
Scholarly Communication

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- Jérémie LeBlanc, Saint Paul University
- Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Ex Officio (July 2017–March 2018)
- Christine Fruin, Ex Officio (March 2018–Present)

For the period, the SCTF focused on deepening their understanding of scholarly communication concepts and sharing their collective knowledge with the ATLA Board and its membership through workshops, webinars, and other outlets. In August 2017, Andrew Keck (SCTF Chair) and Matthew Ostercamp attended the FORCE11 Scholarly Communication Institute, a week-long, intensive learning opportunity that provided attendees several courses in varying duration and on topics relevant to the production, review, dissemination, and evaluation of scholarly research. Andrew and Matthew collated their newly gained knowledge with their prior study of open access in religion and theology and other scholarly communication issues and presented a workshop for the ATLA Board at its October 2017 meeting. Also in attendance at the October workshop was newly hired ATLA staff member Christine Fruin, who manages ATLA's open access publishing program and leads other scholarly communication initiatives for ATLA. She also now serves as the staff liaison to SCTF.

Together, SCTF and Christine organized and delivered several learning opportunities for the ATLA membership. Andrew Keck and Christine led a webinar, along with Luther Seminary faculty member and academic dean Craig Koester, on open access policies in February 2018. Christine also taught a webinar for ATLA on fair use for librar-

ies. Several sessions were led by SCTF members at the 2018 ATLA Annual Conference. Michael Hemenway organized the first ever ATLA THATCamp, which permitted attendees to share with and learn from one another about emerging technologies, research innovations, and issues arising in digital humanities work. Clifford Anderson presented a workshop on Wikidata, which taught attendees how to query and edit the linked data that runs behind Wikipedia. On the theme of open access, Christine Fruin taught a session on the myths of open access, and Christine and Andy Keck presented a poster on open access policies. Finally, Christine started a monthly column in the ATLA Newsletter (The SCOOP) that addresses various topics and issues in scholarly communication.

The SCTF met both in person and virtually. In person meetings were held in September 2017 and March 2018 in Denver. During these sessions, the group brainstormed future programs and projects to present. OER is a primary focus of attention going forward, as is education of members on skills such as data and software carpentry, as well as further education on open access and digital humanities. SCTF will also explore possible co-sponsorship of an ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow in 2019, as well as development of skills courses for members.