
Scholarly Communication Committee

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MEMBERS

- Melody Diehl Deter, Duquesne University, Chair
- Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology
- Barbara Jenkins, University of Oregon
- Matthew Davis, Davidson College
- Melissa Chim, General Theological Seminary
- Christine Fruin, Atla Staff Liaison

YEAR IN REVIEW

The Scholarly Communication Committee gladly welcomed two new members during the 2020-2021 year, Matthew Davis and Melissa Chim. The committee faced a year of change and uncertainty, with the pandemic preventing in-person gatherings and creating challenging work environments. Despite the unusual circumstances, the committee accomplished several goals that helped contribute to the both the Atla community and to the field of theology more broadly.

OER GRANT

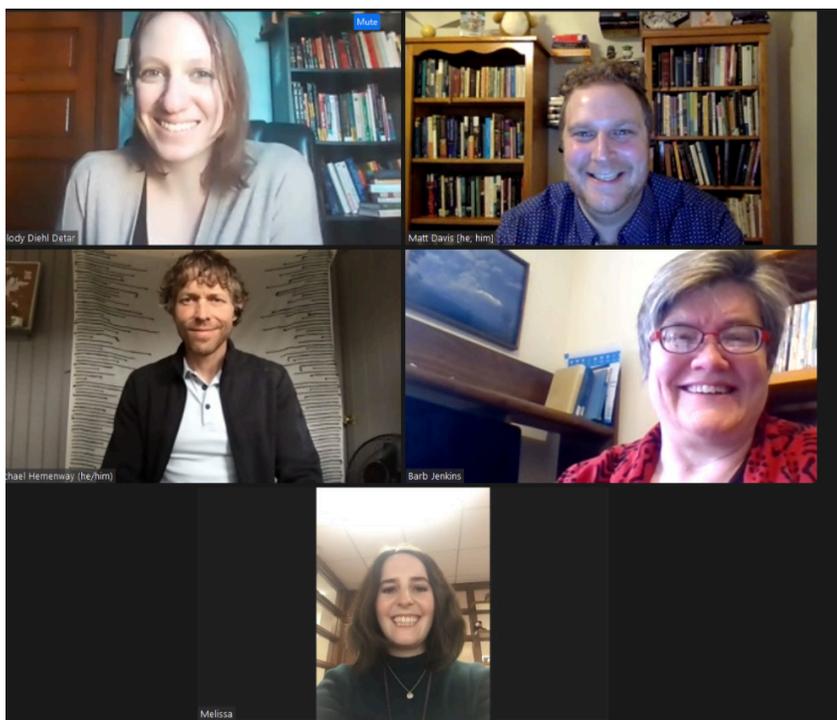
The committee was thrilled to support Atla's first OER grant program during the 2020-2021 academic year. Support included drafting a call for proposals, hosting a webinar to introduce the program, reviewing applications, and selecting two very strong proposals for OER projects. The committee was impressed with the quality of the first grant projects and was excited to introduce the second year of the program in May 2021 for the 2021-2022 academic year. Members of the committee hosted another webinar to introduce the second year of the grant program.

INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES

Many Atla members have expressed interest in learning more about Institutional Repositories (IR) and/or finding support for the development or maintenance of an IR at their institution. Using an Atla Member survey about IRs as a point of reference, the committee decided to host a speaker panel about IRs and to create [LibGuide](#) to support the topic. Melissa Chim, Matthew Davis, and Melody Diehl Detar, alongside Amanda Hurford from PALNI, participated in the panel conversation at the Atla Annual Conference.

WEBINAR - DIGITAL IDENTITY

In support of the Atla webinar series and with significant help from Scholarly Communications Committee member, Mathew Davis, the committee arranged a webinar on the [Creating and Nurturing your Digital Identity](#) by Dr. Maha Bali.



2020-2021 GROUP: [pictured, left to right] Melody Diehl Detar, Matthew Davis, Michael Hemenway, Barbara Jenkins, Melissa Chim