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About ASDAL

ASDAL is an organization for individuals interested in Seventh-day Adventist librarianship. The Association was formed to enhance communication between Seventh-day Adventist librarians and to promote librarianship and library services to Seventh-day Adventist institutions.

The association holds an Annual Conference, publishes *ASDAL Action*, awards the D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship, and is a sponsor of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index. The Adventist Library Information Cooperative (ALICE) is a service provided by the Association to give Member Libraries enhanced database access opportunities at reduced cost through collective efforts and resource sharing within the Cooperative.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your comments and questions. Please submit letters to the editor to actioneditor@asdal.org

Membership is open to those who support the goals of the Association. Members receive a one-year subscription to *ASDAL Action* and discounted conference registration.

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Kudos, ASDAL Executive Officers and Members! We have reached and conquered numerous trials and challenges in keeping this association alive even during the rough time of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

It is my sheer honor and impeccable delight to know that ASDAL (Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians) has made its journey within forty-four years to excellent service, achieving the milestone of development and expansion of different regional chapters even amid incredibly tough times of pandemic, and dearth of people volunteering to lead the association but our innate bond of friendship, Christian fellowship, professional camaraderie, our spirit of compassion, cooperation and unity continue to persist to shine. That sincerely defines our identity as SDA librarians.

It was certainly as the COVID-19 global pandemic and now Pertussis abruptly evolved and undeniably affected our institutions, our family, especially our workforces and services. Hence, our commitment and determination to serve our institutions and clients are rewarding. As we tread to our next level of service pursuit against all odds, I believe that our Gracious God will continue to inspire our minds, hearts, and souls as we press for higher aspirations in life, and commitment to serve.

ASDAL, aim high, Achieve more. Always give your best. Be the pride of our institution, our people, our community, and our country because I still believe that “we” will be great because our contribution to the use of knowledge, attitudes, competency, and skills can contribute to the progress and development of our nation.

You may think that we are only ordinary people, but I firmly believe that we can do extraordinary things with “Christ who strengthens” us.

It is high time that we SDA librarians of the 21st

century be the instrument of uplifting the quality of library service to our constituents. Be the agent of change and make a difference. Let us make it happen.

Move forward, be the light, and shine on ASDAL members around the globe!



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PETERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOSTS “WOMEN IN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HISTORY: A SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF PRIMARY RESOURCES”

By Carolyn Gaskell

During Black History and Women’s History months, Walla Walla University’s Peterson Memorial Library was privileged to host a special exhibit provided by the Archives, Statistics, & Research department of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The amazing primary resources in this collection showcase the accomplishments of women who were educators, geographers, poets, Millerite preachers, missionaries, and writers.

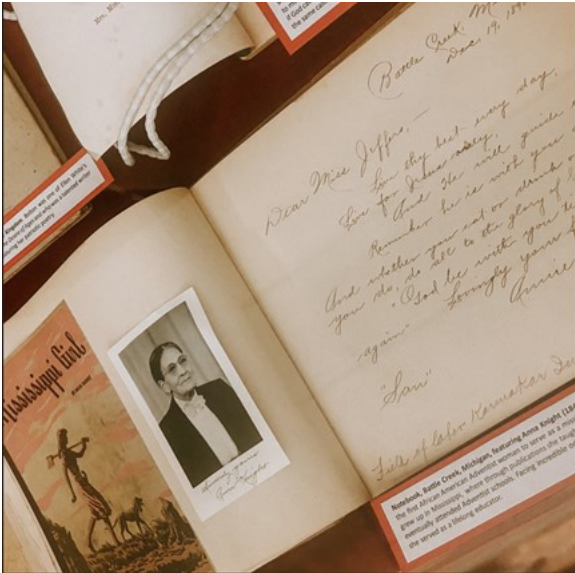
The exhibit was located in one of the library’s lobby display cases and was available for viewing from February through mid-April. During this time the university hosted two U-Days events during which academy seniors, juniors, and their sponsors and parents from around the region had a chance to see the exhibit.

One of the many exciting pieces in the collection is a notebook from Battle Creek which included handwritten notes by Anna Knight, whose autobiography is *Mississippi Girl*. Anna served as the first black woman missionary and was an incredible educator, ending her career at what is now Oakwood University.

Now! a very early work by Merikay McLeod Silver, tells the story of end time events from the perspective of a teenager. You may recall that in the 1970’s Merikay Silver had a significant impact how women were paid by church entities.

Another interesting book is Eliza H. Morton’s *Geographical Spice: A Manual for Use of Teachers*. Eliza and





Notebook, Battle Creek, Michigan, featuring Anna Knight (1842-1873)

her various geography textbooks were well known at the turn of the 20th century.

The materials mentioned here are just a few of the twelve primary resources showcased in the display. Accompanying the materials was Michael’s annotated list of titles which included information on why each work and author was important. That information was invaluable in creating the display signs for each item.

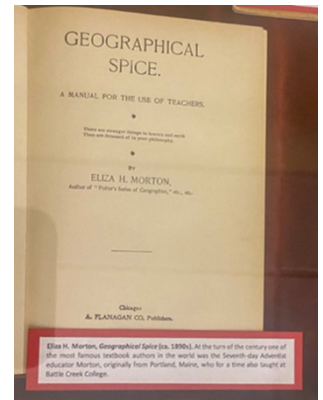
Just over a year ago an email on SDA-Librarian@andrews.edu caught my eye. Michael Campbell announced that his department was in the process of curating an exhibit on “the history of race, abolition, and early social activism.” He envisioned that this exhibit would travel to interested SDA college and university libraries in North America. According to Michael’s email, the reason for developing such a traveling exhibit was that “We would like to create greater historical awareness and would love to see if there is interest in a traveling exhibit that would be of minimal cost to travel to our college campuses.” I contacted Michael and asked for additional information regarding the proposed exhibits and let him know we were interested in hosting one when available. In November of 2023, Michael inquired whether we could

host an exhibit in February of 2024. The currently available exhibit was on women in Adventist history. We were interested and the timing was right for both of us. Since Michael was speaking locally in February, he personally brought the books with him and assisted in setting up the display.

It was a pleasure and an honor to be the first library to host this exhibit. We are so thankful to Michael Campbell and the Archives, Statistics, and Research department of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists for the opportunity of hosting these incredible materials. As we are in the process of returning the materials, the exhibit will soon be available to another library. If you are interested being a host, you may contact Michael at: MichaelCampbell@nadadventist.org.



Notebook, Battle Creek, Michigan, featuring Anna Knight (1842-1873)



Eliza H. Morton, Geographical Spice (ca. 1890s).

Citation for both quotations:
Michael Campbell. SDA-LIBRARIAN Special Traveling Exhibit. sda-librarian@andrews.edu. Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

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OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES: INITIATIVES AT THE JAMES WHITE LIBRARY

By Margaret Adeogun

The James White Library received a one-year allocation of \$25,000 on Friday, November 17, 2023, after participating in the pitch competition to raise funds for its Open Education Resources (OER) project. The funds will provide a stipend and professional development to faculty who wish to adopt, adapt, and create Open Educational Resources (OERs) to break down barriers of affordability and accessibility to expensive textbooks and build staff's capacity as they use and create OER resources.



Affordable alternatives to the high cost of textbooks and the need to expand educational opportunities through Open Educational Resources (OER) are significant measures in eliminating barriers to student success and improving enrollment and retention at Andrews University. In advancing global access to quality SDA higher education resources, expand the outreach of Adventist education, deepen students' education experience through customized educational resources, and encourage instructor experimentation and innovation in finding new, better, and lower-cost ways to deliver learning materials to their students through OER. Based on this objective, the James White Library (JWL) proposes an OER Grant Initiative to encourage, support, and incentivize OER adoption, adaptation, and creation. JWL will foster this initiative through small grants to participating instructors to support the creation and adoption of Open Education Resources for teaching and learning from an Adventist faith-based perspective. The grant covers three models:

- Adopt** an existing open resource (open textbook and other OER course components such as homework assignments, lab manuals, or other supplementary materials). Grant allocation: \$1000
- Adapt** existing resources by mixing or revising open textbooks and other OER course components such as homework assignments, lab manuals, or other supplementary materials. Grant allocation: \$1500
- Create** a new open resource and other supplementary course materials (particularly for a course with an expensive textbook). Grant allocation: \$2500

The financial implication of this initiative led the library to apply and participate in the pitch competition for funds from the AU Academic Partnership Grant, through which the library won a one-year allocation of \$25,000 with a promise of additional funds in the following year. This fund will support the work of the recipi-

ents of the JWL OER Grants, workshops, Open Educational Resources membership, OER promotion, training of trainers, and other open access initiatives of the university.

JWL OER Grant Recipients

There are three recipients of the JWL OER grants:

Creation Grant

Dr. Max Keller—Head of the Department of Music

Dr. Keller will create an ear training textbook to support Aural Skills with Melodies, Rhythms, Intervals, Chords, and Harmonic Progressions Course (**MUCT 154 – Ear Training Laboratory I – IV**). Instead of incorporating only folk melodies to teach ear training, Dr. Keller will contain excerpts from the Adventist Hymnal to transform the curriculum into local content. He will receive a grant of \$2500

Dr. Cristy Moss—MSMLS Program Director

Dr. Moss will create a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) software to support MLSC 350,451, and 452 courses in the Department of Laboratory Science.

Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) software is essential to medical laboratory education. Still, the commercially produced software's high cost and associated costs are prohibitive for many university-based MLS programs to purchase and integrate into their program, thus depriving the students of the enriching learning experience that the software provides. Dr. Moss plans to remove this economic barrier by creating an affordable, customizable, open, and equally effective LIMS that will promote students' full participation in the program, create inclusive access to quality learning tools, enhance stu-

dents' intellectual and practical skills and prepare them for a successful career in laboratory science. This is a \$2500 grant award.

Adapt Grant

Dr. Melissa Poua—Department of Medical Laboratory Science

Dr. Poua will adopt an Outbreak Virology Simulation Model that has been newly developed and mix it with a supplementary resource to support the course MLSC 432 (Specialized Clinical Microbiology). Her project will provide cheaper but equally effective ways to give medical laboratory students a better understanding of virology and foundational epidemiology. Creating an ancillary resource that will be openly licensed to support a newly developed simulation tool is a transformative use of a proprietary resource for learning enrichment at a low cost. The open resource will promote students' full participation in the course. This is a \$1500 grant award.

This is the JWL's first attempt at using grants to promote learning. Congratulations to all grant recipients.

About the Academic Partnership Grant: The Andrews University Academic Partnership Grant is sponsored by the Office of the Provost. It supports new or emerging interdisciplinary collaborations to integrate and energize curricula. Its purpose is to foster creative thinking and planning to revitalize curricular ideas and strengthen existing programs through initiatives that enrich the academic community and enhance the student experience. The funds will help create space and time to encourage innovative collaboration across disciplines and levels. The Academic Partnership initiative offers two grants of \$100,000 each for an interdisciplinary curricular initiative by

Andrews University faculty, departments, schools, and colleges. Funding for the selected projects will be \$100,000 to be budgeted over three years, with a \$40,000 cap on spending the first year and \$25,000 each successive year, with a \$10,000 contingency fund. <https://www.andrews.edu/provost/academic-partnership-grant/index.html>.

At its maturity, we believe this initiative will save student costs, make learning more affordable, and increase enrollment and retention. An affordable learning solution bridges the economic barrier that has prevented many, particularly the Adventist constituency, from benefiting from HE. In the long run, this could expand the frontier of Adventist education.

Open Access Textbook Publishing

In addition to financing OER initiatives, part of the grant will support the publication of Open Access (AO) textbooks. The library recently partnered with the Office of Research and Scholarship to fund a request from the faculty to publish a textbook on OA outlet. This initiative to support opportunities in academic publishing will increase access and reduce student costs.

Congratulations, James White Library!



Margaret Adeogun is the Marketing Librarian at the James White Library on Andrews University's campus.

SMALL CHANGES GO FAR TO CREATE A SPACE OF INVITATION AT WALLA WALLA

By Douglas McClay

After the covid pandemic, the return of students to the campus and library space was a refreshing change from the isolation brought by remote learning. The return brought several changes to the Walla Walla University Portland campus library as a space for students. These changes were all accomplished with a minimum expense.

Previously the front of the library was occupied by computers and printers. As a result of the sudden move to online learning modality, there was a change of student computer use and printing needs. Students began having courses and exams online, and as such, they were required to have their own computers. The usage of library desktop computers trended downwards while the need for laptop space trended upwards on the return to in-person learning. In addition, the need for large amounts of printing for classes was replaced by uploading written work into the learning management platform. There was a desire expressed by students in having a welcoming entrance to the library space. The library computers were reduced by half, which freed up space to move comfy chairs from other parts of the library and a small coffee table. This coffee table was the only purchase in this small library refresh. Another chair, small end table, and lamp were all acquired from leftover furniture from dorm storage, with a picture brought from home to bring the entrance together and provide an invitation of welcome to the library entry.

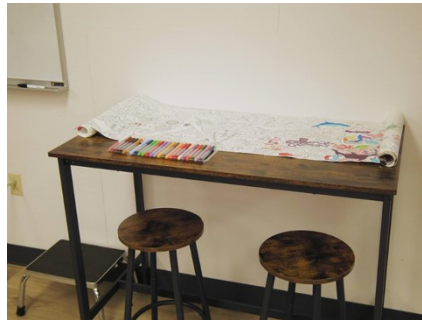
A small chalkboard was added to the front entrance area for announcements and positive messages.

The lounge area of the library was upgraded by adding a discarded area rug that had been used in a classroom.





Small pocket study areas for one or two students to study were created. A small round table discarded by a retired faculty member was added for one of these small study areas. Another piece of furniture that was repurposed for a new home in the library.



Inspiration from another library led to a banner for coloring. Coloring is sometimes a therapeutic method of stress relief. A station for this was created with a discarded table and stools from the dorm kitchen. The stools and table only needed new rubber feet. The banner is marked for where each school year's groups of students stopped coloring and a new section is unrolled for the new cohort. In the end after it is completed, it will be displayed on the wall for art and students will be able to see what past classes had colored in.

We had a Keurig left over from former student association activities that was just sitting in a cupboard not being used. It was repurposed to be a library corner cafe. Portland's climate and weather for dreary overcast rainy days makes a warm drink a very welcome treat between classes.

With small changes, using items that have been discarded, and with only a small investment of funds, library areas can be improved to offer a welcoming atmosphere for your students. Look around and think creatively about how things can be rearranged or repurposed to create space in your own library where students feel invited.



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FILM DIGITIZED TO CELEBRATE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SESQUICENTENNIAL

By Katharine Van Arsdale

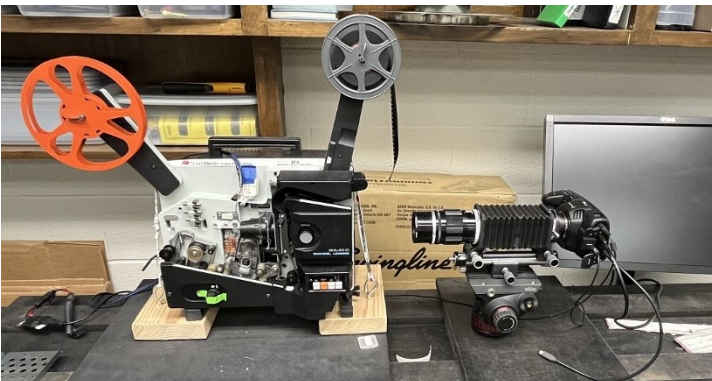
In 2024, Andrews University celebrates its 150th anniversary. Located in Berrien Springs, Michigan since 1901, the school began in 1874 in Battle Creek, where it was established as the first Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education. To prepare for this year of sesquicentennial celebrations, the Center for Adventist Research (CAR) at the James White Library has partnered with the [Adventist Digital Library](#) (ADL) on a digitization program targeting unique historical records held in the archives. One focus has been



a collection of over five hundred 16mm reel-to-reel films that document the school's history from the 1930s to the 1960s. The combined CAR-ADL team is nearly complete with the film phase of the digitization program.

Our project began with an unusual step. First, we had to acquire the right equipment, but we had no budget to purchase a ready-made 16mm film digitization unit. Luckily, two former members of our team, Brett Puckett and Eric Koester, had engineering and fabrication experience. They constructed a 16mm film digitization station using a combination of an Elmo 16CL Xenon Deluxe projector, a Blackmagic Design Pocket 4k camera, a 135mm Canon lens, and 3D printed parts to attach the pieces. In addition, they built a wooden table with tracks for the camera to slide along for focus adjustments.

Once the unit was assembled, trial and error brought further adjustments. We replaced the projector light with a brighter LED bulb, and the lens was removed so the film image would not spread on its way to the camera. An SSD drive was attached to the rig to capture the recordings. A flat screen monitor was also attached so the digitizer could review the film as it recorded. The film plays upside down as it records, so we simply flipped the monitor upside down on its stand to allow for a natural viewing experience.



After Eric and Brett completed the digitization station, other members of our team tackled the rest of the digitization workflow. The films were uncatalogued and undescribed, so we began with an inventory. During the inventory, we assigned unique numbers to each canister; these identifiers became our tracking numbers and file names. Using an Excel spreadsheet, we matched film identifiers with date, title, format, and condition metadata. Some film canisters contained useful metadata.



ta, but this was rare. Most description had to wait until the digitized film could be reviewed by first a student and then the ADL Digital Librarian, who enhanced and finalized the metadata for the Adventist Digital Library repository website, which uses Dublin Core. Each film also underwent quality checking and editing by our Digitization Center manager, Fabio Batista. Fabio reviewed for any mistakes in the recording process, such as speed or orientation.

The final step of our process involved upload to YouTube and the ADL website.

When we started in 2016, our repository website used Islandora, but by the time we reached the upload stage, we had migrated to Hyku, an open-source repository system by Samvera. The process of bulk upload to our Hyku repository was simple. Our first upload included eighty films that represent the rich variety found in the complete collection.

By January 2024, the first set of recordings from the [Center for Adventist Research Film Collection](#) were online and available in time to kick off Andrews University's 150th anniversary year. We've digitized all the reels and edited about half of them. We continue to finalize metadata and release files for upload to ADL. We look forward to sharing films with Andrews University and the broader Adventist community throughout the rest of this special anniversary year.



Katharine Van Arsdale is the Digital Librarian for the Adventist Digital Library at the Center for Adventist Research

McKEE LIBRARY HOSTS JOHN GOULD'S ARTWORK

By Bethany Howard



McKee Library on the campus of Southern Adventist University has the honor of hosting the artwork of esteemed artist John Fleming Gould this semester. The collection spans the artist's lifetime, including early portrait sketches to vintage advertisements to paintings for the railroad industry. The artist John Fleming Gould was born in Worcester, MA and

studied art at the Pratt Institute, where he later lectured. He went on to work as a well-known illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post and other national corporations and spent 20 years of his life as an artist and illustrator for the famed General Electric company. He created art in many mediums from watercolor to oil to pen and ink. Gould preferred to depict historical sites such as the Statue of Liberty or scenes from the Hudson River Valley, although his subjects varied widely. The collection will be on display and open to our students, staff, and faculty, as well as the public, until the end of May 2024.



Bethany Howard is the Public Services Librarian at the McKee Library at Southern Adventist University



LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE RAFAEL ESCANDÓN ERNÁNDEZ LIBRARY

By Melquisedec Merchan



The Rafael Escandón Hernández library of the Adventist University Corporation is located in Medellín, Colombia. A city recognized for being the most innovative city in Latin America.

The library offers various services to the entire academic community of the institution.

Its bibliographic software is KOHA, and its OPAC online catalog is at the following address: <https://>

library.unac.edu.co/

Within the facilities it has: a reading room on two floors, 5 group study rooms, 30 individual study cubicles and two large study rooms. It has a small historical museum where old objects used within the institution during previous years are kept.

The library belongs to several consortia and associations such as: ASDAL LATINOAMERICA,

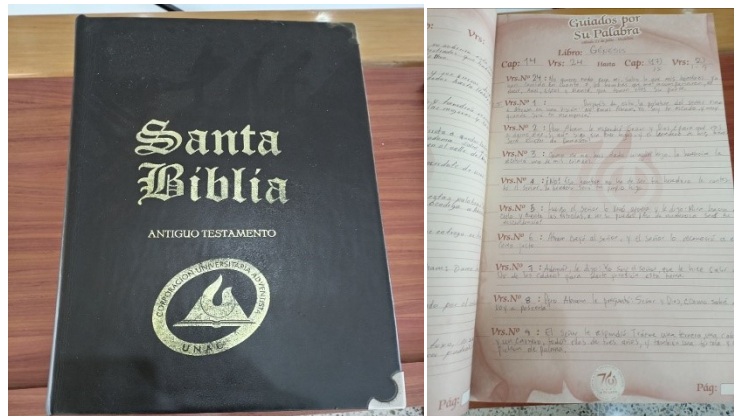
MBIES (Board of Higher Education Libraries of Medellín), BIVA (ADVENTIST VIRTUAL LIBRARY), REBAI (Network of Adventist Libraries of Inter-America)

Within its facilities it has a collection of art by the artist Elfred Lee, one of them is the famous work on the first vision of Ellen White, and the other works are on the theme from Eden to Eden.

It has a small White room, which wants to become a White Center for the entire Adventist community in the country.

In 2007, in celebration of the 80 years of the institution, an activity was carried out that consisted of the creation of a handwritten Bible during the celebration where 810 copyists participated transcribing the Bible. The Bible remains on display within the library facilities.

In 2009 the library received recognition from the EBSCO company for being the university library with the most bibliographic queries in the city of Medellín.



Melquisedec Mercahan serves as the Library Director of Rafel Escandón Hernández at the Coporación Universitaria Adventista, in Colombia



INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION'S ADVENTIST VIRTUAL LIBRARY REBRANDS

By Yanet Cima

The Inter-American Division's Adventist Virtual Library has announced a rebranding. This includes a new logo, new dominium, new web page and shortening of the name.

For more information, please visit the websites:

<https://interamerica.org/es/2024/03/division-interamericana-relanza-su-biblioteca-virtual-adventista/>

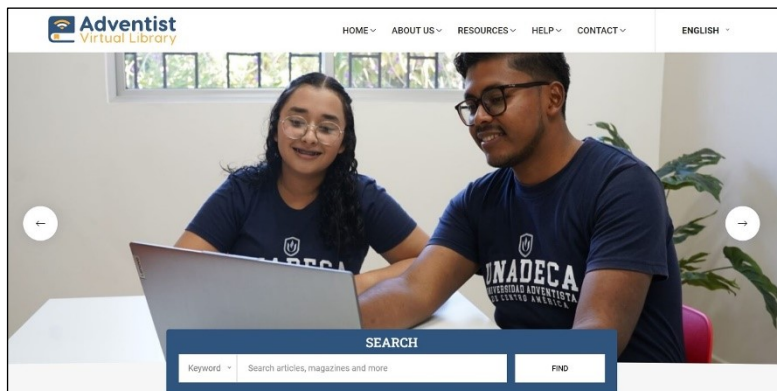
<https://interamerica.org/2024/03/inter-american-division-relaunches-its-adventist-virtual-library/>

The changes have also been showcased in two other publications. They can be read at these two websites:

<https://adventist.news/news/inter-american-division-relaunches-its-adventist-virtual-library>

<https://adventistreview.org/news/inter-american-division-relaunches-its-adventist-virtual-library/>

If you are interested in visiting the virtual library you can find the link here: biva.interamerica.org



Yanet Cima serves as the Director and Administrator at the Adventist Virtual Library, a mission of the Inter-American Division.



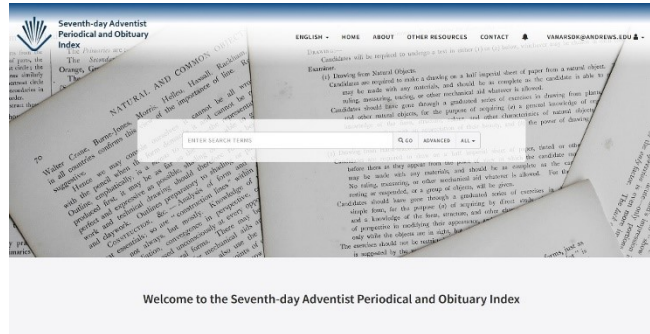
REPORT FROM THE ADVENTIST DIGITAL LIBRARY AND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST PERIODICAL & OBITUARY INDEX

By Katharine Van Arsdale

In June 2023, the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical & Obituary Index (SDAPI) launched its new website on the Adventist Digital Library (ADL) platform. This move signals a new era for SDAPI, which began in the 1970s as a print index of articles published in Adventist English-language periodicals. On the ADL platform, SDAPI gains features that transform the index into a true database of Adventist articles, both popular and scholarly. Features include advanced and faceted search, peer review filters, a citation export widget, and the addition of keyword searchable full text article PDFs. From May 2023 to the present, all article citations now include the article PDF, where publishers grant permission or make their periodicals publicly available. Articles are also being appended to previously indexed citations. As a result, the complete run of the *Journal of Adventist Education* is now available through SDAPI; other titles are underway.

The Adventist Digital Library’s new library site is available in beta with plans to fully launch in 2024. Over 40,000 works are available on the new ADL as of March 2024, with over 70,000 additional works in the queue. New material loads every day to the beta site, and incoming additions include much sought after collections such as Oakwood University’s Eva B. Dykes Collection and periodicals including *Insight*, *Youth’s Instructor*, and *Signs of the Times*. Many never-before-digitized periodicals have been recently scanned and processed by ADL from the library holdings of Atlantic Union College. Meanwhile, the legacy ADL site continues to serve researchers while content loads into the new ADL.

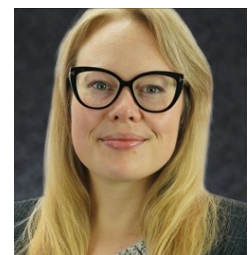
In 2023, ADL launched two new features for



partners: on-site digitization services and fully hosted institutional repositories for subscribing colleges and universities. AdventHealth University, the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University, Union Adventist University, Walla Walla University, and Washington Adventist University have now launched sites through their partnerships with ADL. Other institutions are invited to inquire about this feature.

Feedback, questions, or comments are welcome. Please write to content@adventistdigitallibrary.org. Seventh-day Adventist Periodical & Obituary Index <https://sdapi.adventistdigitallibrary.org/> ADL (beta) <https://adl.b2.adventistdigitallibrary.org/> ADL (legacy) <https://adventistdigitallibrary.org/>

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II CONFERENCE OF ADVENTIST LIBRARIES IN EUROPE (ASDAL–EU) EVENT REPORT

By Raul Cervantes

Date: 11th to 17th June 2024

Conference Days: 11th and 13th June

Trip Days: 12th, 14th, and 16th June

Trip Locations: Berlin, Halle, and Potsdam

Conference Overview: The II Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Libraries in Europe (ASDAL - EU) will convene from the 11th to the 17th of June 2024, focusing on the theme of "Strengthening Adventist Libraries in Europe." The event aims to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and explore strategies to enhance the role of Adventist libraries in communities.

About

As the Friedensau Adventist University Library, we are delighted to host the first Conference of Adventist Librarians in Europe. The idea emerged to gather libraries to discuss common practices, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration. This conference will allow us to share our experiences, resources, and visions for the future of our libraries in both local and global Adventist contexts.

Participants

11.06.2024 - 17.06.2024

- Bogenhofen Seminary Library from Austria
- Adventus University Cernica Library from Romania
- Collonges Adventist University Library from France
- Adriatic Union College Library from Croatia
- Belgrade Theological Seminary from Serbia
- Newbold College of Higher Education from The United Kingdom
- Polish College of Theology and Humanities

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II European ASDAL Conference
“Strengthening Adventist Libraries in Europe”

FRIEDENSAU ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

Itinerary

Monday - June 10th

19:00 - Registration

Tuesday - June 11th

08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast

09:30 - 09:45 - Inaguration

09:45 - 11:45: Round table / Seminar.
Topics: "Promoting collaboration among libraries: Opportunities and tools" and "Contemporary challenges in Adventist libraries: a European perspective"

12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch

14:00 - 16:30 - Round table / Seminar.
Topic: "Engaging the youth: Strategies for adapting our libraries to resonate with younger generations in this digital age"

17:30 - 18:30 -Dinner

Wednesday - June 12th *Trip day*

08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast

09:45 - Trip to Berlin

19:00 - Back to Friedensau

Thursday - June 13th

08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast

09:30 - 11:45 - Round table / Seminar.
Topics: "Practical workshops on library tools and best practices" and "Sustainability initiatives: Making our libraries more eco-friendly"

12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch

14:00 - 16:30 - Round table / Seminar.
Topics: "The adventist library in the digital context: digital archiving, e-books, repositories, and remote access" and "Distance learning support: Enhancing the role of libraries in online education landscapes"

16:40 - 17:40 - Round Table / Seminar. Topic: "Reflecting Jesus in our libraries"

17:30 - 18:30 - Dinner

Friday - June 14th *Trip day*

08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast

09:45 - Trip to Halle

16:00 - Back to Friedensau

17:30 - 18:30 -Dinner

19:00- Sabbath reception

Saturday - June 15th

08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast

11:30 - English church service

12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch

After lunch - Walk through the forest

17:30 - 18:30 -Dinner

19:00 - 20:00 - Bonfire

Sunday - June 16th *Trip day*

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08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast

9:30 - 16:00 - Potsdam trip

17:30 - 18:30 -Dinner

Monday - June 17th

08:00 - 09:00 - Breakfast

09:30 - 09:45 - Closing ceremony

12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch

17:30 - 18:30 -Dinner

Conference Program: The actual conference days will take place on the 11th and 13th of June, featuring a comprehensive program including breakfast, open speeches, round table discussions, seminars, lunch, and dinner. The discussions will revolve around challenges and opportunities faced by Adventist libraries in Europe.

Trip Highlights: Excursions to Berlin, Halle, and Potsdam are to take place on the 12th, 14th, and 16th of June, respectively. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the cultural heritage and historical significance of these cities, including visits to their respective libraries.

Special Events: Participants are invited to join the Shabbat Shalom service on Friday, the 19th, following dinner, as well as a worship service held in the Chapel on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a typical Potluck.

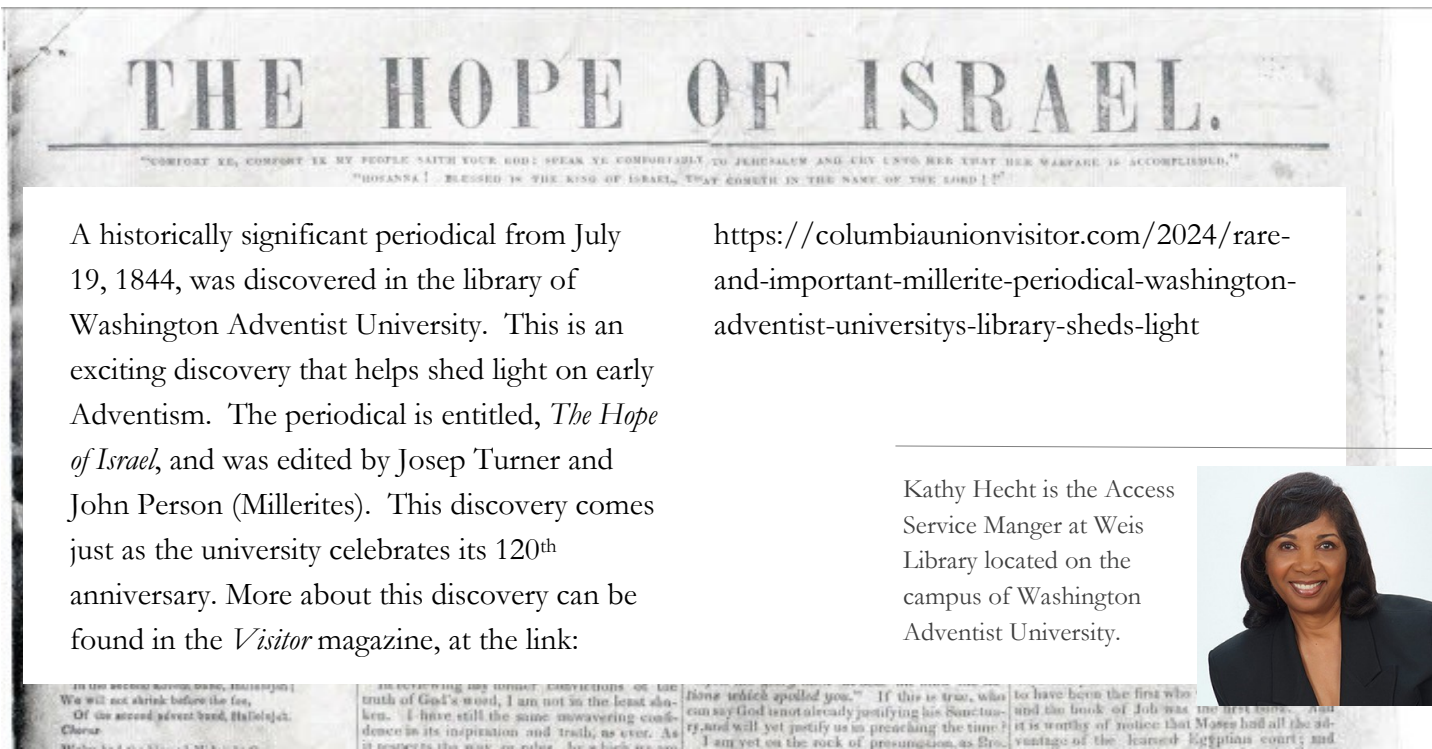


Raul Cervantes serves as the Director of the University Library at Friedensau Adventist University

Conclusion: The II Conference of Adventist Libraries in Europe will provide a platform for meaningful discussions, fruitful interactions, and the exchange of ideas. It reinforces the commitment to strengthening Adventist libraries in Europe and beyond, ensuring their continued impact and relevance in serving communities.

RARE PERIODICAL FOUND AT WEIS LIBRARY

By Kathy Hecht



Hope of Israel. Hope of Israel | Adventist Digital Library. (n.d.). <https://adventistdigitallibrary.org/adl-426640/hope-israel>

JOB OPENING AT PETERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Acquisitions Specialist. 26 Hours Per Week. Available Immediately.

Peterson Memorial Library, Walla Walla University

Education: Bachelor's degree in any area, Bachelor's degree in accounting preferred.

For detailed job description, click here: https://www.walla.walla.edu/fileadmin/user_upload/Human_Resources/Job_Announcements_PDF_s_STAFF/ADD_-_Acquisition_Specialist.pdf.

POSITION SUMMARY

Responsible for oversight of fiscal spending for the university libraries' capital and operating budgets; evaluates and monitors budgetary expenditures using the library's cloud-based Integrated Library System (ILS), Alma and various in-office systems, including creating, designing and maintaining financial reports; administers all aspects of ordering, receiving, processing and claiming of print and electronic materials; establishes and maintains interpersonal contacts with university accounting office personnel, publishers and vendors; collaborates daily with all library staff involved in selection and processing of materials; purchases supplies and equipment for library, managing expenditure decisions and vendor selections. Training on the library's ILS/Alma system provided.

Experience/Skills: Excel **Years of Experience:** 6-12 months, 1-3 years preferred

Grade N12 with compensation between \$17.23 to \$19.56 hourly

ASDAL CONFERENCE 2024

DAY 1

Monday, June 24, 8am–5pm

**Sponsored by the Adventist Resources Section and the
Archives and Records Management Section**

Here are some of the scheduled presentations!

TOUR OF THE WHITE ESTATE

will include the newly acquired Nix Collection

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING CHURCH RECORDS

DIGITIZATION WORKFLOWS

Elizabeth Henry

INTERVIEW WITH AN ARCHIVIST

Barbara Stovall

NEW HORIZONS

David Jones

DAY 2

Tuesday, June 25, 8am–5pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Joy Fehr

TRANSFORMING LIBRARIES

Mercy Chebichiy

A LIBRARY REFRESH

Heather Rodriguez-James

INNOVATIVE LIBRARY SPACE

Gail Geduld

GAMIFICATION TOOLS FOR LIBRARIES

Bethany Howard & Mica Myers

ASDAL CONFERENCE 2024

DAY 3

Wednesday, June 26, 8am-5pm

TOUR DAY

Washington D.C.



DAY 4

Thursday, June 27, 8am-8pm

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Archives, Reference Services, Cataloging, Directors, Technical Services

ASDAL LEADERSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION

Recent ASDAL leaders

What challenges face ASDAL? What opportunities are available? A frank discussion with recent ASDAL leaders on the past, present, and future of the Association.

ASSESSMENT OF ASDAL

Guided discussion

What role does ASDAL play in the modern Adventist library? What does ASDAL do well? What does ASDAL need to do better? ASDAL leadership would like to know more about what members of the association need now and in the future!

BANQUET

ASDAL CONFERENCE 2024

COSTS

Conference Registration	Early Bird Registration April 1 – April 30	Regular Registration May 1 – June 24
Member – in person attendance	\$225	\$250
Member – virtual attendance	\$140	\$165
Non-member – in person attendance	\$275	\$300
Non-member – virtual attendance	\$185	\$210
Other Tickets		
Tour*	Not available	\$50
Banquet*	Not available	\$20

* 1 tour ticket and 1 banquet ticket are included with an in-person conference registration. Purchase additional tour and/or banquet tickets if you have guests planning to attend with you.

** Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday are included with an in-person conference registration.

*** The conference registration fees have been calculated in USD. If you live in another country and have concerns regarding the registration fee, please reach out to us.

FLIGHTS

Local Airports

- Baltimore–Washington (BWI) – 45 minutes from conference location
- Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA) – 1 hour from conference location
- Washington Dulles (IAD) – 1 hour 15 minutes from conference location

ACCOMMODATIONS

Courtyard by Marriott Silver Spring North/White Oak

- We have a block of rooms reserved; registration will be available through the registration website (no need to book separately).

ASDAL CONFERENCE 2024

VISAS

For those of you who need a letter of invitation in order to procure a visa, please email that request to lettersofinvitation@gc.adventist.org and mention that this is for the ASDAL Conference (June 24-27). You can keep the process running smoothly by including an image or scan of the bio page of your passport.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

You will notice that this year, we have an option for virtual attendance. We will be streaming the presentations live, and will make the recordings available as well.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The business sessions will be live-streamed and open for all ASDAL members to attend, whether you are registered for the conference or not. Voting will take place online after the conference, in order to allow members who cannot attend live to view the recordings. We will be sending out the links to members the week of the conference.

Business Session I: June 24, 2024 at 11:00AM EDT

Business Session II: June 25, 2024 at 11:00AM EDT

Business Session III: June 26, 2024 at 11:00AM EDT

REGISTRATION

We will be sending out the official registration link when the registration website goes live! Be on the lookout for further emails from ASDAL.

ASDAL CANDIDATE BIOS

President Elect/President

Sheila Clark

Sheila Clark completed library school at the University of Alberta. Since then, her career has been dedicated to academic libraries. Following a fourteen-year tenure as the Access Services/Instruction Librarian at Walla Walla University, Sheila returned to Alberta in 2007 to assume the role of Assistant Librarian at Burman University. In 2009, she progressed to become Library Director. Throughout her career, Sheila has been actively involved in professional associations and consortia. She has served on numerous committees within ASDAL and held the position of Treasurer for the Alberta Association of Academic Libraries. Sheila is currently ending her three-year tenure on the NEOS consortium executive committee, a local consortium of 17 academic, health, and government libraries, followed by two terms as Chair. Additionally, she was recently nominated to serve as a Member-at-Large on the Alberta Library Board.

At Burman University's library, Sheila played a pivotal role in planning and implementing a new library building, showcasing her strategic vision and project management skills. As a solo librarian, Sheila has honed a multifaceted skill set, engaging in various aspects of library operations. She is especially interested in information literacy instruction, collection development, and the promotion of open educational resources, especially open textbooks.

Looking ahead, Sheila is eager to contribute to the future direction of ASDAL, especially amidst a period of international expansion.

Zorislav Plantak

Zorislav has been a Systems Librarian and Assistant Professor at the James White Library, Andrews University, for the last five years. As the head of the library's systems, he manages the library's management software, databases, and web pages. He is a liaison for the University's College of Arts & Sciences - S. T. E. M. Division, a participant in the library's information literacy instructions, and a member of the university's Faculty Senate. Zorislav is passionate about improving information and resource sharing through cutting-edge technologies, including AI, and he is interested in exploring ethical issues in libraries to enhance professional practices. He earned my MLIS from Wayne State University and my Ph.D. in Leadership Ethics from Andrews University.

ASDAL Action Editor

David Lwabi

As a dedicated University Librarian at Bugema University in Uganda, David Lwabi brings extensive experience and a wealth of knowledge to the academic community. Holding degrees from both Makerere University in Uganda and the University of Botswana, Gaborone, David possesses a strong academic background in library science, further enriched by practical experience in the field. A devout Adventist in good standing, David exemplifies integrity and ethical leadership within the university environment.

Bethany Howard

Bethany Howard has served as public services librarian at McKee Library for three years. In addition, she plans and implements the campuswide research presentation event, called Campus Research Day, each year in her position as Campus Research Day Chair. In her librarian role, she teaches library instruction utilizing gamification, participates in research coaching and collection development, and assists in the creation of library blog posts, Youtube videos, and research guides. She is a recent master's degree graduate of the excellent information science graduate program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. She is passionate about connecting students to the valuable resources of the library and opening up to them the world of academic research and writing.

Adventist Resources Committee

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Norah is the librarian in charge of Judith Thomas Library at Adventist University of Africa who has about 38 years of experience as a librarian having worked in several academic institutions including, United States International University and The African Virtual University (AVU), She holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Studies and a Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences attained from Moi University. She is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Nairobi pursuing a program in Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science.

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Donald Martin

Donald received his master's degree in library and information science from Catholic University and has worked in a variety of libraries for 30 years. He is currently the Digital Resources Librarian and part of the instruction team at Southern Adventist University. In his current position, he is responsible for digital resources, interlibrary loan, research coaching, and information literacy for the health sciences. He also serves as the ALICE Projects Manager. Prior to coming to Southern, he worked at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Maryland as a medical librarian, assisting nurses, physician assistants, and doctors with evidence-based patient care.

Melquisedec Merchán Martínez

Melquisedec Merchán Martínez holds a Master's degree in Information Sciences and Knowledge Management and has dedicated his career to advancing the field of library science and education. Since 1998, Melquisedec has served as the library director at the Adventist University in Colombia, where he has demonstrated exemplary leadership and vision in expanding access to knowledge resources for the academic community. In addition to his administrative role, Melquisedec is deeply engaged in teaching activities, serving as a professor of information and communication technologies.

As a respected member of the Network of Adventist Librarians of Inter-America and the Library board of higher education institutions in Medellín, Melquisedec actively contributes to the advancement of library science at both regional and international levels. He is a proud member of ASDAL's Latin America chapter.

Elizabeth Henry

Elizabeth Henry earned a Master's in Architecture with a Minor in Information Systems from Andrews University. She also holds a Masters of Information Science degree from Nova Southeastern University. She started her career in the Inter-American Division (IAD) as an Administrative Assistant and as part of the team digitizing records for the Treasury Department. She later became the Digital Document Management Director of the IAD. She joined the ASTR Staff in the spring of 2020 as the Digital Records Manager.

Michelle Rojas

Michelle Rojas is the Reference & Special Collections Librarian at La Sierra University in Riverside, CA. She received her BA from La Sierra and her MLIS from the University of California, Los Angeles. Michelle is originally from Loma Linda, CA.

Archives and Records Management

Sabrina Riley

Sabrina Riley is an independent scholar and information professional. She currently serves on the North American Division editorial team for the Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists. She is also actively researching and writing on topics related to Seventh-day Adventists history. She has previously worked as a reference and instruction librarian at Andrews University, and library director and archivist at Union College. She is a past president of ASDAL and a recipient of the D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship.

Patrick Benner

Patrick Benner is a PUC graduate who returned in 1997 to serve as the Library/Learning Resource Center Network Manager. He had previously served as lead programmer and then IT Director for eleven years at Christian Record Services in Lincoln, NE, our publishing house for the blind and the deaf. After graduate school, he began serving as the Systems Librarian at PUC and also did part-time copy-cataloging for two years. In 2017, a flurry of retirements resulted in Patrick stepping into the position of dept. Chair/Director. Outside of the library, he served for twenty years as a volunteer EMT and board member for Angwin Community Ambulance

and Sabbath School leader for Primary, Junior, & Youth Sabbath Schools. He also serves as treasurer at his local church and a local nonprofit.

Ciara Junette Carbonilla

Ciara Junette Carbonilla is an accomplished Technical Librarian at Central Philippine Adventist College in Bacolod, Negros Occidental, Philippines. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science from Adventist University of the Philippines.

Committed to professional growth and contributing to positive change, Ciara is dedicated to collaborating with fellow librarians specializing in multidisciplinary fields. She actively seeks opportunities to enhance her technical skills while learning from esteemed colleagues.

Ciara's scholarly contributions include a published paper titled "Assessment of the Functionality of Academic Librarians in the Philippines During the COVID-19 Pandemic," featured in the prestigious Journal of Knowledge Learning and Science and Technology.

Nominating Committee

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Mica Myers

Mica Myers graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2019 with her Bachelor's in Music Education. After working for several years as a music teacher, Mica returned to Southern in the summer of 2022 to work as McKee Library's circulation manager. The following summer Mica enrolled in the information sciences program at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and transitioned into her current role as the Periodicals and Reference Librarian at McKee Library. As a former teacher, Mica enjoys working with individual students during research coaching appointments. She also works extensively in the library's cataloging platform, solving journal issues and updating periodicals cataloging practices.

Katharine Van Arsdale

Katharine Van Arsdale (MA, MLIS) works at Andrews University, where she is the Digital Librarian for the [Adventist Digital Library](#) and [Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index](#). In previous roles, Katharine served as Spe-

cial Collections Librarian at Pacific Union College in California and as a research assistant specializing in archives at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D.C. Her professional interests include archives and special collections, digitization projects and digital preservation, repository management, and primary source information literacy. In her free time, Katharine reads nonfiction, paints with watercolors, and enjoys taking her toddler to the swimming pool.



Heather Rodriguez-James

Heather Rodriguez-James, [MLS](#), is currently the Director of Library Services at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama. She also serves as the Library Liaison to the School of Graduate Studies, School of Theology, and Nursing Department and has been in this position since August 2020.

Heather was previously the Reference Librarian and Library Liaison to the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University Health in Loma Linda, California; and Archivist/Reference Librarian at Oakwood University. She was the primary contact for Oakwood University, on the (2011 and 2013) Mellon Foundation Photographic Preservation Grant, through LYRASIS and the HBCU (Historically Black College and University) Library Alliance, in which Oakwood was able to re-house 10,000 photographs.

Heather formerly worked as the Cataloger at Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama, and Director of Library Services at Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica.

Heather has served, or is serving, on the following professional committees: Executive Council Member of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (2022–2023), Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians: Site Planning (2022-2025), Secretary (2008-2012; 2017-2019), Scholarship and Awards Committee (2016-2019), Inter-American Chapter Coordinator (2007), SDA Classification Advisory Committee (2009-2012); COLINET (College Library Network of Jamaica) Symposium Planning Committee (2005-2007); and ACURIL (Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries) Local Organizing Committee (Secretary, 2007); and American Library Association. She has co-authored one of the chapters in *Caribbean Libraries in the 21st Century: Changes, Challenges, and Choices* edited by Sharmin Renwick and Cheryl Peltier-Davis.

Donna Lou Aragon

Donna Lou Almaiz Aragon is a dedicated professional with a unique blend of expertise in healthcare and library sciences. Donna Lou earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Central Philippine Adventist College in 1992, where she laid the foundation for her career in healthcare. Subsequently, she pursued her passion for education and library administration, obtaining a master's in education with an emphasis in library administration from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in 2003. Donna Lou has served as Phillippine Adventist College's College Librarian for 20 years. She is dedicated to fostering a culture of learning and research in the academic community.

Scholarship and Awards

Pamela Stevens

Pam Stevens is an Audio Visual and Cataloging Librarian with a decade of experience in varying areas of Librarianship. During the entire decade of her librarianship, she has been the sole supervisor of Kettering College Library's student workers – hiring, training, and scheduling the student workers' experience. She loves working with the students and encourages their academic and spiritual growth.

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SDA Classification Advisory Committee

Stan Cottrell

Stanley Cottrell II is the Technical Services Librarian in the McKee Library at Southern Adventist University, a position he has held since 2004. Previously, he served as the Cataloging Librarian for the Weis Library at Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) from 1994 through 2004. He was hired at CUC as a cataloging technician in 1991, and completed his Masters of Library Science at the University of Maryland in 1994.

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Dionisio Tuapin Jr

Dionisio Valdez Tuapin Jr. is the Bibliographic Services and Special Collections Librarian of Leslie Hardinge Library, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines. He earned a Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Library and Information Science degree at the Adventist University of the Philippines, He had his first job in Leslie Hardinge Library before he served as a librarian at the South Philippine Adventist College and Academy. When he is not at work, he is fond of challenging himself to do 300 little things for Jesus Christ such as sharing 300 missionary books, planting 300 trees, reviewing 300 books, learning to play 300 classical guitar hymns, running 300 trail or road runs, hiking 300 mountains, etc.

Chelsi Cannon

Chelsi Cannon currently chairs the Department of Archives and Special Collections at Loma Linda University. She first discovered her love of special collections while working as a student preservation assistant at the University of Washington's Suzallo Library in Seattle, Wa. After earning her MLIS from the University of Washington, she moved on to the reference desk at the University of Redlands in southern California. Chelsi later found an opportunity to work at La Sierra University and thoroughly enjoyed managing the special collections in the Heritage Room and working with students at the reference desk. After taking a few years off from the world of libraries to be home with her kids, Chelsi returned to work at her current position with Loma Linda University. In her spare time, Chelsi enjoys working on her small hobby farm, baking sourdough treats, and travel.

SDA Periodical Index Advisory Committee

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Julie Boccock-Bliss

Julie Boccock-Bliss joined Union in 2023 as library director. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature degree from Andrews University. She has worked in academic libraries for 15 years.

Site Planning Committee

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Naicy Guardias-Sanidad

Naicy D. Guardias-Sanidad is an accomplished library educator who earned her Bachelor of Secondary Education with a major in Library Science from Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) in October 2002. Following her academic success, she demonstrated her commitment to the field by passing the Librarians Licensure Examination given by the Philippine Regulation Commission of the Republic of the Philippines in November of the same year. Starting her career at AUP Academy Library in November 2002, she worked as a School Librarian until December 2013. In addition to her full-time role as a school librarian, she took on a part-time faculty position at the Library and Information Science Department from June 2003 to December 2013, showcasing her dedication to both practical library work and academic instruction. Transitioning to a full-time faculty position in June 2014, her passion for education and expertise in the field led her to take on leadership roles, serving as the Department Chair from January 2019 to July 2020 and resuming the role in July 2022 to the present. Throughout her tenure, she has been instrumental in shaping the education of future librarians, teaching diverse courses, including ICT, Cataloging, Reference, Information Literacy, Collection Development, Library Management, Indexing and Abstracting, Digital Libraries, Missionary Librarians, and Indigenous Knowledge and Multicultural-

ism. In 2015, she completed her Master's in Library and Information Science at Polytechnic University of the Philippines and is currently pursuing her postgraduate studies at AUP for a Doctor of Philosophy in Education majoring in Multidisciplinary Research & Evaluation. Her enduring commitment to teaching and training future librarians reflects her passion for nurturing the next generation of information professionals, making her a valued member of the academic community.

Statistics Committee

Jessica Spears

Jessica Spears has been the research services librarian at McKee Library on the Southern Adventist University campus for 11 years. Jessica oversees the library's embedded librarian program, institutional repository, website, and social media and is a part of the research coaching team.

Stacyann Quintero

Ms Stacyann Quintero is the Director of Library Services at the University of the Southern Caribbean and is diligent and committed to her profession. She began working at the Forde Library, University of the Southern Caribbean, in 2006, where she discovered her passion for Library Services.

She received a Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus in 2013. Ms Quintero has served in the Circulations and Technical Services Department at different levels, including Library Assistant, Librarian and Associate Librarian. Ms Quintero is interested in using technology to enhance staff delivery and patron's experience.

Some of the projects in which she played a significant role are documenting and creating the Policy Manual for the Forde Library and the organization and development of the University of the Southern Caribbean's Tobago Campus Library. In April 2019, she was appointed Director of Library Services at the Forde Library. Her current research areas are Library Management, Technology in Libraries, Access Services and Library Instruction. Ms Quintero is personable and enjoys helping people. She lives by the words, "Do unto others as you will have them do unto you."

