

**LAUC Spring Assembly
May 30, 2003
Round Robin Comments
(sent to LAUC Executive Board May 21, 2003)**

**LAUC-Berkeley
Myrtis Cochran**

1. Paul Hamburg, Librarian for Judaica Collections, Research, Reference, and Collections, Doe/Moffitt Libraries, was awarded the 2003/2004 Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities Librarian Fellowship. Briefly stated, the purpose of the fellowship is to further individual research, and to promote interdepartmental exchange among humanists and their colleagues in other departments. Beginning in the fall, Paul will join other fellows, faculty and doctoral students, for weekly discussions of their research papers and works in progress. In addition, he will receive \$1500 to apply towards his research. Paul's research project will explore the Historical Geography of the Hebrew Book: 1500-1800, and study the historical, geographical and spatial contexts of the publication of early Hebrew books.
2. The 2003/04 Distinguished Librarian Award Committee (DLA) has been appointed. Members are co-chairs, Norma Kobzina, Bioscience & Natural Resources Library, and Phyllis Bischof, Librarian for Africana and African American Studies, Lillian Castillo-Speed, Ethnic Studies Library, David Sullivan, Librarian for Classics collections, and Professor Dan Wilson of the German Department. The DLA award is presented every other year to one or two librarians for their outstanding accomplishments. The recipient(s) will receive the award at a reception to be held in the fall.
3. A sub-committee of LAUC-B ExComm, Bette Anton and Susan Koskinen, formed the Emeritus Librarian Task Force. The task force completed its work regarding privileges to emeritus librarians. The document has been submitted to UL Tom Leonard for review. Once approved, a copy will be placed on the LAUC-B web site.
4. Special Bylaws Election: In March 2002, ExComm appointed Maryly Snow, AVRL, Committee on Affiliated Libraries Chair, Terry Dean, Institute of Governmental Studies, Past LAUC-B Chair and Marlene Harmon, Law Library, Past Committee on Affiliated Libraries Chair, to an Ad Hoc LAUC-B Bylaws Review Committee. The Committee was charged to review the LAUC-B Bylaws focusing "on facilitating LAUC-B business, with attention on, but not limited to, committee appointments, especially considering whether the bylaws could cite a recommended versus required number of committee members to provide flexibility in filling vacancies." A special election was held in February 2003. All twelve changes to the bylaws were approved and will become effective with the new LAUC-B term beginning in September.
5. LAUC President, Esther Grassian visited LAUC-B on March 12. She participated in a panel with UL Tom Leonard and Humanities librarian, Sarah McDaniels to lead a discussion on Information Literacy.
6. ExComm sponsored a reception for new librarians on March 18. The attendance was very good and several people asked for a similar event on an annual basis.
7. Straw polls: LAUC-B conducted a straw poll regarding the CPG recommended revisions to Position Paper #1, "Criteria for Appointment or Promotion to the Ranks of Associate Librarian and Librarian and Advancement to Librarian Step V." The majority of responses were in favor of all 5 proposed changes. A second straw poll was conducted for CPG regarding whether librarians were in favor or not in favor of CPG investigating faculty status. The majority of responses were not in favor of the investigation.

8. Serial reduction plan. Librarians in Doe/Moffitt and the Subject Specialty libraries are undergoing a serial cancellation project. A proposed list of serials to cancel has been posted on the web and reviewed by librarians and faculty. The next step is to decide on a final list.
9. Library budget planning. The Library administration is holding a series of staff meetings, Exploring Flexibility & Fairness within the Context of the Library Budget/Planning Process, to gather input and ideas, including comments on "Eight Themes for Guiding the Library". Information from the sessions will be used to guide decision making regarding budget cuts.
10. Since the Fall Assembly in November 2002, the library has hired eight new librarians.

LAUC-Davis
Patsy Inouye

1. Davis has added two new librarians recently. We are in the midst of recruiting an Instruction Librarian and the Serial Cataloger, Sarah Johns, has just arrived. Many librarians and library staff members are retiring, so we are expecting new faces here at Davis. We have been told that there is no hiring freeze, but that positions will be closely evaluated for recruitment. We also don't anticipate any lay-offs.
2. We are also re-evaluating our peer review documents, bring them up-to-date and reconsidering some of our local language.
3. We have just been given permission by the library administration to create a listserv of librarians that is a second listserv for the exchange of information directly relating to business purposes associated with the University and the Library.

LAUC-Irvine
Pauline Manaka

1. LAUC Irvine is revising its by-laws. We hope to vote the changes in during this year's election calendar.
2. The UCI Libraries was awarded the National Endowment for Humanities grant of \$207,849 for the Southeast Asian Archive, which documents the experience of Southeast Asian refugees and their evolving communities. Previously, in September 2002, the collection received another grant of \$65,540 from the California State Library.
3. LAUC Irvine is planning a Publishing and Presenting Program which was previously set for May 8 and has been moved up to June 13th, 2003. The speakers are all UC Librarians, including Esther Grassian and Joan Kaplowitz. The other speakers on FOUR panels are from UC Irvine, namely Joan Ariel, Jackie Dooley, Christina Woo, Colby Riggs, Julia Gelfand, Linda Murphy, Manuel Urrizola, April Love and Roumiana Kartzakov.

LAUC-Los Angeles
Michael Oppenheim

1. The 2003 LAUC-LA Librarian of the Year is Valerie Bross, Head of the Serials Cataloging Section in the Cataloging Department of the Charles E. Young Research Library. Valeries is recognized for "her extraordinary achievements in cataloging UCLA's serials and digital resources and her exceptional dedication to the UCLA library community."

2. New UL Gary Strong arrives on September 1; LAUC-LA is discussing the most effective ways to welcome and orient him to the organization.
3. The very difficult budget situation is being addressed in a number of ways, including "virtual brainstorming" with staff, a major serials cancellation project, a continuing hiring freeze, and work on administrative and management levels to deal with whatever hits us. Interim UL Janice Koyama is keeping LAUC-LA as well informed as possible, given the large number of unknowns.
4. We continue to make effective use of informal "Lunches with LAUC" to discuss library and systemwide issues.
5. There is apparently increased interest in LAUC-LA, as demonstrated by the number of members--including many very highly experienced senior librarians--willing to run for office this year.

LAUC-Riverside

Judy Lee

New personnel:

Debbi Renfrow started April 15, 2003 as the Library Instruction / Information Literacy Coordinator in the Rivera Library Reference Services Department. She comes to us from National University where she was an Instruction Librarian. Debbi is also a UCR alumna, graduating with a B.A. in history.

Library Organization:

Dr. Ruth Jackson, University Librarian at UCR since November, 2002, has been busy familiarizing herself with the various sectors that make up the UCR Library. In addition, she has been acquainting herself with the campus, community, and the University of California system, as well as adapting to the shifting economic and budgetary situation that faces each UC campus.

In this interim period of familiarizing herself with the goals, needs, and existing programs of the UCR Library, she has identified the goals of a) continuing the excellent level of basic services the UCR Library clearly has achieved and b) beginning the process of building on them to support the evolving University and dynamic information environment. Initiatives will be launched in the following areas:

1. Reorganization of Collection Development
2. Technology planning and enhancement
3. Planning for permanent administrative reorganization
4. Stabilizing the library budget

Her interim organization structure includes:

- Interim Head of Collection Development, Rhonda Neuegebauer
- Interim Associate University Librarian for Services and Special Projects, David Rios
- Interim Assistant University Librarian for Technical Services and Budget Analysis, Stefanie Wittenbach
- Interim Coordinator for Database Services, not yet announced as of 5/15/03

These appointments are made to provide the Libraries with a sound basis for continuing key programs and for advancing major library initiatives during this challenging transitional period.

LAUC-San Diego
Elizabeth Cowell

1. Tony Harvell began on May 5 as the Head of the Acquisitions Department. Though not a LAUC member, it's worth noting that Declan Fleming has accepted the position of Head of the Information Technology (IT) Department. He will start work on Tuesday, May 27, 2003.
2. The UCSD Biomedical Library will be adding an addition to the library and renovating the existing space. The addition will approximately double the size of the library. With a little good luck, ground breaking will take place in February 2004 and the project will be completed in July 2006.

LAUC-San Francisco
Keir Reavie

Library News

1. The UCSF Library opened a branch library on the new UCSF biomedical research campus. The branch library is currently staffed by two FTEs at the LA level. Library staff is involved in the development of procedures and the implementation of new services to meet the needs of faculty, staff and students on the new campus. The campus is expected to grow dramatically over the next 15 years, and the Library is currently planning for the expansion of services when a further library space is opened on the campus in the Fall of 2004.
2. The Library is sponsoring a series of events for the university community on alternatives for scientific publishing. The first event featured a presentation by BioMed Central, and a discussion by UCSF faculty who are using this resource to publish their research.
3. The Library's Special Collections Unit has received funding from the CDL to digitize Japanese prints held in the collection.
4. The Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute is funding a \$1 million project to process and digitize tobacco industry documents for the Library's Tobacco Control Archives.

LAUC San Francisco News

1. We are currently in the process of updating the LAUC San Francisco web site.
2. For the first time in many years LAUC San Francisco used an external reviewer (from UC Berkeley) to help with the librarian review process.
3. Librarians are continuing their work to increase the integration of information literacy into curricula at UCSF. We currently have integrated syllabi in the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Nursing, and in a number of graduate programs.

LAUC-Santa Barbara
Mary Lynette Larsgaard

1. April 11, 2003: Esther Grassian, LAUC President, gave a brief presentation on the history of LAUC and a more extensive one on LAUC Information Literacy

2. April 24, 2003: LAUC-SB general meeting; report from UL Sarah Pritchard; considerable discussion on LAUC Position Paper 1, with many suggestions for change to the paper.
3. April 27, 2003: Winery tour in Santa Barbara area wine country
4. May 1, 2003: LAUC-SB hosted a staff-appreciation lunch.

LAUC-Santa Cruz
Deborah Turner

1. The UCSC Chancellor's Office and Executive Vice Chancellor John Simpson hosted a UC Santa Cruz's Forum on the Library in the 21st Century. Invited speakers included:
 - Daniel Greenstein, University Librarian, CDL
 - Peter Lyman, SIMS, UCB
 - Sarah Pritchard, University Librarian, UCSB
 - Carla Stoffle, Dean, University of Arizona**Stoffle's cancelled flight unfortunately was a major obstacle from her participating. The event helped the campus prepare for the current UL recruitment.
2. The UL position opening has been posted at http://library.ucsc.edu/ul_recruitment/. The search committee has yet to be named. LAUC-SC wishes to publicly thank LAUC-B for taking our turn to host Fall Assembly later this year which will allow us to better focus on this recruitment.
3. A recent campus and library reorganization removed Media Services department from the library and created a Special Collections and Archives department within it. Christine Bunting, former Head of Collection Planning, now heads that department. She also retains Acting Head of the Collection Planning department. The head of the reorganized Collection Planning department will be recruited after a new UL is in place.
4. LAUC-SC is working on an effort to update its bylaws with an eye to system-wide changes. We're working with Paul Weiss, Parliamentarian, and the Committee on Committees, Rules and Jurisdiction in this effort.
5. The Library's Cultural Diversity Committee was recently recognized the first UCSC Excellence Through Diversity Award for its significant contributions to furthering diversity at UCSC. The Committee's accomplishments have been far too many to include here. They included a day long workshop lead by Sandra Balderamo, former ALA Director of the Office for Diversity. They also hosted a number of events to help staff learn about Islam and other Mid East cultures after the 9/11 tragedy.