April 16, 2014

TO: Nick Robinson, LAUC President
FR: Matt Conner, Chair, LAUC Research & Professional Development Committee (R&PD)
RE: 2013/2014 LAUC Assembly Report of the Research & Professional Development Committee

This report includes information about all grants funded in 2013/2014, including:

- Grants recommended by the 2012/2013 R&PD and funded by UCOP
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**Grants recommended by the 2012/2013 R&PD and funded by UCOP**

On May 28, 2013 the LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee forwarded original copies of grants applications received, and an executive summary of the proposals for research grants, mini-grants and presentation grants submitted for the University-wide research grants for librarians for the 2013-14 fiscal year. A total of twenty-eight grant proposals were received for review. During the review process three proposals were withdrawn. Research grant funds available for the 2013-14 fiscal year were $24,300.00 for librarians in the bargaining unit and $8,100.00 for non-bargaining unit librarians. The Committee recommended funding grant proposals totaling $29,523.45.

On July 11, 2013, the Chair of R&PD received a letter from Susan Carlson, Vice Provost Academic Personnel on behalf of the UC Office of the President supporting the recommendations by the Committee to fund eleven grant proposals in the total amount of $29,523.45.

**Research Grant Proposals**

**Allison Benedetti (Co-applicants: Marta Brunner, Jennifer Osorio, Zoe Borovsky)**

*North Campus Research Community Study: An Assessment of Needs and Practices*

Campus: UCLA

Bargaining Unit: Principal applicant: Member. Co-applicants: two Members, one Non-member.

Requested: $9,708.80 (revised from $10,458.80)

From the abstract:

> The UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library recently underwent a multi-million dollar renovation introducing radically new spaces - such as a digital research commons, dedicated reading room, state-of-the-art conference center, and cafe. This renovation project drove systemic change throughout the library organization, necessitating new staffing patterns and services.

Throughout the 2011-2012 academic year the new spaces and services were put to the test. Predictably, some major challenges emerged, including significant divergence between intended use and actual use of spaces, slow uptake on the part of target users, staffing challenges, and so on. Confronted with these issues, we began to ask questions related to user needs that we did not have the appropriate information to answer. And
rather than trying to solve each of the problems reactively, we conceived of the North
Campus Research Community Study to assess the strengths and weakness of the newly
configured spaces holistically in light of demonstrated and anticipated advanced research
needs for the humanities and social sciences. We seek to shape our services and the
building’s environment to accommodate and encourage this population to use and feel
ownership of the Research Library.

We are proposing a multi-phased study to learn more about user needs and behaviors.
This study will include an online questionnaire, faculty interviews, observation of user
behavior, and focus groups with graduate students. Phase II will be the graduate student
focus groups, for which we are seeking funding.

Susan Edwards (Co-applicants: Jim Church, Jennifer Dorner, Hilary Schiraldi)
*Collection Analysis for the Social Sciences*
Campus: Berkeley
Bargaining Unit: Principal applicant: Member. Co-applicants: two Members, one Non-member.
Requested: $7,005.00 (revised from $7,505.00)

From the abstract:
Conduct a citation analysis of doctoral dissertations in political science, economics,
business and history to help us understand how well our collections are meeting our users’
needs, to identify gaps, and to make more informed decisions about how best to use our
resources to support doctoral research. In addition we will gather comparative data which
will help us understand if we are equally supporting the disciplines in the social sciences.

Liladhar Ramchandra Pendse
*Improving Access to the Late 19th Century and Early 20th Century Periodicals Press of Azerbaijan*
Campus: Berkeley
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $8,754.25

From the abstract:
The periodical press of Azerbaijan at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries represents a
unique but overlooked social laboratory that ties together political and current currents in
Tsarist Russia with those in the broader Muslim world. The Azerbaijani periodicals of the
late 19th and early 20th centuries contain an extraordinary diversity. This diversity is
reflected not only through the publications in many languages that include Azerbaijani,
Russian, Ottoman Turkish, Persian and others, but also in formats and genres. Yet there
has not been a systematic bibliographic study of these periodicals to capture both their
diversity and their influence among Muslims throughout the Russian empire, Ottoman
empire, and Qajar Iran.

Following the dissolution of the Tsarist empire, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic
emerged to become the first democratic and secular republic in the Muslim world. Despite
the ADR's relatively short existence from May 1918 until its forceful Sovietization in April
1920, Azerbaijan witnessed a flowering of press that expressed the ideals of democracy, secularism, and reason in turbulent times.

The goals of this project are threefold. First, I will create a comprehensive annotated bibliography of the periodicals of Azerbaijan from 1875 until 1920. Second, this bibliography will be either published as a book or mounted on the web at UC Berkeley Library following the Open Access principles. Third, I will complete a peer-reviewed article that will examine the modes formation of "new" Azerbaijani identity in the ADR through purposive content analysis.

Nina M. Schneider
Bibliography of the Works of Russell Maret
Campus: UCLA
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $1587.50

From the abstract:
I am requesting a LAUC Research grant in the amount of $1,587.50 to work on a descriptive bibliography of the works of Russell Maret. Maret is a printer, publisher, typographer, and book artist based in New York. Beginning with his first works in 1987, this bibliography will cover his monographs, pamphlets, and printed ephemera through his most recent work (which will begin production in the fall of this year). He has produced approximately 50 titles, although this count does not include many unique items or any ephemera or commissioned work. The items described will include editioned works, whether his own creation, collaborations, or commissions, as well as ephemera and unique items. Collected by libraries and private individuals, the bulk of the materials can only be examined on the East Coast; in Manhattan and in McLean, Virginia. I am requesting $1,587.50 to help offset travel expenses for a research trip in October to examine materials in Maret’s New York studio and in a private collection in McLean, Virginia. The expected publication of this bibliography is fall of 2014. It will be designed and produced by Maret.

Presentation grant Proposals (maximum of $500.00)

Sharon Benamou
Campus: UCLA
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00
Recommended: $293.58

Gary Colmenar
Campus: Santa Barbara
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00
Recommended: $293.58


Cristela Garcia-Spitz
Campus: San Diego
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00
Recommended: $293.58


Julia Gelfand
Campus: Irvine
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00
Recommended: $293.58


Cynthia A. Johnson
Campus: Irvine
Bargaining Unit: Non-member
Requested: $500.00
Recommended: $500.00

Danielle Kane
Campus: Irvine
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00
Recommended: $293.58


Janet Martorana
Campus: Santa Barbara
Bargaining Unit: Non-member
Requested: $500.00
Recommended: $500.00


Grants recommended by the 2012/2013 R&PD and funded by the LAUC President

Supplemental funding in the amount of $1,761.48 was provided by the LAUC President in order to prepare for the implementation of new program procedures.

Yolanda Blue
Campus: UCSB
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00
Funded from President’s Fund: $293.58

Title of presentation: *Exploring pathways to political information: facilitating civic engagement in a diverse California community.* European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL), October 22-25, 2013, Istanbul, Turkey.

Angela Boyd
Campus: UCSB
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00
Funded from President’s Fund: $293.58

Angela Boyd  
Campus: UCSB  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00  
Funded from President’s Fund: $293.58  
Title of presentation: Assessing residents past and present: an evidence-based approach for developing a library residency program, LAUC-B Conference: Making it Count: Opportunities and Challenges for Library Assessment, October 25, 2013, Berkeley CA.

Kristen LaBonte  
Campus: UCSB  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00  
Funded from President’s Fund: $293.58  
Title of presentation: GIS data citation rate: is data being properly credited in lists of references, IAMSLIC Annual Conference, October 20-24, 2013, Dania Beach FL.

Anne M. Platoff  
Campus: UCSB  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00  
Funded from President’s Fund: $293.58  
Title of presentation: Flags of the space shuttle program, Netherlands Flag Congress, August 4-10, 2013, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Christina J. Woo  
Campus: UCI  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00  
Funded from President’s Fund: $293.58  

Grants recommended by the 2013/2014 R&PD and funded by UCOP

On April 15, 2014 the LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee forwarded to the Office of the President an executive summary of the proposals for research grants, mini-grants and presentation grants submitted for the 2014-15 fiscal year. A total of twelve grant proposals were received for review. Research grant funds available for the 2014-15 fiscal year were $24,300.00 for librarians in the bargaining unit and $8,100.00 for non-bargaining unit librarians.
The Committee recommended funding grant proposals totaling $12,718.60.

In order to allow the 2014-15 R&PD to implement the new procedures with the maximum research grant funds available, UCOP and the LAUC President agreed to share the funding of the 2013-14 R&PD recommendations.

On April 16, 2014, the Chair of R&PD received notification from the UC Office of the President supporting the recommendations by the Committee to fund seven grant proposals in the total amount of $6,000.00. The LAUC President agreed to fund the remaining five grant proposals (see below).

**Research Grant Proposal**

**Ruben Urbizagastegui**  
*Quipus, Yupanas and Tocapus*  
Campus: UC Riverside  
Bargaining Unit: Member.  
Requested: $3,000.00

From the abstract:  
My project intends to identify and organize bibliographic information on all the available written documents produced since the first news about the existence of quipus, yupanas and tocapus (approximately 1615), until the present. To collect this information I plan to search items at Peruvian and Bolivian libraries, complemented by searches in databases existing at UCR. I do not expect to find too much bibliographic references on quipus, yupanas and tocapus in these databases because most of the information is buried in works not indexed by bibliographic databases. The information collected will be used to produce a specialized database in EndNote X7. This database will eventually be available to researchers from both here at UCR and other institutions.

**Presentation Grant Proposals (maximum of $500.00)**

**Yolanda Blue**  
Campus: UC Santa Barbara  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00


**Angela Boyd**  
Campus: UC Santa Barbara  
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00


Gerardo Colmenar
Campus: UC Santa Barbara
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00


Margaret A. Driscoll
Campus: UC Santa Barbara
Bargaining Unit: Non-member
Requested: $500.00


Kristen LaBonte
Campus: UC Santa Barbara
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00

Title of Presentation: “Data Citation Rates: GIS data in the marine sciences and publisher citation requirements.” Conference: Forty Years of Sailing: Connecting Islands in a Digital World, 40th IAMSCLIC Conference September 14-18, 2014 in Noumea, New Caledonia. The Committee recommends full funding.

Elaine McCracken
Campus: UC Santa Barbara
Bargaining Unit: Member
Requested: $500.00

Title of Presentation: “Exposing the Hidden: How New Tools are Opening Up the Collections at One University Library.” Conference: IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2014 –

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Supplemental funding in the amount of $6,718.60 was provided by the LAUC President in order to prepare for the implementation of new program procedures beginning in 2014/2015.

**Research Grant Proposals**

**Julia Gelfand (Co-applicant: Shu Liu)**

*Librarians at the University of California: The Impact of Change in Professional Assignments, Real or Imagined?*

Campus: UC Irvine  
Bargaining Unit: Principal applicant: Member. Co-applicant: Member  
Requested: $3,000.00

From the abstract:  
Academic libraries have experienced significant reorganization in recent years, reflecting structure, services, scope, and resulting in significant changes among professional librarians. The implications of such reorganizations have impacted the work of librarians in numerous ways. The librarians at the 10 University of California (UC) campuses are no exception to the changes that are taking place. The majority of research conducted in recent years is more about the changing role of academic libraries, but not so much about how it affects individual librarians. This research project will study how librarians have experienced and coped with change.

**Emily Mathews**

*Database-Driven: the Underlying Symmetry of New Media Theory and Libraries*

Campus: UC Irvine  
Bargaining Unit: Member.  
Requested: $2,218.60

From the abstract:  
New media theorists study the changing landscape of media and technology, and how these delivery mechanisms shape information consumption. These issues are core to librarianship; thus, gaining familiarity with new media theory, is useful particularly for liaison work and information literacy. This research project will relate new media theory to library and information science, by focusing on the current writings and projects of seminal theorist Dr. Lev Manovich and conducting an ethnographic research at the lab he oversees, the Software Studies Lab in San Diego. His lab team creates large-scale projects using big data and software to do cultural analytics, combining new media and digital humanities in innovative ways. My research question is: what does information science, digital humanities, and new media have in common, and how do they differ? This research will contribute to knowledge of these quickly evolving disciplines. By showing the research process and scholarly communication practices of this lab,, I will provide a case study for libraries interested in e-research and digital scholarship services. I will be the
research personnel, drawing on my education and experiences working with new media theory and library science. I will conduct an extensive literature review starting in July 2014; conduct onsite fieldwork in December 2014; and will present this research as a poster Spring 2015, and write an article by Fall 2015. I plan to publish in either Art Documentation, Leonardo, or the Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology (JASIST).

**Presentation Grant Proposals (maximum of $500.00)**

**Cathy Chiu**  
Campus: UC Santa Barbara  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00


**Heather Smedberg**  
Campus: UC San Diego  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00


**Susan Xue**  
Campus: UC Berkeley  
Bargaining Unit: Member  
Requested: $500.00


**General Committee Charge:**  
For 2013-14, the Committee is charged with fulfilling its standing charge, Article VIII. Section 1.e.2 (approved by UCOP March 23, 2009):

1. Solicit and review research proposals submitted to the Universitywide Research Grants for Librarians Program by LAUC members and recommending funding of proposals to the Office of the President.
2. Develop, monitor, and revise, as needed, procedures for carrying out the review of research
proposals.
3. Develop guidelines for application to the Universitywide Research Grants for Librarians Program and recommend revisions as needed.
4. Advise the President and the Executive Board on issues related to research and professional development for librarians and address other subjects at the request of the President.

Specific Charges for 2013-14
Last year, the Committee once again offered LAUC Mini-Grants and Presentation Grants in addition to traditional Research Grants.
1. Review the recommendations and communications from last year’s committee or other group identified by the LAUC President to identify specific issues and concerns, suggest, and implement, wherever possible, procedures to clarify and simplify the Mini & Presentation Grant proposal procedures.
2. Continue to monitor its experience with the three different grant types, report any issues, concerns or problems, and recommend possible solutions.
3. Collect and post outstanding grant reports from 2010, 2011 and 2013 grant recipients.

Summary of action items to date:
- Revised and distributed 2012-13 Call and Calendar to the membership on October 23, 2012.
- Use confidential website for distribution of proposals to members.
- Approval received for recommended proposals to be funded 2013-14 fiscal year and award letters sent.

Pending action items:
- Contact previous Research Grand Award Recipients (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013) to determine the current status of the research projects and as necessary solicit a final report or final project as required in Section IV. J. and Section VI of the Guidelines specifically.

Names of Committee Members: Lisa Ngo (B), Jared Campbell (D), Ying Zhang (I), David Gilbert (LA), Susan Borda (M), Michael Yonezawa (R), Shi Deng (SD), Peggy Tahir (SF), Jon Jablonski (SB), Ken Lyons (SC)

Respectfully submitted, Matt Conner
Chair, LAUC Research & Professional Development Committee 2013-14