**VIVA Course Redesign Grants**

Deadline Approaching

The December Dean’s Office Update included information about the VIVA, Virginia’s Academic Library Consortium, *VIVA Course Redesign Grants* that are available to faculty. The deadline to submit an application for the grant is rapidly approaching. Applications are due by January 31, 2019. The purpose of the grant is to assist faculty in redesigning curricula to include use of open, low-cost, or library resources. Awards will range from $1,000 to $30,000. A webinar discussing the grant, the application process, and any questions will be held on January 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The registration link for the webinar is available at [https://vivalib.libcal.com/event/4835305](https://vivalib.libcal.com/event/4835305).

For more information about the grant or to view archived webinars please go to the VIVA Course Redesign Grant webpage found at [https://vivalib.org/c.php?g=836990&p=6425615](https://vivalib.org/c.php?g=836990&p=6425615).

**Library & Faculty Digital Project Collaboration**

In December 2018, Fintel Library was awarded a *Consortium on Digital Resources for Teaching and Research* grant supported by Council of Independent Colleges and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to advance two digital collections projects. One project will serve as a proof-of-concept for creating curated online exhibits using JSTOR Forum, a lite version of the Omeka exhibit platform, and complementary plug-ins. The project will engage a faculty partner, Dr. Wendy Larson-Harris, and fund a digital collections student assistant position. Library staff will work with Dr. Larson-Harris to develop a curated online exhibit depicting the life of Saint Margaret of Antioch, the patron saint of childbirth. The exhibit will offer images of Saint Margaret, research about her life, perceptions of Saint Margaret in different geographic regions, and research on medieval spirituality. The collaboration furthers efforts begun last year to re-format Dr. Larson-Harris’ research slide collection. The second project will enhance descriptions of current digital collections and build transcripts for textual content found within those collections.

For more information about the project, or possible collaborative opportunities with the library, please contact Elizabeth G. McClenney ([mcclenney@roanoke.edu](mailto:mcclenney@roanoke.edu)).

**New Roanoke College Digital Collection Released**

The *Roanoke College Freshwater Fishes of Virginia* slide collection represents a digitized collection of over 800 photographic slides collected by Dr. Robert Jenkins, Noel Burkhead, and others. The slides were shot largely in the early to mid-1980’s, and represent specimens of fish from all over Virginia and neighboring states. The slides were originally the illustrative plates contained in Dr. Jenkins’ and Mr. Burkhead’s 1994 publication *Freshwater Fishes of Virginia*. Digitization of the slides and the curation of the records is the work of several people over a number of years. Rebecca Horton ’19, Nita Eastby ’14, Alex Voorhees ’17, and Cayla Miller all made significant contributions to the project.

The collection includes links to maps of the sites where the specimens were collected. The geospatial data recorded in this collection is derived from the catalog for the entire Roanoke College fish specimen collection catalog, and was compiled into a spreadsheet by Roanoke College student Katelyn Bockwoldt ’16. The data was transcribed from jarred specimens and matched with the margin notes on the slides. The slide collection represents a small fraction of the total collection of over 4,500 jarred specimens. The fresh water fish digital collection is housed within JSTOR Forum, a digital repository platform which was licensed with a grant supported by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

For more information about the freshwater fish collection and other Roanoke College Public and Institutional collections hosted in JSTOR Forum, please contact David Wiseman ([dcwiseman@roanoke.edu](mailto:dcwiseman@roanoke.edu)).