

LAUCI Division Report, 2013-2014.

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State of the UCI Libraries:

The State of the UCI Libraries is fluid. Since appointment as University Librarian in October 2012, Lorelei Tanji has led the UCI Libraries toward a heightened focus on special collections, digital scholarship innovations, and open access initiatives.

And, it has been an interesting year in LAUCI. My hope as local chair was that LAUCI would maintain focus on developing substantive and entertaining programming throughout the year, even to the detriment of traditional procedure. I hope for the good of the organization that we have managed in some small way to “flip” the procedural versus substantive balance.

Staff Changes:

Retirements and Resignations: Brendan Starkey; Carole McEwan; Katherine Harvey; Carol Hughes; Bethany Harris.

Welcomes: Lydia Fletcher, Research Librarian for Math, Physics & Astronomy and Classics; Laura Uglean Jackson, Archivist for University Archives in Special Collections & Archives; Scott Stone, Research Librarian for Performing Arts; Matthew Roberts, Research Librarian for English, Comparative Literature, Critical Theory, German, French, and Italian; Bethany Levrault, Cataloging and Meta Data Librarian.

Bottom-line Census: On August 31, 2014, UCI will have 46 LAUCI members.

Local Programs

In September 2013, the LAUCI Programming Committee surveyed the LAUCI membership for input on “best” programming events.

Using the LAUCI members’ ideas as shared by that survey, the LAUCI Program Committee developed several fantastic events throughout the course of the 2013-2014 year.

- Friday, December 13th 2013 - "*The 'Write' Stuff: Assessing Information Literacy Traits in Student Writing*"

Workshop Leaders: Jonathan Alexander, Campus Writing Coordinator; Cathy Palmer, Head of Education and Outreach, Libraries; Kevin Ruminson, AUL for Administrative Services, Libraries.

Total number of attendees, not including the speakers: 47. Total number of attendees not from UCI: 29 (61.7% of total attendees). Institutions besides UC Irvine represented at the Workshop: Antelope Valley College; California Lutheran University; Chapman University; Citrus College; College of the Desert; CSU Dominguez Hills; CSU Long Beach; JSerra Catholic High School; La Sierra University; Los Angeles Southwest College; Los Angeles Trade Technical College; Loyola Marymount University; Lutheran High School of Orange County; Mt. San Antonio College; Phoenix College; Rio Hondo College; Riverside City College; Soka University Ikeda Library; UC Riverside; University of La Verne; University of Redlands; University of Southern California.

- Friday, February 28th 2014 - *Dr. Gregory Benford Speaking: "A WRITING LIFE IN FIRST DRAFT: What Works For Me."*

Dr. Benford is a UCI professor emeritus of physics & astronomy. Aside from his research into the mysteries of the universe, he is a prolific science fiction author. He has collaborated with Arthur C. Clarke, was a consultant on the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" television series, and was a friend to Philip K. Dick. Dr. Benford is also the co-founder of Genescent Corp., a Fountain Valley research and development company that studies fruit flies to learn how to slow human aging and aging-related diseases.

- Monday, March 17th, 2014 – *"A St. Patrick's Day Green Theme LAUCI General Membership Meme"*.

Consistent with our efforts to tie each LAUCI General Membership meeting throughout the year to a programming event, this General Membership meeting was intentionally scheduled on St. Patrick's Day. After work, the LAUCI General Membership meeting had an informal component that occurred at Anthill Pub & Grill (the UCI Campus pub).

- Thursday, June 5th, 2014 - *"Wot ZOT? And Other Famous Films You've Never Seen."*

In the early days, UCI used film as a means to promote the campus to potential students and to the local community. LAUC-I and Special Collections & Archives invite you to a viewing of some of the best (and worst) of those cinematic masterworks. See the legendary "Birth of A Campus," the unknown (and deservedly so) library promotional film "Romance of Writing a Research Paper" and the infamous "Wot ZOT?" produced and directed by Ian Bernard (who taught film at UCI and was the music director for the legendary television show Laugh-In). Take a break, have some lunch, and enjoy these moving, enlightening and (mostly) humorous promotional films.

- Tuesday, August 19th, 2014 – *"A Trip to The Getty!"*

With many, many thanks to Emilee Mathews and Antoinette Avila, the LAUI Program Committee is pleased to announce "A Trip to the Getty" on Tuesday, August 19th. Participating LAUCI Members will get a tour of the Getty's Research Institute's Conservation Lab, Special Collections, and "The Vault." In addition, one of UCI's art faculty has an exhibit of her work on display at the Research Institute: Yvonne Rainer: Dances and Films.