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# INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

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## Collection Evaluation & Development

*Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University*

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Craig Kubic, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chair
- Terence Sheridan, Amridge University
- Gerrit van Dyk, Brigham Young University
- Tammy Johnson, Columbia Theological Seminary
- Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University

### **AGENDA**

Since the Collection Evaluation and Development Interest Group was involved in programming for Atla Annual 2020, the purpose of the 2020 Interest Group meeting was to discuss possible programs or areas of interest for the 2021 conference.

### **INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

#### *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*

Library is open for appointments only at this time; the library staff has been downsized during the pandemic. Collection development is moving to an e-book model primarily.

#### *Amridge University*

Amridge has a skeletal crew on campus during the pandemic; Terence Sheridan is the sole librarian. The library is trying to provide

access to materials using PDA through Ebook Central; they are having problems obtaining access to recent journal issues.

### *Brigham Young University*

BYU library has been open during this time but with limited service (only circulation and ILL articles) and only to campus (no community patrons). The archives are scheduled to reopen in July after closing in March, but still only for campus users and with significantly reduced hours. In the fall, the library is implementing a plan to have more reference desks opened but with full face screens and only one employee at each desk at a time.

### *Columbia Theological Seminary*

Columbia is currently closed with public services staff filling requests for things not available online. They have been downsizing staff over the years, so no layoffs have occurred as a result of the pandemic. All classes this fall will be online. The library migrated from Sirsi-Dynix to Koha during the shutdown; patrons are pleased with the new system.

### *Southern Methodist University*

Campus is gradually re-opening with a plan for blended classes (online and in person) in the fall. Bridwell Library is closed for renovation, so library staff are working from a variety of locations, including home and temporary office spaces. Public services is filling requests for things not available online through curbside pickup and mail.

## **OTHER**

Possible Programs Discussion:

- Accessing books not in print or out of print
- Making our collections accessible in a COVID world
- Accessing books not available online
- Long-term planning to access collections 40–50 years from now
- What are we doing as Atla so materials are not lost? Should there be an Atla Historical Monographs Collection 3, 4, and 5?



**2019-20 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] Craig Kubic, Ellen Frost