
Professional Development

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The Professional Development Committee (PDC) fosters development of librarians and related information professionals who serve theological and religious studies scholarship and study. By determining member needs, identifying expert resources, and utilizing a variety of methods and delivery mechanisms we provide professional development opportunities that facilitate the exchange of ideas and support members at every point in their careers.

At the annual Fall meeting, held in conjunction with the joint Align 2018 meeting of all committee members, interest group leaders, advisory council and task force chairs, and board members, committee members reviewed past activities, discussed future coordination of activities with the International Theological Librarianship Education Task Force, and planned for continued execution of existing programs.

During FY2019, PDC members reviewed and approved one regional grant application to fund a professional development opportunity hosted by PNWRTSLA entitled “The Yemen Manuscripts Digitization Initiative.” The PDC sponsored four webinars, three of which focused on content from popular conference programs. The webinars included: “Orientation for Atla SACO Catalogers,” “‘The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up’: The Art of Decluttering and Organizing Library Collections,” “Zotero for Librarians,” and “The Meaning of Innovation in Theological Libraries 2.0.”