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Abstract

Greeting for the inaugural issue of *South Carolina Libraries* by the 2014 SCLA President, Ed Rock of Clemson University.



GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the 2014 SCLA Board, it is indeed an honor and my pleasure to welcome you to this inaugural issue of *South Carolina Libraries*, the official journal of the South Carolina Library Association. When I joined SCLA several years ago, I was surprised to learn that we had no regular venue of publication, unlike some other state associations. Although there have been many SCLA publications in the past, there has not been one, to my knowledge, bringing to the membership and to the larger world of library and information practitioners both peer- and non-peer-reviewed, open-access content. *South Carolina Libraries* reflects the interests and research of all of our members, in all types of libraries: public, K-12, academic, and special. Whether via an article, news item, column or book review, you will find the authors both incisive and informative on the issues that matter to you as an Association member, as well as on the field of librarianship in general.

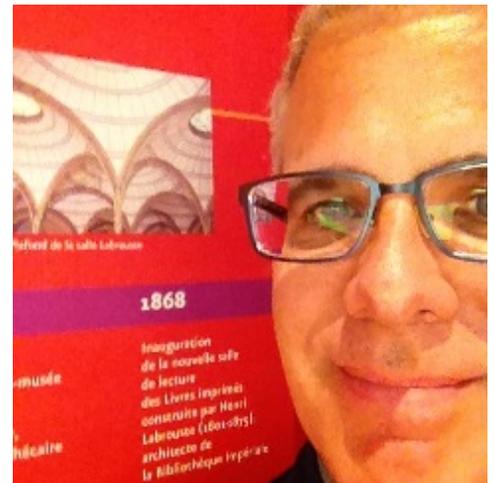
A special thank you is due to *South Carolina Libraries* founding Editors **Brent Appling** of The University of South Carolina and **Rachael Elrod** of The Citadel (now at University of Florida), as well as to all other inaugural editors and authors, for their continuing and consistent efforts over the last two years, if not more, to conceive, organize and lead the kind of publication so looked forward to by everyone. Our thanks and recognition also goes to The University of South Carolina Scholar Commons for hosting the journal and for ensuring its archival existence.

It would be remiss of me not to mention that this year we have also seen the formation of the new SCLA **Scholarly Communication Interest Group** (SCIG), led by co-founding chairs Tucker Taylor of The University of South Carolina, Andy Wesolek of Clemson University and Andrea Wright of Furman University. Please take note, the discussion of scholarly publishing and access continues in South

Carolina. The SCLA Board salutes these efforts and looks forward to your participation in them.

Enjoy this first issue of *South Carolina Libraries*, the fruit of so much dedication by so many. The 2014 SCLA Board and I are very pleased that the new journal has

finally come to life. Nothing could be more important to us as an Association, especially in preparation for our SCLA Centennial next year in 2015. Please do consider how you may like to contribute to SCLA in your own way, if you have not already done so.



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