
Methodist

Brian Shetler, Drew University, Convener

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Brian Shetler, Drew University, Convener
- Chris Anderson, Yale University
- Brady Beard, Emory University
- Jane Elder, Southern Methodist University
- Ellen Frost, Southern Methodist University
- Andy Keck, Southern Methodist University
- Steve Perisho, Seattle Pacific University
- Mary-Carol Riehs, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- John Shaffet, Shorter University
- Daniel Smith, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Lee Webb, St. Paul School of Theology

The Methodist Librarians' Fellowship met online via Zoom as part of the 2020 Atla Annual on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, from 12:00-12:30 p.m. Central time. The meeting was convened by Brian Shetler, Drew University.

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Update on Group Convenor
- 3) Institutional Reports
- 4) New Business

APPROVAL OF 2019 MINUTES

The minutes of the 2019 meeting of the Methodist Librarians' Fellowship were approved with no changes.

UPDATE ON GROUP CONVENOR

Due to the COVID pandemic and uncertainty about this year's Atla conference, Brian Shetler (Drew University) decided to continue to serve as convenor for this year. This seemed like the best way to move forward for this year and to maintain consistency in convenorship, rather than having someone new rotate in during the pandemic. The original rotation of convenors, decided upon in 2018, would be determined by alphabetical order based on name of institution. Following Drew University would be Duke University. This rotation will be picked up at next year's conference, with a representative from Duke taking over as convenor. The group agreed that this would be the plan for next year. Brian will reach out to Duke to determine who would be able to take over the convenor role next year.

INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS

Drew University

Updated the group on changes in the General Commission of Archives and History. Dale Patterson, longtime archivist at the GCAH, retired in December 2019. Fred Day, general secretary of the GCAH, is retiring at the end of the calendar year. A new, hybrid position has been created to fill both roles, combining library/archival experience with management leadership.

Southern Methodist University

Updated the group on *Wesley Works*. Craig Hill (at Perkins) and Randy Maddox are getting close to determining the final number of volumes of the *Wesley Works* project. The expectation is that the project should be completed within five years. The *Wesley Works* editorial board has the rights to publish/post in a digital environment and discussions are underway about how to make the material become more accessible online. Part of this concerns a larger digital humanities project, possibly using TEI, working with Dr. Michelle Taylor at USF who is interested in working with Wesley material and has background in digital humanities. Andy and Michelle presented their ideas at Atla Annual 2020 and noted that some future group work (distributive among various libraries) could come into play. Andy discussed a comparison between the John Edwards project at Yale and the possible Wesley digital project.

Yale University

Discussed updates to the UM Studies Bibliography and the shifting timeline with the change to the UMC General Conference. The aim is to update the bibliography in conjunction with the next GC.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian mentioned the ongoing project that the GCAH has developed to transcribe hand-written captions of Methodist Missionary Photo Albums and encouraged people to look into the project if they are interested in some hands-on work with archival materials.



2019–20 GROUP: [pictured, left to right] Brian Shetler, Lee Webb, Mary-Carol Riehs, Andrew Keck, Steve Perisho, John Shaffett, Chris Anderson, Daniel Smith, Ellen Frost, Jane Elder, Brady Bears