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