

# LAUC-SD Research & Professional Development Committee

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*Annual Report, 2014-2015*

## Membership

- Marlayna Christensen, Co-Chair (2014-2016)
- SuHui Ho, Co-Chair (2014-2016)
- Shi Deng, Statewide Rep (2013-2015)
- Cristela Garcia-Spitz (2013-2015)
- Crystal Goldman (2014-2016)
- Ryan Johnson (2014-2016)
- Rob Melton (2013-2015)

## Research

The committee approved the following grants during the year:

### Statewide Presentation Grants:

- **Gayatri Singh**, "The Desi Dossier." Poster presented at APALA Symposium, San Francisco, CA, June 2015. *\$625 requested, \$262.50 funded.*
- **Heather Smedberg**, "Primary Source Literacy in Action: Techniques to Transform your Show and Tell." Workshop presented at Western Roundup Meeting, Denver, CO, May 2015. *\$700 requested, \$294 funded.*
- **Dominique Turnbow**, "Crafting Freshman Engagement: A Study of Library Orientations in the Fledgling First Year Experience Program at UC San Diego." Poster presented at LOEX 2015, Denver, CO, May 2015. *\$750 requested, \$315 funded.*

### Local Grants:

- **Heather Smedberg**, "Primary Source Literacy in Action: Techniques to Transform your Show and Tell." Workshop presented at Western Roundup Meeting, Denver, CO, May 2015. *\$400 funded.*
- **Dominique Turnbow**, "Crafting Freshman Engagement: A Study of Library Orientations in the Fledgling First Year Experience Program at UC San Diego." Poster presented at LOEX 2015, Denver, CO, May 2015. *\$575 funded.*
- **Reid Otsuji**, "Planning to Learn, Learning to Plan!" Poster presented at Research Data Access and Preservation Summit, Minneapolis, MN, April 2015. *\$145 funded.*
- **Karen Heskett**, "Being There: Partners in PBL." Poster presented at Western Group on Educational Affairs (Association of American Medical Colleges), San Diego, CA, April 2015. *\$150 funded.*
- **Kymerly Goodson and Nancy Relaford**, "Keep Safe & Study On: Hosting Late Night Safety & Services Information Fair in the Library." Poster presented at ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, June 2015. *\$200 funded.*
- **Kymerly Goodson and Keith Langford**, "Take a Seat: Hosting a Furniture Demo Lounge in the Library for Student Sampling of Vendor Furniture." Poster presented at ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, June 2015. *\$200 funded.*

- **Dominique Turnbow**, "How I Learned to Love Evaluation and Not Care So Much About Assessment." Presentation at the Innovative Library Classroom Conference, Radford, VA, May 2015. \$650 funded.

## Statewide Grants

Shi Deng represented LAUC-SD R&PD in the statewide grant proposal review process.

In the year 2014-2015, the statewide committee implemented a new system which offers two opportunities per year for LAUC members applying for grants: the first call was in fall for research, mini research, and presentation grant application and for funds awarded in January, and the second call was in winter for presentation grants only and for funds awarded in March. The maximum allowable amount for presentation grants was increased from \$500 to \$750. The application process also moved earlier into the fiscal year to hopefully enable a more convenience and timelier access to grant funds.

In January 2015, the statewide committee received 19 applications and 17 out of 19 were awarded (5 research grants, 1 mini research grant, and 11 presentation grants) either fully or partially in total \$27,479, which left a balance of \$4,921 for the second call. In March 2015, the committee received 25 applications and 18 out of 25 were awarded partially due to the limited availability of funds. All three UCSD applications were funded either fully or partially. The number of applications this year was more than triple from that of last year (3 research and 9 presentation grants were funded fully).

The statewide committee reviewed their first year experience with the new biannual call for proposals model and made the following recommendations, which were approved by the LAUC executive board in April.

- In the 2015-2016 year, the budgetary caps listed below will be used as a guide for grant distribution:
  - Limit research grants to \$5000. [current guidelines: no maximum]
  - Keep the mini research grants at the current \$500
  - Cap presentation grants at \$600. [current amount is \$750]
  - Distribute any remaining funds evenly among applicants as relevant.
  - Reserve at least \$10,000 for presentation grant awards in the second call.
- Any applicant who has not submitted the required final report for a previous LAUC grant shall be disqualified from consideration for a new grant.
- The statewide committee must be allowed flexibility to consider additional criteria under certain circumstances, specifically when the requests of viable proposals exceed available funds.

## Professional Development

### Programming

This year's programming took place in two parts.

- During the Spring 2015 quarter, members of the committee worked with LHR to co-sponsor participation of librarians and staff in an online statistics class "Everyday Statistics for Librarians"

offered through Library Juice Academic (<http://libraryjuiceacademy.com>). In total, 18 librarians and 9 staff members signed up for the course. LAUC-SD R&PD funded the librarians' enrollment.

- The committee also sponsored the ARL Career Enhancement Program (CEP) Fellows Reception, where Hannivett Nabahe and George Martinez presented on their experiences at the UC San Diego Library during their fellowship. In total, 33 librarians and library staff attended the event.

## Support

As in previous years, the committee decided to supplement individual librarian professional development budgets this year with an additional \$100. All LAUC-SD members were given the option to "opt-in" for the extra funding, and the names of those who opted-in were provided to Business & Finance. 44 librarians requested the supplement funding.

## Other Activity

### Committee Charge Review

The committee reviewed the committee charge and found that it needed to be updated. It has been proposed that the last bullet item<sup>1</sup> be removed from the charge as it is no longer pertinent under the reorganized library structure.

The committee also considered whether a line should be added concerning eScholarship and the committee's responsibilities for submissions. After meeting with the Scholarly Communications Working Group, it was decided that rather than adding eScholarship to the charge, the process for eScholarship submissions should be revised so that they reflect procedures recommended to faculty members and others elsewhere on campus. The revision of the submission process will continue into the 2015-2016 term.

### Local Grant Guidelines & Application Forms

The committee reviewed the grant guidelines and forms used for applying division-level grants. Both were updated to reflect changes made at the statewide level. Additionally, the local forms now include a section regarding IRBs.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlayna Christensen & SuHui Ho, Co-Chairs  
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<sup>1</sup> The committee shall evaluate the UCSD Library Professional Development Program including an annual review of the program goals, criteria, policies and procedures.