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# Annual Report FY 2018, Office Of Scholarly Communications, University of Nebraska–Lincoln Libraries

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**Annual Report FY 2018**  
(July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018)

The Office Of Scholarly Communications (OSC) consists of Paul Royster (Coordinator of Scholarly Communications), Sue Gardner (Scholarly Communications Librarian), Margaret Mering (Metadata Librarian), and Linnea Fredickson (Scholarly Communications Production Specialist). It is part of the Media and Repository Services (MARS) Department, headed by Deeann Allison.

The OSC began the year by hosting the **ACRL Scholarly Communications Roadshow** on July 12, 2017. The roadshow was a day-long seminar presented by Will Cross of North Carolina State University, Jaron Porciello of Cornell University, and Elizabeth Brown of SUNY-Binghamton. Subjects included issues surrounding copyright and fair use, the movement for open educational resources, scholarly communications systems and projects, data management, social media, altmetrics, and open access policies. About 100 librarians from a four-state area attended (Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska). All levels of higher education institutions were represented. Approximately \$7,000 in grants covered the costs; funds were generously supplied from Research Council of UNL, ACRL, and the Dean's Office.

During the fall semester, the OSC joined the National Library of Medicine's **PubMed Link-out** program, which connects users of the PubMed database to full-text free-access online versions on external repositories. Qualifying required finding and supplying links for a minimum of 1,000 peer-reviewed articles in our Digital Commons institutional repository that were (a) included in the PubMed database, and (b) not represented in the free full-text PubMed Central archive. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln is one of only a handful of U.S. universities represented.

During the Fall of 2017, the Round Table on Intellectual Freedom of the Nebraska Library Association (K. Joan Birnie, Karen Drevo, Brenda Ealey, Michael Elsener, Sue Ann Gardner, Timothy Lentz, and Todd Schlechte) was honored with the **Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award** from the American Library Association. One of our Zea Books, *Nebraska Intellectual Freedom Manual, 2016 Edition*, assembled by the Round Table and co-authored, co-edited, and produced by Sue Gardner, was among the accomplishments cited as impetus for the award. <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/45/>

## Institutional Repository (IR)

**Deposits:** The UNL Digital Commons grew during the year by the addition of 284 new dissertations (in the ProQuest database) and 5,339 open-access articles, theses, presentations, ebooks, etc., for a total growth of 5,623 new items. Total contents on 6/30/18 was 98,493 documents.

**Traffic:** During the year, the IR received 7,536,785 total hits and delivered 6,614,599 downloads. Research suggests it was the most-visited and most-downloaded IR in America during that time. It consistently provided between 14% and 18% of all traffic to the unl.edu domain and was the most-visited subdomain on the university website.

## Journals

*The OSC published new articles in the following hosted journals:*

Transactions of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences and Affiliated Societies,  
<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/tnas/>

RURALS: Review of Undergraduate Research in Agricultural and Life Sciences,  
<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/rurals>

MANTER: Journal of Parasite Biodiversity, <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/manter/>

Journal of Women in Educational Leadership, <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/jwel/>

Contemporary Issues in Educational Administration,  
<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/ciel>

The Nebraska Educator, <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/nebeducator/>

Library Philosophy and Practice, <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/>

SANE Journal: Sequential Art Narrative in Education,  
<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/sane/>

## Zea Books

The OSC published 8 new titles in the Libraries' monograph imprint. See **Table 1** for their authors, titles, covers, and specifications. The titles comprised a total of 2,060 pages, including 969 illustrations. Lulu.com receipts for the fiscal year were \$2,206.92. Royalties paid to authors (for calendar years 2016 & 2017) were \$1,200.47.

## Conferences

Members of the OSC participated at the following meetings:

*Paul Royster:*

Digital Commons Heartland Users Group (DC-HUG) at Missouri Science & Technology University, Rolla, MO (October)  
Bepress Advisory Board, Denver, CO (@ ALA) (January)  
Library Publishing Forum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (May)  
ProQuest Team Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI (June)  
Open Repositories Conference, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT (June)

*Sue Gardner*

CNI-ARL Digital Scholarship Planning Workshop, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, November 8-10, 2017  
Planning Committee, Digital Commons Heartland Users Group Inaugural Meeting, Missouri Science & Technology University, Rolla, MO

*Margaret Mering:*

American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in Denver (February 2018)  
American Library Association's Annual Conference in New Orleans (June 2018)  
IFLA Main Conference, August 2017, Wrocław, Poland. As Secretary of IFLA's Serials and Other Continuing Resource Section, she helped organize the program on Altmetrics. She was responsible for corresponding with the presenters and adding their papers to the IFLA Library.  
IFLA Serial and Other Continuing Resources Section's Satellite Meeting on Open Access, August 2017, Gdańsk, Poland. As Secretary of IFLA's Serials and Other Continuing Resource Section, She helped organize the satellite meeting. she was responsible for corresponding with the presenters and adding their papers to the IFLA Library.

*Linnea Fredrickson*

Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska School Library Association Joint 2017 Conference, Kearney, NE, October 12, 2017.

## Presentations

Paul Royster, “12+ Years an IR Manager,” Digital Commons Heartland Users Group, Missouri Science & Technology University, Rolla, MO (October)

Sue Gardner, Nebraska ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow: From Understanding to Engagement, DC-HUG, Missouri Science & Technology University, Rolla, MO (October), poster.

Catherine Fraser Riehle, Linnea Fredrickson, and Margaret Mering. Nebraska ACRL Scholarly Communications Roadshow Sharing Session. Presented at NLA/NSLA Joint 2017 Conference.

Paul Royster, “DigitalCommons Users Discuss the bepress Acquisition,” Library Publishing Forum 2018, Minneapolis, MN, May 22, 2018. (With Roger Weaver, Marilyn Billings, Phillip Fitzsimmons, & Terri Fishel). <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/scholcom/84>

Paul Royster, “Cracking the PubMed Link-Out Program,” Open Repositories 2018, Bozeman, MT, June 6, 2018. [http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/library\\_talks/138](http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/library_talks/138)

Mering, Margaret. Transforming the Quality of Metadata in Institutional Repositories. Presented at NASIG Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, June 9, 2018.

Paul Royster, “The Nebraska IR: How We Make It Work,” ProQuest Team Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI, June 14, 2018. [http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/library\\_talks/139/](http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/library_talks/139/)

## Publications

Mering, Margaret (2017) Correctly Linking Researchers to Their Journal Articles: An Overview of Unique Author Identifiers, *Serials Review* 43:3-4, 265-267, DOI:10.1080/00987913.2017.1386056. (In Lay Terms Column)

### Staffing Notes

Sue Gardner was on faculty development leave during spring semester of 2018.

**Andrew Cano** joined the OSC during the summer of 2018; his contributions will be included in next year's report.

### Student Workers

The OSC was assisted this year by the contributions of four student workers.

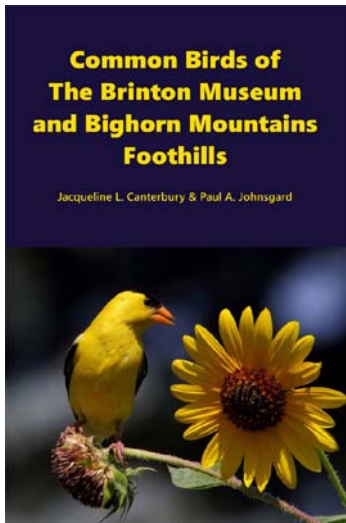
**Edgar Reynaga** and **Nicole Boguss** handled digitization work, producing pdf files from hard-copy originals. **Gina Lucero** uploaded and published files to the IR. Gina and Edgar both graduated in May 2018, having worked with us for 3 or more years. Both were first-generation college graduates. Edgar went on to a public service internship in Omaha; Gina entered a health care degree program in Kansas City. In May and June we were assisted by **David Clawson**, who took over Gina's upload-and-publish duties.

Respectfully (and belatedly) submitted,

Paul Royster  
Sue Gardner  
Margaret Mering  
Linnea Fredrickson

December 10, 2018

**Table 1.** Zea Books, FY 2018



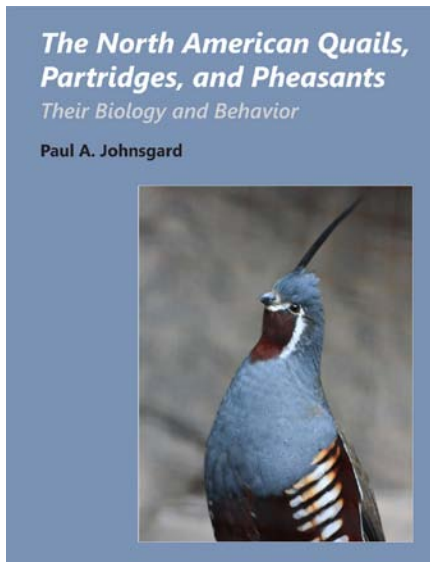
August 9, 2017

Jackie Canterbury and Paul Johnsgard, *Common Birds of The Brinton Museum and Bighorn Mountains Foothills*

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/57>  
(68 pp, 6" × 9", color)

55 illustrations

84 downloads\*



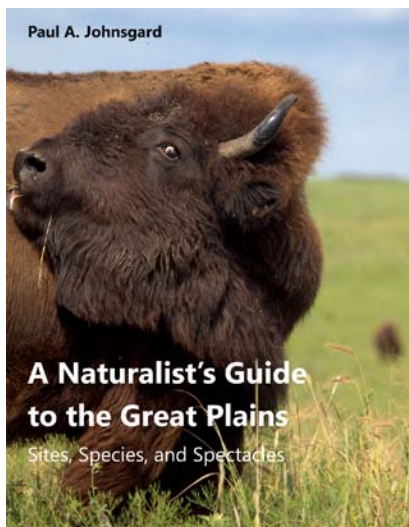
October 10, 2017

Paul A. Johnsgard, *The North American Quails, Partridges, and Pheasants*

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/58>  
(132 pp, 8.5" × 11", color)

67 illustrations

227 downloads



March 9, 2018

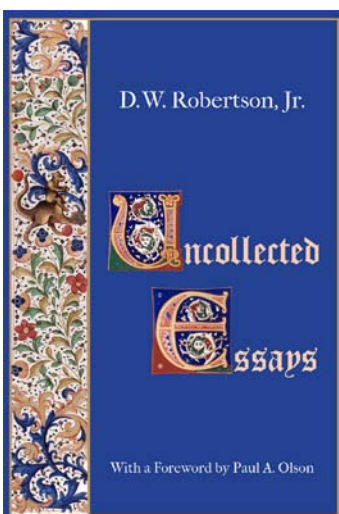
Paul A. Johnsgard, *A Naturalist's Guide to the Great Plains*

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/63>  
(164 pp, 8.5" × 11")

38 illustrations

318 downloads

\* Downloads as of 11/26/2018



December 4, 2017

D. W. Robertson, Jr. and Paul A. Olson, *Uncollected Essays*

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/60>

(xx + 490 pp, 6" × 9")

223 downloads



July 26, 2017

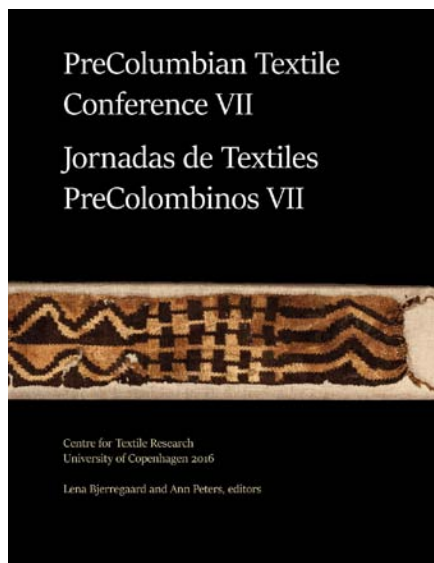
Salvatore Gaspa, Cécile Michel, and Marie-Louise Nosch, *Textile Terminologies from the Orient to the Mediterranean and Europe, 1000 BC to 1000 AD*

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/56>

(538 pp, 8.5" × 11")

134 illustrations

1,775 + 4,897 downloads\*\*



November 21, 2017

Lena Bjerregaard and Ann H. Peters, *PreColumbian Textile Conference VII / Jornadas de Textiles PreColombinos VII*

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/59>

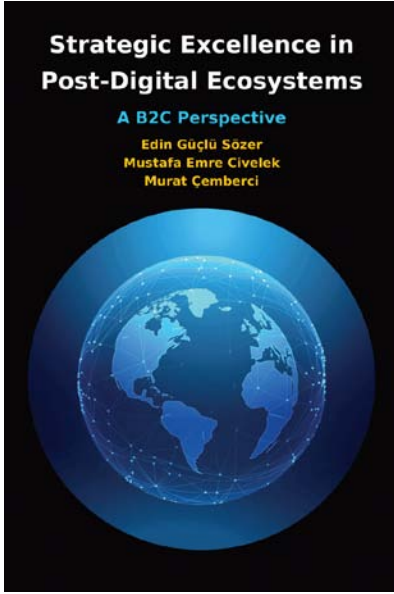
(426 pp, 8.5" × 11", color)

615 illustrations

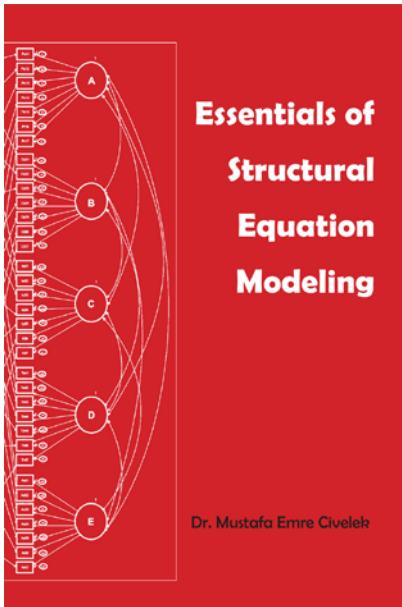
128 + 4,009 downloads\*\*

\*\* Downloads include whole book + individual chapters.





January 29, 2018  
Edin Güçlü Sözer, Mustafa Emre Civelek, and Murat Çemberci, *Strategic Excellence in Post-Digital Ecosystems: A B2C Perspective*  
<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/62>  
(104 pp, 6" × 9")  
13 illustrations  
197 downloads



March 12, 2018  
Mustafa Emre Civelek, *Essentials of Structural Equation Modeling*  
<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/64>  
(118 pp, 6" × 9")  
47 illustrations  
439 downloads

Total:  
2,060 pages  
969 illustrations