Scholarly Communication & Digital Initiatives

Caitlin Reeves Greenamyre, Columbia Theological Seminary, Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Caitlin Reeves Greenamyre, Columbia Theological Seminary, Chair
- David Kiger, Milligan University
- Elizabeth Miller, Columbia Theological Seminary
- Marta Samokishyn, Saint Paul University
- Natalie Steward, Atla Staff Liaison

YEAR IN REVIEW

Over the course of the year, the SCADI committee held ten meetings, hosted two webinars, and organized and presented at the Atla Annual Conference.

In the Summer of 2024, the SCADI committee welcomed two new members: David Kiger and Elizabeth Miller.

The SCADI committee maintained its leadership of two funding initiatives: the Atla Digitization Grant Program and the Atla OER Grant Program. The Digitization Grant provides financial assistance to organizations working to convert special collections and archival materials into digital formats for improved public access. Organizations can receive up to $5,000 in funding for new digitization initiatives. During this period, the committee reviewed six applications for the Digitization Grant and distributed awards to three recipients: American Congregational Association/Congregational Library & Archives, College of the Holy Cross, & University of Divinity.

The OER Grant supports organizations in substituting expensive commercial educational resources with affordable or free alternatives, or in developing original OERs from scratch without incorporating existing materials. Financial support through this grant ranges between $1,500 and $3,500. The committee received no

submissions for this grant cycle, prompting discussions about enhanced outreach strategies and leveraging Atla member surveys to better understand educational priorities regarding open educational resources.