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Georgetown Offers Digital Scholarly Books *New Partnership between Georgetown University Press and Library*

(WASHINGTON) — A new partnership between Georgetown University Press and Digital Georgetown will offer free access to scholarly books in a digital format to students, faculty and staff at Georgetown University.

The first collection to be offered by Digital Georgetown is comprised of several volumes of the Georgetown University Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics (GURT) series. These annual volumes include essays from top scholars in the field of linguistics and will be made available in their entirety, free of charge to Georgetown faculty, staff, and students. The essays are accessible from the Digital Georgetown website as PDFs at <http://digital.georgetown.edu/gurt/>.

“We are very pleased to be partnering with a great research library and know this is only the beginning of our work together,” says Hope Smith LeGro, electronic editor at Georgetown University Press. Artemis Kirk, University Librarian, adds “We hope that this partnership will begin to establish the model by which digital publications can be produced, disseminated, and preserved for posterity.” Currently, three GURT volumes have been moved to a digital environment and can be accessed via the Digital Georgetown website.

Digital Georgetown aims to integrate traditional research with new digital resources to serve the academic community and impart a strategic advantage for the University's centers of excellence. As the collaboration between the Library and Georgetown University Press develops, it will help both partners find new ways to preserve and provide access to important scholarship for the Georgetown community. With the library's participation in the new digital repository system organized by the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC), both the press and library hope to work on larger projects in the future.

“Digital Georgetown is ideally positioned to take full advantage of the strengths that both the Library and the Press bring to exploring new ways to disseminate research in the networked environment. GURT is one of the premier series on languages and linguistics and we are delighted that this collection represents our initial collaboration,” says Joan Cheverie, head of Digital Library Services at Georgetown University. Users can choose

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whether or not to download the entire book or select chapters to browse, download, or print.

Digital Georgetown brings to this new partnership an expertise in programming, digitization, web site development, and research tools. Georgetown University Press brings its expertise in editorial, production, design, and marketing matters.

About Digital Georgetown

The Georgetown University Digital Library, a partnership among all of Georgetown's libraries and collaboration with University Information Services and the Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship, supports the advancement of education and scholarship at Georgetown and contributes to the expansion of research initiatives, both nationally and internationally. By providing the infrastructure, resources, and services, the Georgetown University Digital Library sustains the evolution from the traditional research models of today to the enriched scholarly communication environment of tomorrow, and it provides context and leadership in developing collaborative opportunities with partners across the campus and around the world. For more information, visit digital.georgetown.edu

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