



Catholic Research Resources Alliance

CRRA Update July/August 2011

We begin a new semester and a month of many welcomes! Join us in welcoming the Catholic Theological Union, board members, board and committee chairs, a new baby (Otto Ray Katz), the Five Year Strategic Plan Task Force members, and executive director, Jennifer Younger.

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Welcome, Catholic Theological Union!

We are pleased to welcome Catholic Theological Union (CTU) *The Paul Bechtold Library*, under the leadership of Melody McMahan, to the CRRA. Lisa Gonzalez, Electronic Resources Librarian, will join Melody in her work with CRRA, and will serve as a member of the Digital Access Committee. Welcome, CTU, Melody and Lisa! One of our goals for the coming year is to implement an instance of Archivists' Toolkit, for which CTU has generously volunteered to act as a pilot user.

[Catholic Theological Union](#) is the largest Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry in the United States. Founded in 1968 in the spirit of Vatican II, there are currently 32 religious orders that send students to CTU, as well as lay students from the United States and around the world. The Bechtold Library collection is particularly strong in materials pertaining to religious orders, Franciscan studies and catechetical materials. The library contains over 150,000 volumes, and has a varied art collection that was included in the Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries project.

The library houses both the Weber-Killgallon Center collection of catechetical materials and the Stuhlmüller Room, which contains the personal library of Carroll Stuhlmüller. Stuhlmüller, a Passionist priest and Biblical scholar, served on the faculty of CTU until his death in 1994. In addition,

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collections housed in the CTU archives include the papers of catechists Gerard Weber and Irene H. Murphy, the archives of the North American Academy of Liturgy, and the papers of the Women Religious Imprisoned Under Eastern European Communism project.



Melody Layton McMahan, Director of the Paul Bechtold Library

Melody Layton McMahan started her career as a music librarian (Juilliard, Cleveland Institute of Music) and then worked for twelve years at John Carroll University, a Jesuit liberal arts university. Always having an interest in theological librarianship, she came to CTU in 2008. She has been an active participant in the Catholic Library Association, the Ohio Theological Library Association, the Chicago Area Theological Library Association, and the American Theological Library Association, serving on a number of committees.

In recent years, Melody's vocational interests have extended into writing, including numerous reviews, an article on faculty-library collaboration in *Theological Education* (2005), co-editing an anthology of writings on theological librarianship (*A Broadening Conversation: Classic Readings in Theological Librarianship*, 2006), and serving as the Critical Reviews Editor for the recently-launched online journal *Theological Librarianship: an Online Journal of the American Theological Library Association* (www.theolib.org). (M.S., School of Library Service, Columbia University; M.A., St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology)



Lisa Gonzalez, Electronic Resources Librarian, Paul Bechtold Library

Lisa Gonzalez has worked in libraries in Illinois and California, including Trinity Christian College and Azusa Pacific University. Lisa earned her M.L.I.S. from Dominican University and an M.A. in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. She has worked as the Electronic Resources Librarian at CTU since September 2008, and currently serves as the Communications Officer for CATLA, as well as serving as a member of the I-OPAC Team for the I-Share group catalog in Illinois.

Lisa serves as the newest member of the Digital Access Committee – welcome, Lisa!

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Thank you to Departing Board members and Welcome to the 2011/12 Board

We owe thanks and a hearty “job well done” to three Board members who have served since the Board was set up in February 2008. Each of them has contributed mightily to defining and carrying out the CRRA mission, not only through their Board service but also in leading CRRA committees. We have benefited from their unique blends of vision, commitment and proactive leadership and we thank you for giving so generously of your time and talents.

- Tom Leonhardt, St. Edward’s University and chair, Digital Access Committee
- Tim Meagher, The Catholic University of America and chair, Scholars Advisory Comm.
- Bob O’Neill, Boston College and chair, Collections Committee

In selecting new Board members, the Board considered factors relevant to overall Board composition. We agreed it is desirable to have representation from small and large institutions as well as from sustaining members. We also wanted to bring in members from institutions not currently represented on the Board and to consider individuals who have expressed prior interest in Board service. Although we did not specifically discuss geographic or gender distribution, the new Board is geographically diverse and gender-balanced. With the inclusion of the new position of executive director as an *ex officio* member, the Board increased from nine to ten members.

Roster of CRRA Board of Directors for 2011/12 (in alphabetical order)

- Theresa Byrd, University Librarian, University of San Diego
- Tyrone Cannon, Dean, University Libraries, University of San Francisco
- Steve Connaghan, Director of Libraries, The Catholic University of America
- Artemis Kirk, University Librarian, Georgetown University
- Joe Lucia, University Librarian and Director of Falvey Memorial Library, Villanova University
- Evelyn Minick, University Librarian, Saint Joseph’s University
- Susan Ohmer, Director, Office of Digital Asset Management, University of Notre Dame
- Tom Wall, University Librarian, Boston College
- Janice Welburn, Dean, University Libraries, Marquette University and Board chair
- Jennifer Younger, Executive Director, CRRA, *ex officio*



CRRA Welcomes New Board and Committee Chairs

Stepping up to carry on the good work of our illustrious founding Board and committee chairs, Jennifer Younger, Tim Meagher, Bob O'Neill, and Tom Leonhardt are Janice Welburn (Board of Directors), Jean McManus (Scholars Advisory Committee), Matt Blessing (Collections Committee) and Demian Katz (Digital Access Committee). We warmly welcome you and the opportunities your leadership will afford the Alliance. Please join us in welcoming our new board and committee chairs!



Janice Welburn, Chair, Board of Directors

Janice Welburn, Dean of University Libraries at Marquette University, continues Marquette's role as a founding member of the CRRA. Janice is the recipient of the prestigious 2011 Association of College and Research Libraries' (ACRL) Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. The award, sponsored by YBP Library Services, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic/research librarianship and library development.

As Board member and co-chair of the Budget & Personnel Committee, Janice brings a thoughtful approach to understanding and advancing our mission. At Marquette, she actively engages a team that supports the CRRA through their activities. Activities include contribution of metadata records to the portal, committee participation and leadership of the successful collaborative CLIR grant for cataloging unique materials at Catholic, St. Catherine and Marquette; all of which have resulted in significant contributions to our growth and success. This year, Janice anticipates the development of a five year plan for the CRRA that will inspire and guide our activities going forward.



Jean McManus, Chair, Scholars Advisory Committee

Jean McManus has an A.B. in English from Bryn Mawr College and an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Chicago. She has worked primarily in reference services and collection development, with formative stints in the worlds of serials and interlibrary loan. Since 1997, Jean has been at the University of Notre Dame (UND), and has been involved with CRRA and UND's Team Catholic Portal since 2008.



Matt Blessing, Chair, Collections Committee

Matt Blessing is the head of the Department of Special Collections and University Archives at Marquette University. Prior to joining Marquette he served as director of the Mass Communications History Center at the Wisconsin Historical Society. Matt also currently serves on the boards of Wisconsin Heritage Online and the Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board. He is also active within the Midwest Archives Conference.

Marquette University serves as the archives for numerous Catholic groups and organizations, including the Catholic Worker movement, Religious Formation Conference, Catholic Library Association, Women's Ordination Conference, National Catholic Rural Life Movement, in addition to several historic American Indian schools and missions. Marquette also preserves the manuscripts of prominent Catholic writers, including J.R.R. Tolkien, Dorothy Day, and Penny Lernoux.

Matt has served as a member of the Collections Committee since the 2007 meeting at Notre Dame.



Demian Katz, Chair, Digital Access Committee (DAC)

Demian Katz has a B.S. in Computer Science from West Chester University and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. Over the course of his career, he has worked both in and out of libraries as a computer programmer and as a provider of reference services. He is currently employed by Villanova University, where he serves as the lead developer of the VuFind discovery software, and he is greatly enjoying the opportunity to apply both aspects of his background to a single job while working with an enthusiastic open source development community that includes the CRRA members behind the Catholic Portal.

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Demian has served on the DAC committee since 2010 and - Demian is the proud father of the newly arrived **Otto Ray Katz**, born at 8:12 on 8/12! Welcome to the world, Otto, and congratulations, Demian and family!

CRRA Welcomes Executive Director

Posted on behalf of Janice Welburn, chair, Board of Directors and co-chair, Budget & Personnel Committee and Artemis Kirk, co-chair, Budget & Personnel Committee



Jennifer Younger, CRRA Executive Director

In 2009, CRRA took decisive action to expand our capacity to carry out our mission by hiring a digital projects librarian, Pat Lawton, as our first staff member. As a result, we have in the last two years been able to set and achieve ambitious goals. Working collaboratively across CRRA committees, the Board and individual members, we have grown from eight to twenty-seven members and the portal now provides access to over two hundred thousand items held by CRRA members. Scholars, librarians and archivists are noting the collections through their blogs and providing valuable input on highly valued resources to add to the portal. Although many search queries come from individuals looking for the CRRA or the portal, we also see searches in which users are finding materials, such as the recent search query for “Monsignor Martin B. Hellriegel” whose papers are at Boston College with related materials held by Marquette University.

Just as our alliance has grown, so have our needs. In January 2011, the Board determined that an executive director would assist the CRRA in continuing its growth and impact. On behalf of the Board, we are pleased to announce that Jennifer Younger began her appointment as the Executive Director on July 1, 2011. Together, she and Pat Lawton form an effective partnership that will lead and serve us well. Please join us in welcoming Jennifer. -- *Janice Welburn and Artemis Kirk*

CRRA to Develop Five Year Strategic Plan/Task Force Members Named

From Janice Welburn, chair, Board of Directors and the Board of Directors

In June 2011, the CRRA Board of Directors approved the establishment of a task force for the development of a five year strategic plan (FY2012/13-2016/17) to identify key directions and goals for the CRRA and the Catholic portal. The plan will include a statement of core values, vision and mission, the benefits of CRRA in advancing Catholic scholarship, as well as directions and strategies to carry out the mission and deliver value to stakeholders.

We proposed a task force of five to seven members to include representation from CRRA committees,

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the Board, members at large, and Pat Lawton, Jennifer Younger and Terry Ehling, Strategic Consultant, as ex officio members ([CRRA May/June Update](#)). The responses to the call for volunteers came quickly and we are pleased to name the following individuals to the CRRA Five Year Strategic Planning Task Force. After consultation with the members, we will appoint a chair. As noted in the announcement, the Task Force will solicit input from members as part of its work. We can achieve our mission only through the direction and participation of our members. We thank you for volunteering to serve.

Task Force Members include:

1. Jonathan Bengtson, University of St. Michael's College and member, Scholars Advisory Committee
2. Stephanie Clark, Georgetown and member-at-large
3. Ann Hanlon, Marquette University, member of Digital Access Committee
4. Ingrid Hsieh-Yee, Catholic University and member-at-large
5. Joe Lucia, Villanova University and Board member
6. Lorraine Olley, University of Saint Mary at the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and member, Collections Committee
7. Diane Parr Walker, Notre Dame and member-at-large
8. Tom Wall, Boston College and Board member

Mark Your Calendars ... for the Duquesne Symposium November 9-10, 2011



**Advancing Catholic Scholarly Research: A Symposium at
Duquesne University
November 9-10, 2011**

We are pleased to invite you, members of your staff, students and faculty at your institution to a symposium to be held November 9-10, 2011 at Duquesne University. Invited Catholic scholars and librarians will discuss the "state of the art" of Catholic scholarship, directions that scholarship is headed, and how libraries, archives, and member organizations support and nurture future Catholic scholars and scholarship.

We are honored to have Leslie Tentler (keynote speaker), *Professor of History at Catholic University*, Paula M. Kane, *John and Lucine O'Brien Marous Associate Professor of Contemporary Catholic Studies*, University of Pittsburgh, Joseph P. Lucia, *University Librarian and Director, Falvey Memorial Library*, Villanova University, Dr. Kevin Mongrain, *Ryan Chair for Newman Studies*, Duquesne University and *Executive Director*, National Institute for Newman Studies and Dr. Michael Galligan-Stierle, *President and CEO*, ACCU speaking to the symposium theme, "Advancing Catholic Scholarship."

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Other events will include a *Digital Projects Showcase*, highlighting innovative technologies, best practices, future trends, and related scholarship related to our theme. CRRA members are especially encouraged to participate in the showcase by submitting **poster proposals** by **September 26**: <http://www.catholicresearch.net/info/events/Call_for_Posters.pdf>.

A full roster of events and registration information is available at http://bit.ly/Duquesne_Symposium. The **registration deadline is October 15, 2011**. Registration is open and space is limited.

We hope you will join us in what promises to be a stimulating and productive conversation about Catholic scholarly research and the ways in which librarians and archivists support this research.

On behalf of Duquesne University and the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA),

- Jennifer Younger, chair, Board of Directors at younger.1@nd.edu
- Laverna Saunders, University Librarian, Gumberg Library, Duquesne University at lsaunders@duq.edu
- Pat Lawton, CRRA Digital Projects Librarian at plawton@nd.edu



Please mark your calendars ...

... to attend a roundtable discussion on ***“Building a Catholic Archival Network”*** at the American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA) meeting in Chicago on Friday, January 6, 2012 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Chicago Downtown Marriott, Northwestern Room. This topic is of vital importance to many of us and we invite you to join in as participants present their vantage points to realizing a network of Catholic archival resources. Please join us.

Speakers will include:

Emilie Gagnet Lumis [Archdiocese of New Orleans, lleumas@arch-no.org]

Patricia A. Lawton [Catholic Research Resources Alliance, plawton@nd.edu]

Ellen D. Pierce [Maryknoll Mission Archives; epierce@maryknoll.org]

Chair: Robert E. Carbonneau [Passionist Historical Archives, NJ; RobCarb@cpprov.org]

Thank you, Malachy McCarthy, for taking the lead to assemble this discussion! We look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

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We are testing a self-subscribe option for those interested in receiving the *CRRA Update*. The self-subscribe option will make it easy for individuals from member institutions and beyond to sign up.

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We have tested the self-subscribe option over the last couple of months and it has worked well. Please encourage colleagues interested in receiving our newsletter to sign up. We will monitor the list of subscribers and will continue to add names of all on our mailing list to our Contacts page under “Other Institutional Contacts.”

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- Call for Posters http://www.catholicresearch.net/info/events/Call_for_Posters.pdf

- Symposium Details http://bit.ly/Duquesne_Symposium