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Georgia Library Association Research and Assessment Interest Group

The Research and Assessment Interest Group (RAIG) is celebrating its inaugural year of activities. Thanks to Georgia Library Association (GLA) funding, RAIG successfully recorded the COMO session "Removing Barriers to One-Shot Assessment" by Amy Fynn of Coastal Carolina University. The recording will be available online via GLA's Vimeo page. In addition, RAIG members (Michael Holt, Louise Lowe, Emily Thornton, and Cristina Hernandez Trotter) presented preliminary data from their national survey "Assessing the State of Library Assessment." The survey is the first—of hopefully many—collaborative projects to come from RAIG membership.

RAIG formed in late 2015 by reviving and expanding the scope of the Assessment Interest Group, which had been inactive for some years.



RAIG strives to foster the skills, knowledge, and experience of members and others in the practices of 1) library assessment and 2) library and information science research. Both practices share in common not only techniques of qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, but also the greater goal of positively affecting library practices and outcomes by promoting research-based decision making in individual libraries and in the profession as a whole. By recognizing these commonalities, RAIG hopes to reach a broad enough member base to ensure sustainable activity and encourage creative collaborations.

RAIG's first elected officers are Cristina Hernandez Trotter (founder and Chair), Emily Thornton (Vice-Chair), and Jennifer Price (Secretary-Treasurer). Any GLA members who are interested in LIS research and/or library assessment may join RAIG at no additional cost. To learn more, please contact Cristina at chtrotter@gmail.com.