

2018 ALI Scholarly Communication Librarianship Conference

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On October 26th the IUPUI University Library played host to the [Academic Libraries of Indiana Scholarly Communication Conference](#) for the second year, with 71 attendees and 19 presenters from 17 different universities and organizations attending. Attendance was an improvement over last year's total of 47. The conference also featured the largest number of presentations yet with thirteen.

The co-keynote speakers were Melanie Schlosser and Mark Newtown, co-editors of the [Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication](#). Coming to the end of their three-year tenure as co-editors, Schlosser and Newton's talk, "One review at a time: A conversation on community and change" presented a retrospective of developments in scholarship in the field.

Other presentations included:

- **Why Copyright Matters (or does it?)** Dwayne Buttler, University of Louisville Libraries
- **Five Years of Funding Open Access APCs: Where Did the Money Go?** Varsha Anne and Jere Odell, Center for Digital Scholarship, IUPUI
- **Furthering Open: Tips for Crafting an IR Deposit Service**, Sarah Hare, IU Bloomington Libraries and Jenny Hoops, IU Bloomington Department of Library and Information Science
- **Combatting predatory publishing platforms such as Academia.edu**, Sara Benson, University of Illinois Library and Sandra Enimil, The Ohio State University Libraries
- **An introduction to creating metadata for institutional repositories**, Scott Opasik, IU South Bend Franklin D. Schurz Library
- **Another World is Possible: Expanding the Imaginary of Scholarly Metrics**, Nick Szydowski, Boston College Law Library
- **Opting out is not an option: Why all academic librarians must understand open access**, Jill Cirasella, Graduate Center of the City University of New York
- **Hip-Hop librarianship for scholarly communication: An approach to introducing topics**, A.J. Boston, Murray State University Libraries
- **The 2.5% Commitment: 2.5% of whom?** Shawn Martin, Indiana University Bloomington
- **Visualizing Scholarly Communication**, Nina Collins and Matthew Hannah, Purdue University Libraries

- **A Method for Verifying Indicators of Journal Quality**, Jere Odell and Ted Polley, IUPUI Center for Digital Scholarship
- **Acknowledgments in STEM Dissertations at the University of Tennessee: A Pilot Study**, Regina Beach Bertin, University of Tennessee – **UL 0106**

This marks the fifth-year of what is still the only annual conference devoted to scholarly communication librarianship. For the first three years the event was known as the Michiana Scholarly Communication Librarianship Conference, planned with St. Mary's College, presented free-of charge to attendees and funded primarily through a new faculty research grant and funding from the IU South Bend Office of Academic Affairs. Originally intended as a one-off following a failed application for the ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow, two years of funding from InULA helped the conference continue to grow. In 2017 a new partnership with ALI moved the conference to a more central location in Indianapolis. ALI's continued generous financial support allows us to offer this event at a very reasonable fee for regular attendees and free for students.

Professional development opportunities in the area of scholarly communication are almost exclusively limited to national conferences. This conference remains a valuable professional development opportunity for academic librarians in Indiana and the surrounding region.

Sessions frequently cover topics including:

- Best Practices in Repository Management
- Copyright for Librarians
- Open Access
- Library Outreach
- Open Access Policies
- Promotion and Publication of Undergraduate Scholarship
- Open Access Publishing Funds
- Discovery and Access

After this year's conference, we solicited suggestions for future conferences from attendees. Based on these, we plan to integrate more programming for MLS and MIS students, workshop activities and poster sessions. We would like to hear your suggestions for future programming. Let us know what you would like to see included by sending an email to ALI Scholarly Communications Committee member Stephen Finlay, scfinlay@iusb.edu.

We hope to see you at next year's conference. In the meantime, you can look at the slides from this year's presenters by going [here](#).