



Catholic Research Resources Alliance

**CRRA Update
JUNE 2010**

Welcome to a Special Edition of the CRRA Monthly Update, highlighting the June All-Members meeting

Please mark your calendars for the CRRA ALL MEMBERS MEETING Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

Prior to the Tuesday meeting, there are a number of events to which you are all invited and encouraged to attend. Pre-meeting events include an ALA session introducing audience members to the CRRA and the Catholic portal. If you or members of your institution are new to the CRRA, this may prove to be quite valuable.

On Monday afternoon, you will have the opportunity to hear about and discuss future possibilities for VuFind, the open source application used in the portal, and Crivella West's Humanities Knowledge Kiosk, a sophisticated text-mining application with interesting possibilities for the CRRA and the Catholic portal.

Monday evening, CRRA members will gather for dinner at Paolo's in Georgetown.

The Annual All-members Meeting will be held Tuesday morning, with lunch following.

Details and the full Schedule of Events follow, and are attached. This is the final Schedule of Events. Please print or save this version and delete previous versions which do not list Monday's Crivella West presentation.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how we might help to make this a better event for you, please contact Pat Lawton at plawton@nd.edu, or at 574.631.1324. While in Washington, Pat can be reached on her cell at 608.698.2519.

Best wishes for good travels and we look forward to seeing you in Washington!

CRRA All-Members Meeting June 26-29, 2010 Schedule of Events

Meeting Location: Georgetown University Library (Lauinger Library) 37th & O Streets NW Washington DC 20057-1174

Getting to Georgetown: Using Public Transportation; Parking and Driving Directions

[http://www.library.georgetown.edu/visiting/parking/Lauinger Library on the Georgetown campus map](http://www.library.georgetown.edu/visiting/parking/Lauinger_Library_on_the_Georgetown_campus_map)

<http://explore.georgetown.edu/locations/index.cfm?Action=View&LocationID=36>

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Pre-meeting event Saturday, June 26, 2010

Saturday, June 26, 2010. 1:30 - 3:30

CLA session at ALA, Accessing Religious Materials: A Digital Solution Location: Four Points Sheraton, Room Franklin B. Eric Lease Morgan (Notre Dame) and Pat Lawton (CRRA) will participate in a panel discussion entitled “Accessing Religious Materials: A Digital Solution,” hosted by the Catholic Library Association. Eric and Pat will discuss overall goals, steps and future directions in building the Catholic portal. Jon Miller (USC) will describe The International Mission Photography Archive, using photographs accumulated by international missions from 1860-1945. CRRA Board member, Tim Meagher of Catholic University of America, will moderate.

Pre-meeting events Monday, June 28, 2010

Monday, June 28, 2010. 3:30 – 5:00

VuFind Discussion, Hosted by Demian Katz, Villanova University **Location:** Georgetown University. Murray Room on the 5th floor of Lauinger Library¹

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Join Demian Katz from Villanova and several other developers and users from the VuFind mailing lists for an informal discussion of the popular open source library discovery software (and the application used in the Catholic portal). Feel free to bring questions about the current state of the package and suggestions for its future.

Monday, June 28, 2010. 5:00 – 6:30

The Humanities Knowledge Kiosk: Transforming Catholic Scholarship through Advanced Textual Linguistic Analysis, Hosted by Jonathan Bengtson, Director of Library and Archives for the University of St. Michael’s College and the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto; Art Crivella, CEO and co-founder of Crivella West Inc.; and, Rich Ekstrom, Chief of Staff and Operations at Crivella West **Location: Georgetown University. Murray Room on the 5th floor of Lauinger Library**

Please join us for this special presentation on the partnership between libraries and research institutes to visualize and exploit the research potential of large numbers of digital texts.

Crivella West has developed software (“Humanities Knowledge Kiosk”) to analyze digitized text with sophisticated accuracy and complexity. Originally developed for use in the area of class action litigation, the software was first adapted for advanced humanities scholarship by the National Institute for Newman Studies (NINS), also based in Pittsburgh, in partnership with the John M. Kelly Library at the University of St. Michael’s College in the University of Toronto, to analyze the digitized complete works of John Henry Newman.

Presenters will give a brief survey of the partnership; demonstrate the Knowledge Kiosk; discuss current projects with Newman, Nouwen, Chesterton and Lonergan; and, provide a conceptual framework for how the project might be applied to the millions of digitized documents now available, allowing scholars

unprecedented means of analyzing textual material across a wide spectrum of academic subjects. A discussion of how to partner with the CRRA is also anticipated.

Pre-meeting events **Monday evening, June 28, 2010**

Monday, June 28, 2010. 7:00 Dinner at Paolo's in Georgetown Location: 1303 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20007 Join your colleagues for an informal gathering of great food and conversation. To accommodate all budgets and food preferences, Paolo's looks like a terrific choice. We hope to see you there.

All-members Meeting **Tuesday, June 29, 2010**

Tuesday, June 29, 2010; 8:30-12:00 CRRA All-Members Meeting Location: Georgetown University. Murray Room on the 5th floor of Lauinger Library ²

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Draft Agenda (the final agenda will be distributed in advance of and at the meeting) *Please note: Times are Eastern Standard Time (EST)*

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee, light refreshments **9:00 – 10:00**

Welcome, introductions

Status report on the 2009/2010 Strategic Plan, adopted at the July 2009 meeting at Loyola University Chicago

Discuss Proposed Strategic Plan 2010/2011

10:00 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:15 Discuss and refine the Proposed Strategic Plan 2010/2011

11:15 – 12:00 Membership

12:30 Lunch at Georgetown Faculty Club Join your colleagues for lunch (on your own) and great conversation.

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During your visit to Georgetown, be sure to visit Georgetown's Rare Books exhibit entitled "Check It Out: The Origins of the Georgetown University Library."

This exhibition marks the 40th anniversary of Georgetown's Lauinger Library with a look at the origins of the University's book collections. Their long and varied history dates back almost to the founding of the University in 1789 (if not before, since the Library includes books brought by the first Jesuit missionaries to Maryland in the 1630s). This exhibition takes up a few threads of that story, from the founding of the College Library, to the handwritten 1831 library catalog that documents the core collection—much of which still survives—to the highly focused Jesuitica collection formed by early librarian Thomas C. Levins, to the building of the dramatic Riggs Library and the acquisition at the end of the 19th century of one of Georgetown's crown jewels, the 10,000 volume Americana library of John Gilmary Shea. These early developments formed the basis for some of the greatest strengths in the Special Collections Research Center today, especially its exceptional collections of Jesuitica and Catholic Americana. The exhibition includes several of Georgetown's great treasures: a first edition of Wilson's American Ornithology, to which the Library subscribed, and George and Martha Washington's copy of Mark Catesby's Natural History, donated by George Washington Parke Custis. The exhibition skips ahead to the Library's millionth and two millionth volumes (respectively, a first edition of Milton's Paradise Lost, and the rare broadside announcing George Washington's Thanksgiving proclamation). It then concludes with a glance back at the building of the Joseph Mark Lauinger Library 40 years ago.

Open M-F, 9:00-5:30; located on the 5th floor of Lauinger Library, on the same floor as the Murray Room. <http://www.library.georgetown.edu/exhibition/check-it-out-origins-georgetown-university-library>