

LAUC-I Research & Professional Development Committee
LAUC-I Standing Committee
2015-2016 Report

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Members (End Term): Shu Liu (Chair, 2016); Christopher Thomas (System-wide Representative, 2016); Lisa Junghahn (2017); Matthew Roberts (2017)

Charge:

Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC). The RPDC shall monitor and provide leadership on ongoing research, professional development, and mentoring opportunities for LAUC-I members.

1. Coordinate LAUC-I activities associated with the LAUC (System wide) Call for Research Proposals, UC Research Grants for Librarians.
2. Undertake other duties as directed by the LAUC-I Chair and the Executive Board

Vision Statement:

The 2015-16 LAUC-I Research and Professional Development Committee will facilitate and foster professional development for librarians. This will be accomplished by providing guidance for and reviewing LAUC grant proposals, offering programming regarding research and grant writing in collaboration with the 2015-16 LAUC-I Program Committee, and undertaking other mentoring or development opportunities that may arise.

Summary of Activities:

1. Promoted LAUC grant opportunities and application guidelines. Reviewed grant applications submitted by UCI librarians, including 4 presentation grant proposals, 1 mini grant proposal, and 1 research grant proposal during two grant calls. Provided committee feedback to grant applicants suggesting improvements. Christopher Thomas served on the system-wide committee for evaluating and ranking grant proposals. 4 presentation grants and 1 mini grant were awarded by LAUC to UCI Librarians. The grant awardees, titles, and types are as follows:

- Emilee Mathews, attendance at Digital Humanities Summer Institute, June 6-10, 2016, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Mini grant.
- Julia Gelfand, “Academic and Public Libraries: Synergies That Build and Strengthen Relationships,” paper presented at the IFLA MetLib 2016 Conference, April 23-28, 2016, Doha, Qatar. Presentation grant.
- Kelly Spring, “Opening Doors to Collaboration, Outreach, and Diversity,” paper presented at the 2016 RBMS (Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL/ALA) Conference, June 21-24, 2016, Coral Gables, Florida. Presentation grant.
- Scott Stone, “No Information Literacy? No Graduation! Incorporating Music Information Literacy into Undergraduate Degree Requirements,” paper presented at the MLA (Music Library Association) Annual Conference 2016, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2-5, 2016. Presentation grant.
- Thuy Vo Dang, “Refugees and the Art of Re/Creation: Pleasure and Leisure as Sites of Social and Political Critiques,” roundtable at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, April 28-30, 2016, Miami, Florida. Presentation grant.

2. Planned a RPDC summer workshop. Workshop info & agenda:

When: 2-3:30 pm, August 18, 2016

Where: LL 570

Why:

1. Learn about LAUC grants
2. Get inspired by and borrow tips from successful examples
3. Enjoy light refreshments in the pm while learning, sharing your ideas, and connecting with colleagues!

What & Who:

1. Overview of LAUC grants’ timeline, guidelines, & strategies (Dana Peterman)
2. Presentation grant story (Scott Stone)
3. Mini grant story (Emilee Mathews)
4. Research grant stories (Emilee Mathews; Shu Liu)
5. Idea sharing/Q&A (all)

RPDC received 10 responses to date from UCI librarians’ RSVP with 40% of the respondents indicating that they will for sure attend.

Recommendations for the Future:

- Review and revise any procedures associated with the committee as needed

- Create more opportunities (sharing info via email, inviting guest speakers, etc.) for UCI librarians to learn about and become more familiar with applying for external grants
- Host workshops on grant writing
- Help review non-LAUC grant proposals