Advancing Catholic Scholarly Research

On November 9-10 the Gumberg Library and the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA) will host a symposium for librarians, archivists and scholars committed to Catholic scholarship. The first component of the event will focus on the CRRA’s vision, mission and strategic plan and provide an overview of how member libraries can add content to the Catholic portal accessible at www.catholicresearch.net.

Speakers will cover the “state of the art” of Catholic Scholarship, directions that scholarship is headed, and how libraries, archives, and member organizations support and nurture future Catholic scholars and scholarship. Presenters include:

- Dr. Leslie W. Tentler, professor of history at The Catholic University of America
- Dr. Paula Kane, associate professor of Contemporary Catholic Studies at the University of Pittsburgh
- Dr. Kevin Mongrain, Ryan Chair for Newman Studies at Duquesne University and Executive Director of the National Institute for Newman Studies
- Joseph P. Lucia, university librarian and director, Falvey Memorial Library, Villanova University
- Dr. Michael Galligan-Stierle, president and CEO of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

Other events will include poster sessions, a demonstration of the Catholic portal, and discussions with CRRA members on library activities in making research resources accessible. Participation (with meals) requires advanced registration, however any one is welcome to attend the presentations in the Power Center Ballroom. A full schedule is available at http://bit.ly/Duquesne_Symposium.

Contact Dr. Laverna Saunders, lsanders@duq.edu, for more information.

Dr. Albert C. Labriola Memorial Fund Progress Report

Shortly after the passing of Dr. Albert Labriola in March, 2009, Gumberg Library and the English Department collaborated to establish the Dr. Albert C. Labriola Memorial Endowment for Literature. Recognizing his achievements and global reputation as a Milton scholar, we designed a fund that will help to enlarge the library’s literature collections. The initial goal for the fund was set at $25,000. We are pleased to report that we are very close to our target, thanks to donations from a number of family members, alumni and friends. Contributions to help us reach the goal should be sent to University Advancement, designated for the Labriola memorial fund.

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Simon Silverman Center Renovation Improvements

New compact shelving replaces the old bookshelves doubling shelf capacity and allowing room for growth as the Center’s collection continues to expand. Upgrades also included a new coat of paint, new carpet, lighting and furniture. A small lounge area will provide space for informal gatherings.

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The Gumberg Scene

1) An informal information session called the Technology Petting Zoo was held on Saturday, October 1, at 10 a.m. in the Union. Homecoming attendees and alumni had the opportunity to ask questions and gather information on today’s newest technologies from Gumberg librarians and CTS staff.

2) The Gumberg Library partnered with Spiritan Campus Ministry and the English Department to coordinate events in the library and on campus. Events held at the library included a peace pledging signing and a poetry reading.

3) At the beginning of the fall semester, the Mary Pappert School of Music full-time faculty met at the Gumberg Library’s Music Center on the fifth floor. A special multi-media musical presentation was given which included a quartet of trombones and a slide show.

4) The Reference area was filled to capacity on August 19 for graduate student orientation. The library hosted this event for new McAnulty College graduate students so that they become familiar with the services offered at the library. The library liaisons, representing the schools and disciplines on campus, engaged students in discussions about the many resources available to them.