



The Department of Library and Information Science invites you to:

“Beyond Browse: Mobilizing Digital Collections and Engaging Users”

A Colloquium with Dr. Sharon Leon

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Monday, October 20, 6:00 p.m.
204 Columbus School of Law
The Catholic University of America



Abstract:

For nearly twenty years, libraries, museums, and archives have been diligently working to digitize their collections. Now we must put those collections to work in ways that both build community, and are sustainable. How can we serve our collections in a wide range of venues? How can we more effectively engage our users in productive dialogue? How can we invite the innovative use of our collections? How can we draw upon users' interests to guide our digital project development? How can we employ light-weight open source web publishing platforms, such as Omeka, to facilitate this work? This talk will explore these questions and others by drawing examples from innovative digital public history and humanities projects.

About the speaker:

Sharon M. Leon is the Director of Public Projects at the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media and Associate Professor of History at George Mason University. Leon received her B.A. in American Studies from Georgetown University, and her doctorate in American Studies from the University of Minnesota. Her first book, *An Image of God: the Catholic Struggle with Eugenics*, was published by University of Chicago Press (May 2013). Leon oversees collaborations with partners from around the country, directs exhibit and archiving projects, as well as research and tool development for public history, including Omeka and Scripto. Finally, Leon writes and presents on using technology to improve the teaching and learning of historical thinking skills.

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