



# PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

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## **The Partnership for Shared Book Collections Welcomes a New Program Coordinator and its Latest Member Program, North/Nord!**

Lansing, MI, USA - [March 21, 2023]: Since its inception in late 2019, the [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) has grown from an idea generated at a summit conference to a nationally recognized organization with 17 (now 18!) member shared print programs and over 80 volunteers who participate in governance committees, working groups, task forces and projects.

### **Welcoming a new program coordinator**

The extensive and varied work of the Partnership is made possible not just by the incredible people power of its participants, but also through the expert management of a dedicated, part-time Program Coordinator.

The Partnership is very pleased to announce the successful appointment of its next Program Coordinator: Nika Worth ([Nika@SharedPrint.Org](mailto:Nika@SharedPrint.Org)).

Nika succeeds Sara Amato who transitioned in February from her position as part-time Program Coordinator to take on additional hours for one of the Partnership's founding member programs, EAST. Sara has continued to generously support the Partnership during the recruitment period and onboarding of the new Program Coordinator.

Nika brings expertise in and passion for collaborative solutions for print collection management and development. She will continue in her role as Shared Collections Librarian at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) while serving as Program Coordinator for the Partnership. Nika has supported GTU's expanding participation in shared print efforts including SCELIC, the JRNL pilot project, and WEST.

Peggy Seiden, current chair of the Partnership's Executive Committee, shared: "The Partnership is especially fortunate to have found a Coordinator with Nika's in-the-weeds knowledge of shared print and someone who will ably be able to fill the void left by Sara Amato. The Partnership would never have been able to achieve all it's done without Sara and greatly appreciates Sara's willingness to continue supporting the Partnership during this transitional time."

Please join the Partnership Executive Committee in welcoming Nika!

### **Welcoming a new program**

The member programs of the Partnership drive the collaboration and ensure the achievement of an ambitious and urgent agenda for the preservation and ongoing access to print collections

across Canada and the United States. The Partnership is delighted to welcome its 18th member program: [North/Nord!](#)

North/Nord is a national network of 27 Canadian libraries committed to and advancing shared print initiatives. North/Nord brings a special focus and expertise in areas of Canadiana, indigenous works, and Canadian government documents to the Partnership and amplifies the identity of the Partnership as cross national boundaries.

Caitlin Tillman, Associate Chief Librarian for Collections and Materials Management at the University of Toronto Libraries and incoming chair of the Partnership's Operations Committee notes: "Joining The Partnership moves North/Nord another step forward in realizing a national approach to shared print. Access to The Partnership resources, including the long list of best practices, and opportunities to participate in working groups provides North/Nord members with resources and support to improve existing shared print programs, start new ones, and expand local knowledge. All actions that will strengthen our commitment to shared collections in Canada."

### **About North: the Canadian Shared Print Network/ Nord: Réseau canadien de conservation partagée des documents imprimés**

[North/Nord](#) is a national shared print network that coordinates the activities of existing regional shared print initiatives and provides a path to participation for other interested libraries not yet in a shared print program. This national program provides a means to consolidate print collections while ensuring long-term content retention and access for users. All categories of print (monographs, serials, government documents) will be considered, and the primary focus will be on Canadian materials.

### **About the Partnership for Shared Book Collections**

The [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) is a federation of monograph shared print programs in the U.S. and Canada whose mission is to ensure the long-term preservation of, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources. The Partnership supports both established and fledgling monograph shared print programs by coordinating collaboration for the protection of print books. Through the development of best practices, support of research on the risks to the loss of the print scholarly record, and advocacy for improving the infrastructure to support shared print, the Partnership identifies work that can be done collectively to advance mission-critical services while saving time and money locally.

If you are a member of a monograph shared print program in the U.S. or Canada, or are considering starting such a program, please consider joining the Partnership. Details of how the Partnership works are provided in the Membership section on Partnership website at <https://sharedprint.org/membership/> or by contacting [info@sharedprint.org](mailto:info@sharedprint.org)

*Note: The Partnership is a federation of shared print programs, and not a separate program itself, individual libraries join through their programs.*

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