

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research and Professional Development Committee (RPDC)</b> <b>LAUC-I Standing Committee</b> <b>2020-2021 Report</b></p>
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**Submitted to General Membership:** August 10, 2021

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**Members (End Term):** Sarah Wallbank (Chair, 2021); Richard Cho (2021); Scott Stone (2022), Jimmy Pak (2022)

**Charge:**

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.

**Supplemental Charges (if applicable):**

The 2018-2019 LAUC-I Report, Highlighting Librarian Achievements, focuses on recommendations for internal sharing of information within the UCI Libraries as part of fostering a culture of scholarship, professional accomplishment, and intellectual growth. It was decided that this should be incorporated into the RPDC charge. The Supplemental Charge for the committee is for a two year period, 2020-2022: [LAUC-I Research & Professional Development Committee \(RPDC\)](#)

RPDC shall investigate and then implement the inclusion of this permanent Duty: *highlighting LAUC-I members' professional achievements.*

- RPDC shall determine what constitutes a reasonable scope for this Duty, i.e. what new responsibilities the Committee can assume to help fulfill this Duty, without over-burdening its members.
- RPDC shall determine whether its current Charge in the LAUC-I Bylaws sufficiently reflects this Duty, or whether the charge should be updated to reflect this Duty; if the latter, then RPDC will

propose an Amendment to the LAUC-I Bylaws.

- RPDC shall document its new responsibilities and accompanying workflows as it sees fit for the benefit of incoming RPDC members.

### **Summary of Activities:**

1. The Committee worked to fulfill its charge to: Coordinate LAUC-I activities associated with the LAUC (System wide) Call for Research Proposals, UC Research Grants for Librarians. COVID-19 restrictions impacted the number of grant proposals this year. LAUC-I RPDC reviewed two UCI proposals, both of which were funded by the LAUC R&PD Committee.
  - Research Grant - Tatiana Bryant. Gender identity and performance in LIS work: a longitudinal qualitative study
  - Mini Grant - Tatiana Bryant. Ethnic Studies OER Feasibility Study
2. The Committee worked on the Supplemental Charge. The Committee scoped the charge, deciding on two methods to promote librarian achievements using the LAUC-I website and brown bags. It also proposed a modification to the Committee charge. During 2021-2022 the plan will be implemented and refined.

### **Recommendations for the Future:**

- Complete the work on highlighting Librarian Achievements during 2021-2022
- Incorporate the new duty into the wording of the Committee Charge