

International News Media Conference Wrap-Up for 2018

Location: University of Florida George Smathers Library, Gainesville, Florida, USA

Date: April 18-201

Program: <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/IFLAnewsmedia2018/registration>

Participant number: 42

Pre-Conference Business Meeting: Day 0.1

Attendees: Teri Sierra, Anke Winnsman, Patrick Reakes

Topics: Introductions

Global Vision

Kuala Lumpur

Standing Committee: membership

Corresponding member: Help of corresponding members to fill positions

Section secretary: Imperative need for section secretary

New at the Library of Congress

Day 1

Day 1 Presentation Themes

- Preserving the physical to create and preserve the digital
- Digital preservation management
- Environments of high risk to physical news content
- Preservation, OCR, and accessibility of difficult language content

Day 1: Presentations centering on both physical and digital preservation included Dr. Krahmer's presentation, "History 9-1-1: How University of North Texas Libraries Save Newspaper Runs through the Texas Digital Newspaper Program," which opened as the first presentation in the conference; "Digitization of Mexico's Jewish Heritage Newspapers: International Collaboration and Open Access in the Aftermath of the 2017 Earthquake" from Drs. Vargas-Betancourt and Jefferson; Cardwell and Curran's "Preserving, Digitizing, and Sustaining The Weekly Challenger, a Local African-American Newspaper"; "A Symbiotic Relationship for Reducing Risk to Valuable Content: How a Library Vendor Partners with News Publishers to Preserve Critical Media for Libraries and Researchers Worldwide" from Jennifer Trammell; and "Digital Migrations: A Case of Turn-of-the-Century Chicago-Immigrant Newspapers" by Schlaack and Oates. Themes from these presentations included:

- Partnerships in digital preservation
- Analog to digital conversion
- Project Management in digital news preservation and multi-language news preservation and access



Figure 1: Drs. Vargas-Betancourt and Jefferson, "Digitization of Mexico's Jewish Heritage Newspapers"



Figure 2: Cardwell and Curran, "Preserving, Digitizing, and Sustaining The Weekly Challenger"



Figure 3: Schlaack and Oates, "Digital Migrations: A Case of Turn-of-the-Century Chicago Immigrant Newspapers"

Opening Guest Speaker: Deb Thomas, Library of Congress

Thomas presented on the role of the Library of Congress in newspaper preservation and on the future directions for LC in born-digital news preservation.



Figure 4: Deb Thomas, explaining future directions for newspaper preservation at the Library of Congress

Day 1 University of Florida Guest Speaker, Dr. Laurie Taylor, presented on how digital-restaging and open access of early Caribbean texts preserves cultural identity of post-Colonial populations in the Caribbean.

End of Day 1 Reception: The reception for day 1 was held in the George Smathers Library Grand Reading Room (pictured below).



Figure 5: Photo courtesy of the George Smathers Library (<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/giving/RR.aspx>)

Day 2

Day 2 Presentation Themes

- Born-digital preservation and access
- E-legal deposit
- Preservation of news as historic record
- Digital collection accessibility
- News on the margins

Day 2 began with a discussion of born-digital acquisition and preservation by Library Archives Canada's Annie Wolfe on, "Old News is Good News: moving towards new approaches to newspaper acquisition and preservation at Library and Archives Canada"; following was a presentation by Virginia Dressler, who explored the concept of holistic news preservation with, "Preserving the full historic record in holistic newspaper digital preservation: From the backend to the front"; concluding presentations included Dinsmore's "Caribbean News in the Digital Library of the Caribbean"; "An International Survey of Born Digital Legal Deposit Policies and Practices" from Carner, Clausen, Holownia, McCain, and Zarndt; and Skinner and Gore's "An Update on the News on the Margins Project.:



Figure 6: Annie Wolfe, Library Archives Canada



Figure 7: Virginia Dressler, "Preserving the full historic record in holistic newspaper digital preservation"



Figure 8 Chelsea Dinsmore, who detailed the Digital Library of the Caribbean.

Day 2 Keynote Speaker: Amalia Levi, exploring how newspaper access problematizes cultural silences in post-colonial societies in the Caribbean: “more than natural disasters, often newspapers are threatened by oblivion, stemming from indifference in and dismissal of a traumatic past. Traditionally, scholars have read historical newspapers for the information they contain. More recently, area studies and digital tools have enabled us to read them against the grain. The result has been greater awareness of the intricate web of silences woven around the information contained within.” (Excerpt from A. Levi’s presentation).



Figure 9: Amalia Levi, keynote speaker, News Media Conference 2018

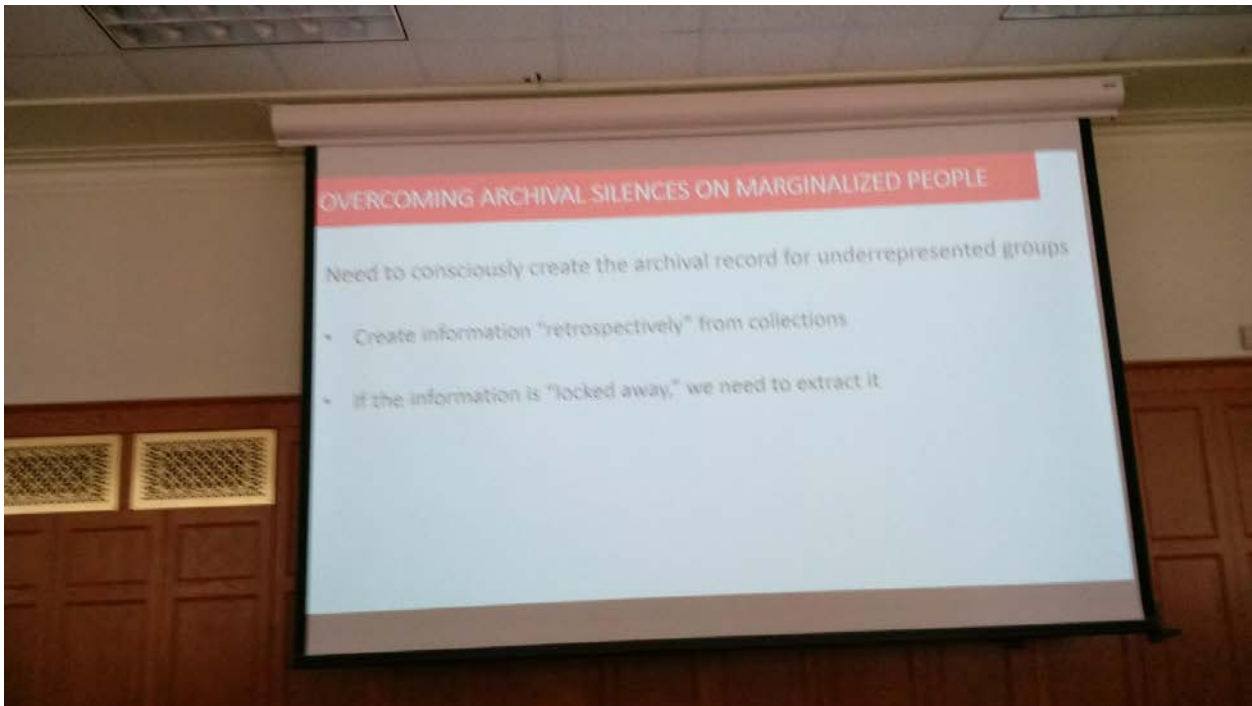


Figure 10: Slide from keynote speaker Amalia Levi's talk.

Day 2 wrapped with a closing happy hour at the local pub, The Swamp.

The program committee would like to thank the University of Florida for sharing their beautiful facility and for arranging a wonderful day 1 reception and tours for day 3. Patrick Reakes of University of Florida was instrumental in making this conference a success, and we are all grateful for his work on this..