

NELLCO Symposium 2016

March 14-15 - Albany, NY



Radical Collaboration: When and How Can We Work Better Together?



Monday March 14, 2016

8:30 - Breakfast (Courtyard)

9:00 - Welcome and Introductions - Exhibitor remarks (Town Hall)

9:30 - NELLCO Membership Updates (Town Hall)

10:00 - Break (Courtyard)

10:30 - John F. Helmer, Executive Director, Orbis-Cascade Alliance - Leadership and Bold Collaboration in Academic Libraries (Town Hall)

12:00 - Lunch (Courtyard)

1:00 - ALLStAR Project—Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Yale Law School, Lillian Goldman Law Library; Carl Thompson, Counting Opinions; Lindsay Thompson, Counting Opinions (Town Hall)

2:00 - Break

2:30 - Concurrent Sessions

- **Reference Interest Group Working Session - Lee Sims, Rutgers (Town Hall)**
- **Topical unconference session—Cards Against NELLCO, Merle Slyhoff, U Penn Law (24 High Street)**

4:30 - Adjourn

5:00 - 7:00 pm - Reception at the Desmond

7:30- Dutch Treat dinners at local restaurants—gather in lobby (transportation provided)

Tuesday March 15, 2016

8:30 - Breakfast

9:00 - Acquisitions and Collection Development Interest Group Working Session Karen Green, New England Law | Boston and Gilda Chiu, Brooklyn Law School – Co-Chairs (Town Hall)

11:00 - Break

11:30 - Plenary (Town Hall)

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - Concurrent Sessions

- **ILL Interest Group Working Session - Merle Slyhoff, University of Pennsylvania (Town Hall)**
- **Topical unconference session—Taking Responsibility for Preservation: A Call to Action—Margie Maes, Legal Information Preservation Alliance (24 High Street)**

3:30 – Closing plenary session (Town Hall)

4:30 - Adjourn

Leadership and Bold Collaboration in Academic Libraries.

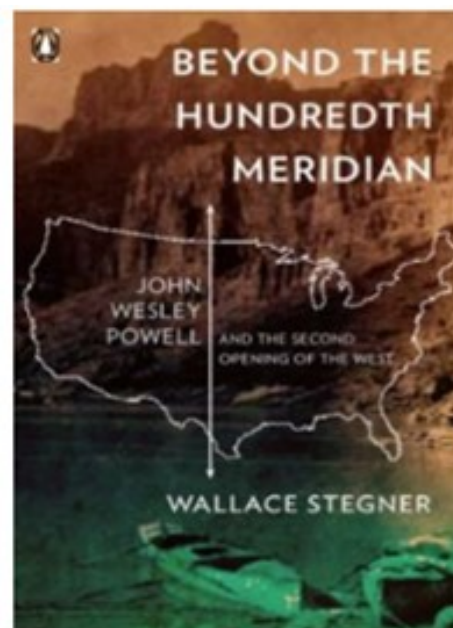
John F. Helmer, Executive Director, Orbis-Cascade Alliance



John has been actively involved in library consortia for more than 20 years and currently serves as Executive Director of the Orbis Cascade Alliance, a nonprofit organization serving 37 colleges and universities in the northwest U.S. John is the 2012 winner of the American Library Association's Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award, which recognizes Helmer for risk-taking and as an effective leader and champion of new ideas and initiatives. John's early career includes bookselling, special collections cataloging, authority control, and systems administration positions in academic libraries. His education includes an undergraduate degree in mathematical economics, graduate work in econometrics, and an MLS from UCLA. He and his wife, Normandy, live in a small farmhouse in Eugene, Oregon with chickens and a Kiger Mustang (that's a horse, not a car).

Today, John draws on his career with the Alliance and experiences with the International Coalition of Library Consortia to suggest the prerequisites for deep collaboration among academic libraries. Key elements include the role of consortia, membership composition, scale, organizational culture, ambition, personal relationships, entrepreneurial spirit, the buy-in of leadership, pursuit of bold initiatives, and the implementation of shared tools.

For this year's Symposium book, John has selected *Beyond the Hundredth Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the Second Opening of the West*, by Wallace Stegner and Benard De Voto. According to John this is "a tale of leadership, pragmatism, group dynamics, perseverance, and the challenge of gazing into the future."



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Teresa Miguel -Stearns, Deputy Director
Yale Law Library

Teresa will present the Law Library Benchmarking Project that Yale, Berkeley, Cornell , Harvard and University of Chicago have been developing since 2014.

At the Fall 2015 NELLCO Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to partner with these institutions to create a benchmarking tool that could have widespread impact on the ways in which law libraries collect and manage operational data. That project has been named ALLStAR: Academic Law Libraries: Statistics, Analytics and Reports. Theresa will present an overview of the project.



Carl Thompson— President, Counting Opinions

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REFERENCE INTEREST GROUP

Mon. March 14, 2016—2:30-4:30

Town Hall

Lee Sims (Rutgers)—Chair

- Working session on the reference part of the Law Library Benchmarking Project
- Choosing one or two collaborative projects for the Reference IG to work on in the year ahead
- Call for a successor Head of the Reference IG
- Discussion on the usefulness of the Symposium –
 - ◊ Utility of the current format
 - ◊ Changing/settling on a future format
 - ◊ Determining what kind of reference-oriented programming the IG should engage with
- General discussion of current topics – innovative reference tools, ABA standards and teaching, etc. TBD as time allows and the IG determines.

CARDS AGAINST NELLCO

Mon. March 14, 2016—2:30-4:30

24 High Street

Merle Slyhoff (UPenn Law) - Facilitator

2020 sounds far away but it's only 4 short years. Let's take that short jump ahead to 2020 and play a game of *Cards Against NELLCO* (loosely based on *Cards Against Humanity*). This is *your* time to help reshape NELLCO by answering a few "simple" questions. Think the worst, think the best, think hard, think fun...

RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITORS

Monday evening - 5:00 -7:00 pm in the Courtyard

All are invited to gather with our Exhibitors for cocktails and conversation at 5pm in the courtyard at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center. Then head off for dinner at a nearby eatery (information/transportation will be provided) or stay at the hotel and visit the Billiards room with two pool tables along with checkers, chess and backgammon.



ACQUISITIONS AND COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT INTEREST GROUP

Tues. March 15 — 9:00-11:00

Town Hall

Karen Green (New England Law|Boston) and Gilda Chiu (Brooklyn Law School) – Co-Chairs

- Benchmarking Project – Overview and discussion of the Acquisitions, Cataloging, and Collections sections of the project.
- Lexis Digital Library – Caroline Walters (Harvard) and Ron Wheeler (BU) will share some of their experiences with Lexis Digital Library as a starting point to a larger discussion about the possible benefits and drawbacks of implementing it in our law schools.
- Ebooks – Jacob Sayward (Fordham) will give an update on what Fordham has been doing during the past year with their DDA program and ebooks. This will be followed by a discussion among attendees on what everyone has or has not been doing at their libraries with ebooks, DDA, and any ebook-related issue.
- Roundtable Discussions

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INTERLIBRARY LOAN INTEREST GROUP

Tues. March 15, 2016—2:30-4:30

Town Hall

Merle Slyhoff (UPenn Law) and Jessica Panella (UConn Law), Co-chairs

- Introductions
- Update on benchmarking project
- Update since last meeting
 - ◇ Survey
 - * What questions would you like on survey
 - ◇ OCLC group designation
- Program: Cooperative ILL – what could we as NELLCO be doing?
 - ◇ Who participates in ILL – full members or all?
 - * Background
 - * Current status
 - ◇ NELLCO ILL Code – review/revise as necessary
 - ◇ “Borrow Direct” model
 - ◇ Other ideas?
- Round Robin – what’s new in your ILL department?



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