

LAUC-SB Research and Professional Development (RPD) Committee
Annual Report FY14-15

Submitted by Jennifer Thompson

It was my pleasure to serve as the Research & Professional Development (RPD) chair for LAUC-SB as well as UCSB's representative for the statewide RPD. The primary purpose of the committee is to track travel funds, referee statewide grant applications, and advise the LAUC-SB Executive Committee on professional development activities for members of the Librarian series and the library as a whole. During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, David Gartrell (co-chair), Richard Caldwell, Jane Faulkner and Lorna Lueck served alongside me.

The primary work of the chair is administrative and the committee met twice this year to review statewide grant applications for research, mini and presentation funding awards. As the representative to statewide RPD committee, I saw the implementation of the two-tiered grants application and funding process.

All Santa Barbara requests for funding to statewide LAUC were filled during the first call (October 2014). Due to funding constraints for the second call (January 2015), Santa Barbara requests were not filled. This was mainly due to the overwhelming applicant pool for the bi-annual ACRL conference and providing first-time applicants the opportunity for the supplemental funding awards.

As for local spending, 37 LAUC members were overseen by the RPD committee for FY 14-15. 17 completely spent their allocations. Approximately 5 members will spend out their allocations after submitting reimbursement documentation for ALA and other conferences in June 2015. 27 out of 37 spent the bulk of their allocated funds and requested reimbursement. There were 6 members who sought no reimbursements this year. To summarize:

Requested: \$59,766.09
Expended by June 30: \$42,912.44
Remaining Encumbered: \$16,853.65
Total anticipated FY15 spending: \$45,532.84

I also participated in an ad-hoc group to review the travel request forms for Librarians, Staff and Learning & Growth to consider combining them. This group's work is still in progress.

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