2021-2022 CARLI Open Educational Resources Committee Annual Report of Activities and Projects

Members

Amber Burtis	2021-2024	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Denise Cote	2021-2022	College of DuPage
Catherine Galarza-Espino	2021-2023	Morton College
Kim Hale	2021-2022	Columbia College Chicago
Daniel Matthews, Co-chair	2020-2024	Moraine Valley Community College
Christina Norton	2021-2022	Bradley University
Tineka Scalzo	2021-2024	City Colleges of Chicago
Janet Swatscheno	2020-2022	University of Illinois Chicago
Chris Sweet, Co-chair	2020-2023	Illinois Wesleyan University
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CARLI Board Liaisons:

Karen Janke, Erikson Institute

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CARLI Staff:

Anne Craig, Elizabeth Clarage, Michele Leigh, and Nicole Swanson

Meetings

The committee met monthly by conference call on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Activities

Understanding and Promoting Open Educational Resources Workshops

This 3-week virtual "Train the Trainer" course was developed in 2020 by OER Committee and is based on openly licensed materials from the Open Education Network. It meets synchronously for an hour and half each week along with asynchronous readings and activities. Since all offerings of this workshop filled for FY21, 8 additional offerings were opened for FY22. Two concurrent workshops were

offered in July and December of 2021. In 2022, workshops were held in February, May, and two concurrent workshops in June. In total, 100 CARLI affiliated librarians attended the course.

This course was taught by: Anne Chernaik (College of Lake County), Elizabeth Clarage (CARLI), Denise Cote (College of DuPage), Kim Hale (Columbia College Chicago), Michele Leigh (CARLI), Dan Matthews (Moraine Valley Community College), Thane Montaner (Prairie State College), Christina Norton (Bradley University), Michelle Oh (Northeastern Illinois University), Anne Shelley (Illinois State University), Sue Shultz (DePaul University), Charlene Snelling (Chicago State University), Nicole Swanson (CARLI), Janet Swatscheno (University of Illinois Chicago), and Chris Sweet (Illinois Wesleyan University).

OER Faculty Workshop

The Committee designed and developed in 2021 an OER Faculty Workshop to be offered periodically to faculty and administrators from Illinois institutions. In FY22, Committee members updated the content. The workshop was held on July 15, 2021 and January 27, February 23, and March 30, 2022. 9 reviews were generated through member institutions offering stipends to their faculty who attended and wrote a review in the Open Textbook Library. Two faculty not associated with institutions offering an incentive wrote a review of an open textbook. Registration and attendance for both workshops demonstrated a strong interest in learning more about OER from faculty across the state as reflected in the numbers below.113 total faculty members and librarians attended the workshops.

The workshops were taught by: Annette Alvarado (Loyola University Chicago), Amber Burtis (Southern Illinois University Carbondale), Elizabeth Clarage (CARLI), Catherine Galarza-Espino (Morton College), Michele Leigh (CARLI), Dan Matthews (Moraine Valley Community College), Christina Norton (Bradley University), Sue Shultz (DePaul University), Nicole Swanson (CARLI), Chris Sweet (Illinois Wesleyan University), and Tamara Townsend (City Colleges of Chicago).

OER Commons and the Open Illinois Hub

Throughout 2021-2022 the OER Committee continued to promote using and adding to the Open Illinois Hub on OER Commons.

22 CARLI libraries have developed intuitional presences within the Open Illinois Hub. The "Curated Collections" portion of the hub has been extensively developed over the last year, while a few "OER from Illinois" have been added.

The workshop "OER Commons Hub Overview" was offered by Elizabeth Clarage and Nicole Swanson (CARLI) on October 27th providing librarians with the basics of how to use the Open Illinois Hub. 54 librarians attended the workshop.

On December 9, 2021 multiple members of the CARLI OER Committee and some CARLI Governing Members attended an Open Author training session presented by Megan Simmons (ISKME). Open Author is an OER authoring platform that is part of OER Commons. 28 librarians attended this event.

On April 1, 2022 OER Committee members Elizabeth Clarage (CARLI), Michele Leigh (CARLI), Dan Matthews (Moraine Valley Community College), Christina Norton (Bradley University), Tineka Scalzo (City Colleges of Chicago), Nicole Swanson (CARLI), and Chris Sweet (Illinois Wesleyan University) gave a presentation on the OER Commons Hub for an IACRL Spark event "Open Pathways-Exploring the Intersections of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Open Educational Resources." The presentation was followed with group discussions about the interfaces of OER and DEI.

Committee members also had a presentation entitled "CARLI presents: the Open Illinois Hub" accepted for the ILA Annual Conference in October.

Open Education Network: Certificate in OER Librarianship Program

In 2021, the CARLI OER Committee proposed to the CARLI Program Planning Committee to offer full scholarships for up to five librarians from CARLI-member institutions to attend the Open Education Network's Certificate in OER Librarianship. This proposal was accepted. Unfortunately, no member librarians were accepted into the program. However, two CARLI staff members were accepted and able to participate in the program. Five previous participants of the Open Education Network Certificate in OER Librarianship program joined the CARLI OER Committee in 2021.

Open Education Week

As part of Open Education Week, March 7-11, 2022, CARLI hosted a 2-part Open Pedagogy series as well as shared CARLI member institutions' OER Success Stories on the CARLI OER email list.

Open Pedagogy Series

CARLI hosted a 2-part series *Open Pedagogy in OER* presented by Will Cross, Director of the Open Knowledge Center & Head of Information Policy at NC State University, an instructor in the UNC SILS, and an OER Research Fellow. The series was offered to

CARLI members, members of the Professional Development Alliance, and members of the Open Education Network. The workshop was comprised of two sessions. 81 CARLI member librarians attended the live webinars, and 55 CARLI members viewed the recording made available after the workshops. The descriptions for the two workshops are as follows:

Workshop I: Introducing Open Pedagogy: From Open Resources to Equitable, Student-Centered Practices

> "In this workshop Will Cross introduces open pedagogy, an access-oriented commitment to learner driven education. Just as open educational resources can remove financial barriers for students, open pedagogy empowers faculty and students to build courses that reflect and connect out to the world in which they live. This workshop introduces the core values of open pedagogy and walks you through successful models for putting open pedagogy into practice."

Workshop 2: Implementing Open Pedagogy: Outreach and Advocacy for Developing Faculty Partnerships

> "In this workshop Will Cross explores strategies for making open pedagogy work at your institution. Building on the Introducing Open Pedagogy workshop, Will Cross explores strategies for developing a team to support open pedagogy and develop a tailored action plan for connecting with faculty instructors. Because this session is focused on outreach and team building, attendees are encouraged to invite colleagues from across campus including instructional designers, learning technology experts and, of course, faculty instructors."

OER Success Stories

The committee also shared CARLI member institutions' OER Success Stories to the CARLI OER email list. We received a total of eleven success stories from: Bradley University, City Colleges of Chicago, College of DuPage, Columbia College Chicago, Dominican University, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northwestern University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and University of Illinois Chicago.

OER Office Hours

The OER Committee continued this professional development opportunity for CARLI members in FY22 to provide a space for informal discussions about OER. Five sessions were held throughout the year. In November 2021, the committee decided to take notes from the conversations and share them with the CARLI OER email list to

make them available to members that could not attend and provide links to resources shared during the conversation. 80 librarians attended the talks over the course of the year. The topics for discussion during the past year were:

- Publisher Response to OER: Openwashing (November) Facilitated by OER Committee Members
- Engaging Faculty Through a Community of Practice (December) Facilitated by OER Committee Members
- Funding for OER (February) Facilitated by Janet Swatscheno, Notes taken by Dan Matthews
- Faculty and Student Collaborations (March) Facilitated by Dan Matthews, Notes taken by Catherine Galarza-Espino
- OER and Accessibility (April) Facilitated by Christina Norton, Notes taken by Tineka Scalzo
- Designing Faculty Incentive Programs for OER (May) Facilitated by Amber Burtis, Notes taken by Dan Matthews

CARLI U.S. Department of Education Open Textbook Pilot Grant Application: SCOERS Grant

CARLI received a 3-year award of $1.08 million for Illinois SCOERs for the creation of open textbooks and ancillary materials that include 3D printing as a pedagogical tool funded by the Open Textbooks Pilot Grant received from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) and the U.S. Department of Education.

CARLI OER Committee members, past and present, assisted in the subgrant application submission process, reviewing the subgrant applications, and serving on the Advisory Committee including Anne Chernaik, Dan Matthews, Michelle Oh, Sue Shultz, Janet Swatscheno, and Chris Sweet.