
Scholarly Communication & Digital Initiatives

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YEAR IN REVIEW

The committee worked to “[foster and advance](#)” digital projects through the awarding of [Digitization](#) and [OER](#) grant monies this past academic year. A review of entries for the Digitization grant led to the [awarding](#) of just under \$9,000 divided between two recipients: St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and The Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. St. Paul University will be digitizing audio-visual materials from the Inuit people (*Capturing Inuit Cultural Heritage through Anthropological and Missionary Recordings in the Canadian North*) and the Ukrainian Catholic University will digitize unique 17th and 18th century material from the Lviv Dormition Brotherhood (*Liturgical Literature of the Lviv Dormition Brotherhood*). When completed the meta-data from these projects will be added to the [Atla Digital Library](#). Twenty-five hundred dollars in OER grant money was [awarded to Ashland Theological Seminary](#) to use in the creation of a multimedia educational resource for its graduate course, The Story of the Christian Faith. Later in the academic year, the committee reopened OER grant applications for 2023.

Additionally, those who were awarded grants for OER work spoke about their experience at the 2023 Atla Annual in a presentation titled *Atla Digitization Grantees Panel: How We Did It and What We Learned*.

The committee also did work in the area of education beginning the process of fleshing out a curriculum for an Atla Scholarly Communications course for [Atla Learn](#). As that work continued the committee also arranged for Dr. Tanya Spilovoy to lead a session titled *Becoming the OER Advocate: Practical Tips and Tools for Campus Engagement*. Dr. Spilovoy is the Director of Open Policy for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and an instructor in SPARC's Open Education Leadership program.

Refreshing and renewing the SCDI's Libguides also kept the committee busy. The [Digital Humanities in Religious Studies](#) and [Institutional Repositories](#) libguides were upgraded to include current information and links.

Finally, we collaborated with *Theological Librarianship* to craft a call for papers for a special forum on the ethical imperative of open access.

Many of these projects and topics were discussed in our in-person committee meeting in Nashville, in October 2022.

Matthew Davis and Melissa Chim will end their terms this June, 2023. To them we extend a huge thank you for all their wonderful work.