# Program Committee (PC)

# LAUC-I Standing Committee

# 2024-2025 Report

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**Members (End Term):** Patricia Lampron (Chair, 2025); Scott Stone (2025); Evelyn Goessling (2026), Elizabeth Hernandez (2026)

**Charge:**

The Program Committee shall organize, advertise, and coordinate programs of interest to LAUC-I membership at the direction of or in consultation with the LAUC-I Chair and Executive Board. The Committee shall also undertake other duties as directed by the LAUC-I Chair and the Executive Board.

**Summary of Activities:**

1. Predatory Practices in Publishing Workshop
   1. September 11, 2024

Publishers engaging in predatory practices are those that use deceptive tactics to lure researchers into publishing in their journals. They also often charge exorbitant fees and trap authors into unfair contracts while ignoring proper peer review processes. Becca Gates, Carrie Cullen, and Natalie Marquez will first briefly cover the history and context of predatory practices in publishing and research. Then, you will get the opportunity to work through prepared scenarios to gain experience identifying predatory practices as well as anticipating user needs for this issue in your field. The facilitators will share resources to take away and a reusable box on predatory publishing for research guides.

1. LAUC-I Future Programs Survey
   1. Survey opened from December 12, 2024 through December 13, 2024

The purpose of this survey was to gauge what program content and format(s) would be most useful and desirable for LAUC-I membership. The goal was to align future programing with respondents needs, as well as the LAUC-I charge to promote and utilize the professional skills, interests, and abilities of UCI librarians. Evaluation of survey responses can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dC4QIPA_p6JQNKF8ZCsefrn12kqttkxT/view?usp=sharing>

1. LAUC-I Brown Bag Lunch Meetups
   1. Monthly from March 4, 2025 through July 8, 2025

Responses from the LAUC-I Program Committee Survey indicated that members want to have more casual interactions with their colleagues, which prompted the committee to pilot a monthly lunch meetup program. These meetups were designed to be informal with no agenda and were held at Langson Library and Law Library throughout the five months.

1. Discussion Panel on Publishing for Librarians
   1. July 22, 2025

As indicated in the responses from the LAUC-I Future Programs Survey, a panel discussion on publishing for librarians featuring panelists Sara Heimann (Innovation and Entrepreneurship Librarian), Rikke Ogawa (Assistant University Librarian for Public Services), Jessica Pierucci (Research Law Librarian for Foreign, Comparative, & International Law), and Scott Stone (Research Librarian for Performing Arts) was held, to provide guidance and allow LAUC-I members to ask questions about for publishing as librarians.

**Recommendations for the Future:**

The committee recommends continuing to explore opportunities that align with the results of the LAUC-I Future Programs Survey. The Brown Bag Lunch Meetups were well attended and promoted camaraderie and provided networking opportunities for UCI librarians, and continuing to organize informal meetups like these will strengthen the LAUC-I membership. It is also recommended to build on the theme of leadership and mentorship programming that stood out in the survey results.