

## **Crosswalks to the Future: Library Metadata on the Move**

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Hogan Campus Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

### **Schedule**

8:30 – 9:30 am: Registration/Breakfast

9:30 am: Welcome

### **Morning Keynote Speaker:**

Dr. Barbara B. Tillett, Chief, Policy and Standards Division, Library of Congress

"Building Blocks for the Future: Making Controlled Vocabularies Available for the Semantic Web"

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Dr. Tillett's [presentation](#) (PDF)

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Break – Coffee, Tea, Juice, Water

Breakout Session 1

### **Session 1A**

**Managing Objects and Data: from Call Numbers to Namespaces** / *Mark J. Caprio, Digital Services and Cataloging Librarian, Phillips Memorial Library, Providence College and Martha Rice Sanders, Knowledge Management Librarian, The HELIN Consortium*

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Mr. Caprio and Ms. Sanders' [presentation](#) (PDF)

### **Session 1B**

**Mapping Bibliographic Metadata** / *Jean Godby, Research Scientist, OCLC*

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### **Session 1C**

**Tradition, Transition, and Transformation: A Look at Next Generation Library Systems** / *John Larson, URM Requirements Analyst, The Ex Libris Group*

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Lunch

----Spotlight on the New England Archivists (<http://www.newenglandarchivists.org/>)

Breakout Session 2

**Session 2A**----Presentation of the NETSL Award for Excellence in Technical Services

**Metadata 101** / *Kelcy Shepherd, Digital Interfaces Librarian, University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries*

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**Go fish! How to catch and clean MARC records using Z39.50 and MarcEdit** / *Benjamin Abrahamse, Head, Serials Cataloging Section, Cataloging and Metadata Services, MIT Libraries*

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**Another full service bibliographic utility for cataloging: why this matters** / *Leslie Straus, President, SkyRiver*

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