

United Library News

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The United Library is the academic library of Garrett-Evangelical & Seabury-Western Theological Seminaries

Upcoming Fall Events:

- 9/18, 10-11 am Searching the library catalog and Google effectively
- 9/20, 4-5 pm ATLA religion database with serials
- 9/24, 4:45-5:45 pm Library services & resources seminar
- 9/25, 10-11 am Student spouses workshop
- 9/26, 11:45-12:45 pm Library services & resources seminar
- 9/26, 4-4:45 pm Children's story time
- 9/27, 4:45-5:45 pm PhD students workshop
- 10/2, 10-11 am Endnote: bibliographic management tool
- 10/25, 1-2 pm Blogging for the ministry

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We Are the United Library

The United Library and its staff have spent busy hours over the summer preparing for the new academic year. We welcomed new students during the orientation and library tours and greeted new and returning students and faculty with new equipment, services and programs. We launched a new website and an online chat service. We implemented new printing/copying/scanning

director, moved to the Duke Divinity School on July 1 to serve as its library director. During her tenure here, she showed a remarkable leadership moving the library to where it is now.

During the transition of the library, Jaeyeon Lucy Chung will serve as the acting library director for the year 2012-13. Lucy has advanced degrees

-time staff. Mary-Carol received degrees in theatre from Northwestern (BS & MA) and library science from Dominican (MLIS). Prior to coming to the United Library, she worked in the theater production and publishing industries. As a circulation specialist, she works at the circulation desk during the early evening shifts to make sure that patrons are well served while the offices



equipment as well as a new payment system. We got out of the library wall to reach you more with YouTube, Blogger, Facebook, and a variety of programming. We will meet you in your classrooms and the library with a series of research and technology workshops, and invite your family to the library for the spouses/partners workshop and children's story time (For a full schedule of the library programs this fall, check our library website).

In addition to the new programs and services that the library is offering this academic year, there have been some changes in the library staff configuration over the past few months. Dr. Beth Sheppard, the former library

in both theology (PhD from Emory) and library science (MLIS from Dominican), and has been with the United Library since 2010 working as the technical services librarian and archivist.

J. Lauren Mondala has been promoted as the Circulation & Public Services librarian in mid-March when Portia Kapraun resigned. J. Lauren has an educational background in theatre (BS from Northwestern) and library science (MLIS from Dominican), and brings her creative and organizing talents to circulation, students supervision, and a variety of programming including children's story time.

In late spring the library hired Mary-Carol Riehs and Tom Dallianis as two new half

are closed.

Tom, another graduate from Northwestern (BA in history), has advanced degrees in theology and education and holds certificates in several European languages (classical and modern). Currently enrolled in the MS program in the library science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the data curation specialization, Tom works as the library webmaster and digitization specialist.

With these gifted and excellent library staff, the United Library is confident in making a smooth transition this year and continuing to serve the needs of the library community well. Thank you for your support always!



What's New In Media Services? by J. Lauren Mondala

In early summer, the library received a number of upgrades to our printing, copying and scanning software and hardware. These upgrades enable us to better serve our academic community through increased ease of use as well as to align ourselves more with Garrett's eco-friendly agenda.

New equipment

We are pleased to offer our community a number of choices when it comes to printing, copying and scanning.

We have two new printers, one efficient black and white printer as well as one full service printer, copy, scanner. Scanning to USB and email is free. Our most exciting piece of equipment is called the Zeta Book Scanner. It is unique in its simple, intuitive software and design. Like all of our scanning services, this machine is free to use and does not require a print account. This machine scans books face up with a special cradle for bindings. This aspect is especially beneficial when it comes to the sensate physical characteristics of some of our collection. Special software

within the Zeta auto-corrects for imperfections such as fingers in the scan and rectifying curved pages to read flat.

New payment system

The United Library's copying and printing services are now managed through a web-based payment system called PaperCut. With this new system, a user can check their printing balance from any internet-capable device, see their environmental impact, and even use the copy/printers without having their physical print card with them.



"I used to visit the library website only when I need to search books. Now I visit it more often. There are a lot of interesting features, and I can easily find out what's happening in the library."

-Anonymous student

New Library Website by Tom Dallianis

To better serve its users the library has created a new, dynamic website to act as its public face and as a starting point for research. The new site has been designed to present needed information and documents quickly, efficiently, and in an attractive format.

A slideshow which displays the latest developments at the library welcomes users to the site. Our library hours, current news and events, and a librarian-staffed chat box are all displayed prominently to inform users and to give them a chance to ask questions. The home page provides links to our Facebook, Blogger, and YouTube pages as well as to useful services like PaperCut, our new print management system, and to the online catalog item renewal page.

In contrast to the old site which nested information beneath layers of pages, the new site's menus give direct access to every page on the site.

The site uses tabs to display content on pages with a lot of information like the "borrowing privileges" page without forcing the user to leave the page or scroll down repeatedly. In addition to listing databases by category, users may now access them alphabetically by means of an A-Z index. New pages were created to bring together all related content, so that all videos and tutorials now appear on one page and all of the library's policies on another. Combined, these features make the site more attractive and user-friendly.

We look forward to seeing you often at www.garrett.edu/library/



Before



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Introducing the Database: Oxford Bibliographies Online by Kathleen Kordesh

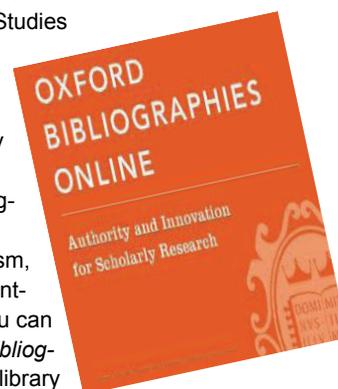
A reference resource that tries to make the most of its online environment is *Oxford Bibliographies Online* (OBO). OBO covers currently 26 subject areas. While many of the subjects are likely to be of interest to the United Library community, Biblical Studies is sure to be of interest to students writing exegetical papers in their Bible classes.

Biblical Studies is one of the largest areas with 102 topical articles. Information about subject area editors, the authors of individual articles, and a listing of forthcoming articles are easy to find on the main page of a

subject, where you will also find an alphabetical listing of articles.

Under Biblical Studies, the first article is Acts of the Apostles, added 8-26-2011. The article's table of contents is in the left panel. Clicking to the section called Introductory Works, we can see special features of the online environment. For each recommended work, links allow saving the citation to a Word document, exporting it to a bibliographic manager such as Endnote, or emailing it. Three additional links help you locate the resource itself. Entire articles can be printed, emailed or the citation saved to a bibliographic manager.

One can search within one subject or across several subjects such as Biblical Studies and Classics. Articles on religion may be found in many subject areas. Atlantic History includes articles on African American Religions, African Religion and Culture, Catholicism, Missionaries, Protestantism, and Religion. You can find a link to *Oxford Bibliographies Online* on the library website's database page under General Reference. Feel free to contact the library reference staff if you are interested in exploring OBO further.



What's On Display by Mary-Carol Riehs

Next time you stop in the library, be sure to take a moment to check out the exhibits in the display cases.

Library resources is the theme of the display in the case across from the main library doors. There is information about services the library provides, including reference and research assistance, obtaining reserve books, information about PaperCut, our new printing and copying man-



agement program, some of the uses for your ID card, events coming up during Library Week, and information about resources available to Garrett students at the Northwestern Main Library. Stop on your way in and have a look!

The case on the lower level at the bottom of the staircase features select recent publications by faculty members. A recent issue of *Aware Magazine*, a publication of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, featured the faculty, and in conjunction, this library display highlights some of our faculty authors. You can read the online issue of *Aware* at Garrett's website (<http://www.garrett.edu>).

The books in the case are available for check out. If you'd like to read one of the books on display, just ask the circulation desk attendant to open the case to retrieve the book for you. There is also a printed bibliography available about the books on display. Copies of the bibliography are on the wall to the right of the display case, and also at the circulation desk.



Exhibits change quarterly (or thereabouts) so keep an eye on the cases for new displays that highlight library resources and topics of interest to the Garrett community.

The United Family Card by J. Lauren Mondala

The United Library is happy to extend a selection of our services and collections to our student, staff and faculty's spouses, partners and children through the creation of a new borrowing card type, the United Family Card. Spouses, partners and children of current Garrett and Seabury students, faculty and staff are encouraged to apply.

As part of our growing effort toward community outreach, we have also created several programming and workshop opportunities aimed at family members, such as a children's story time offered this fall before community meal. The United Family Card has similar privileges to a student-borrowing card with the exception of a slightly shorter borrowing

time, three weeks, and a borrowing limit, 15 items.

At the United Library, we believe that books are for use and are very happy to offer our collections to a wider range of patrons. From DVDs to popular fiction, Christmas CDs to Bible basics, we have something for everyone.



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With over 400,000 bound volumes on site, access to thousands of electronic journals and database, and exciting special collections, the United Library is a treasure house of knowledge.

Reflect and learn in a variety of stunning settings that ensure spaces for both collaborative learning opportunities and the solitary pursuit of meaning.

Ask one of our knowledgeable librarians for expert assistance in finding resources for your research.

Get connected with us:



Retroconversion: The End Is Near by Loren Hagen

Retroconversion? No, it's not a religious/theological concept.

Remember the card catalog? You would finger through a drawer of cards arranged alphabetically by title, author or subject to find what you were looking for.

The United Library used to have its card catalog prominently placed at the east end of the reference room. But gradually over some 15 years we have been "retroconverting" the data on the cards into the online system. When we began retroconversion there were well over 100,000 titles in our collec-

tion searchable only in the card catalog.

Retroconversion started piecemeal in 1998, but thanks to former director Beth Sheppard's encouragement, we now have a small army of student workers systematically forging through the card catalog trays.

Progress? Yes! When we began, there were more than 290 drawers of catalog cards. Currently (August 2012) there are only 30 drawers in various stages of incompleteness. About 90% has been completed.

Retroconversion has been finished for our collection in philosophy, psychology, religion, history, geography, anthropology, political science,

law and music. What remains are some of the social sciences (call numbers beginning with H), education (L), visual arts (N), literature (P), and all of our science (Q), medicine (R), and a few other disciplines that we collect very sparingly (agriculture, technology, military and naval science, and bibliography).

There has been talk about finishing by December. This may be unrealistic...but then, it may not! At some point (soon) we can actually dump the card catalog. Stay tuned! As we dump the very last card catalog drawer, we'll have a big celebration.

