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Agenda:

- 1) Background Information
- 2) Initial Questions
- 3) Title/Responsibility Change
- 4) Case Studies
- 5) The "Scholarly Communications" Community
- 6) Conclusion: Maintaining your expertise



Background Information (Valpo):

Valparaiso University (a.k.a. "Valpo")

Location: Valparaiso, Indiana, USA

Enrollment: approx. 4,500 total (3,300 undergraduate, 650 graduate, 550 law)

Libraries: Christopher Center for Library and Information Resources (CCLIR) (main campus); Law Library (law school)

Affiliation: Independent Lutheran (Christian)



Background Information (me):

Education:

B.A. Valparaiso University (Communication/English) (2006), M.L.S., Indiana University (Bloomington) (2009) -- Digital Libraries specialization; no Scholarly Communications class/curriculum

Employment:

Worked at the Digital Library of the Commons (Ostrom Workshop for Political Theory and Policy Analysis @ Indiana University), 2008-2010

In 2009 at Valpo, hired as a Circulation Manager (staff)
then Public Services Librarian (faculty) (2010)
then Research Services Librarian (faculty) (2011)
then Scholarly Communication Services Librarian (faculty) (2012)



How Does One Become a "Scholarly Communication Expert?"

Or

"How did I become the person who answers these questions?"



Initial Questions

- 1) Should we get an institutional repository?
- 2) Why does the university's copyright policy page refer to the library's page on classroom usage of copyrighted material as our institution's "copyright policy"?



1) Should we get an Institutional Repository?

-Conversation with CCLIR and Law Library faculty/staff, circa Summer/Fall 2010

-Digital Library of the Commons experience and (recent) Digital Libraries specialization

-"Okay, we are going to get it. You want to do it?"



ValpoScholar: Valpo's Institutional Repository

-Launched February/March 2011

-Partnership between CCLIR and Law Library

-nearly 4,100 records

-more than 1.1 million downloads

-Downloads from over 135 countries (82% domestic, 18% international)

Campus Reaction: Jon is one of the go-to people for this "type of project" because he's done it before



2) Why does the university's copyright policy page refer to the library's page on classroom usage of copyrighted material as our institution's "copyright policy"?

-Conversation with CCLIR librarians, new dean, and Valpo's new university counsel, circa Fall 2011

-Concerns about whose responsibility it is to declare a copyright policy for Valpo (surely, it can't be the librarians...right?)



Copyright @ Valpo (after 2012)

Two new policies:

- 1) Intellectual Property
- 2) Usage of Copyrighted Materials on Campus

New Copyright Guide developed, to help educate Faculty, Staff, and Students on the various campus copyright policies

http://libguides.valpo.edu/copyrightinformation

Campus Reaction: The librarians are the ones that you go to if you have a question about copyright, any copyright. Jon will help to coordinate what the librarians tell the rest of the faculty.



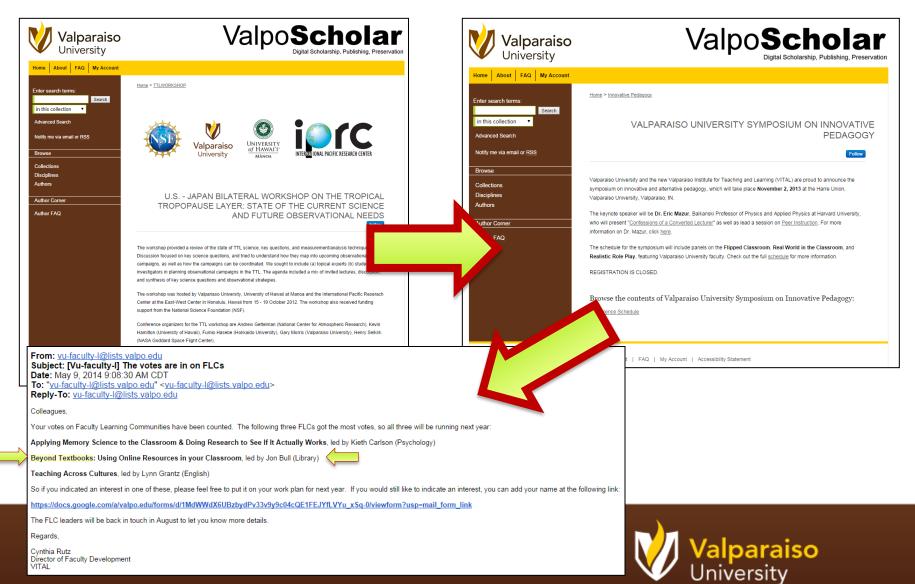
...all of this before July 2012

New Title: Scholarly Communication Services Librarian (starting July 1, 2012)

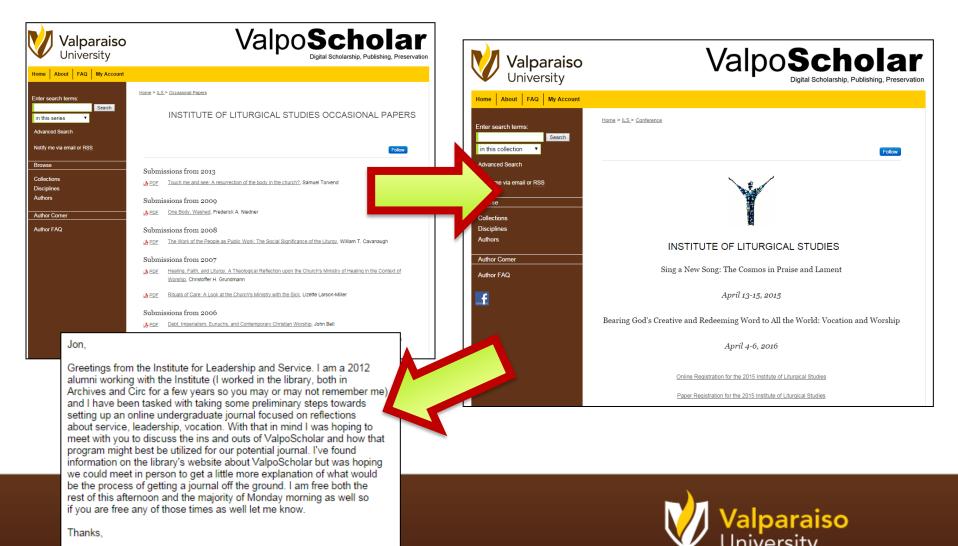
Key word: "Communication"



Case Study: U.S.- Japan Bilateral Workshop on the Tropical Tropopause Layer



Case Study: Institute of Liturgical Studies (conference) and the Institute of Leadership and Service (new unit)



The "Scholarly Communications" Community

Selected Publications:

Journal of Scholarly Publishing (JSP)

Learned Publishing

Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication (JLSC)

OCLC Systems & Services: International Digital Library Perspectives

D-Lib Magazine

Selected Books:

Open Access by Peter Suber
Open Access: What you need to know by Walt Crawford
Starting, Strengthening and Managing Institutional Repositories:
A How-to-do-it Manual by Jonathan Nabe

Currently Reading:

The Librarian's Guide to Micropublishing by Walt Crawford
The Public Domain: Enclosing the Commons of the Mind by James Boyle
JLSC, 2 (3)
College & Undergraduate Libraries, 21 (3/4)



The "Scholarly Communications" Community (cont.)

Selected Email Lists: SCHOLCOMM LITA-I

Selected Conferences/Meetings:

ACRL, DC+GLUG, SPARC Open Access Meetings, Library Publishing Coalition, Open Repositories, Ball State Copyright Conference

...or webinars like this one!



Concluding Thoughts: Maintaining Scholarly Communication Expertise





For more information about Valpo's Scholarly Communication efforts:

Bull, J. and Eden, B. L. (2014). "Successful scholarly communication at a small university: Integration of education, services, and an institutional repository at Valparaiso University" *College & Undergraduate Libraries* 21 (3/4): 263-278. DOI: 10.1080/10691316.2014.932264

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