

2020 LAUC Statewide Ballot: Candidates Statements

LAUC Statewide Vice President / President Elect

Rachel Green, LAUC-LA **note Rachel prefers this be distributed locally for election, but not posted on LAUC website*

I am thrilled to be able to run for the position of LAUC VP/President-Elect and to continue my commitment to our association. This past year, I served as the LAUC Secretary, which provided me with an incredible opportunity to both understand the inner workings of the LAUC Executive Board and also connect with librarians across campuses. I have also served LAUC as chair of my local Research and Professional Development (R&PD) Committee and as a representative to the statewide R&PD Committee for two years. These next few years will likely bring many unknowns, and LAUC will have a pivotal role to play in supporting our professional growth. As VP, and Chair of R&PD, in 2020-2021, I would look to expand our guidelines for grant awards in order to accommodate new activities occurring within our increasingly virtual world. My time on LAUC committees has allowed me to learn from the impressive work everyone is doing across the state, and it has also demonstrated for me the need for all librarians, and the communities we serve, to have access to equitable working conditions and resources. As President in 2021-2022, I would appoint a group or taskforce to research barriers to equity across our libraries and campuses, and I would use such findings to advocate for change on behalf of our members.

In my time here in the UC system, LAUC has consistently proven to be one of my most treasured work activities, because it has allowed me to build relationships with my colleagues and to feel that I am part of a dedicated community. It would be a privilege to serve as VP/President-Elect and to continue my service to our Librarians Association.

Education

- MLIS, University of Illinois, 2013
- JD, Emory University, 2008
- BA in French and Francophone Studies, University of Michigan, 2004

Library Experience

- Faculty Services Librarian, UCLA School of Law, 2017 – Present
- Law Firm Research Librarian, 2013 – 2017
- LAUC Activity
- LAUC Secretary, 2019 – Present
- LAUC-LA Representative to LAUC Statewide R&PD Committee, 2018 – Present
- LAUC-LA R&PD Committee, 2017 – 2019
- Chair, 2018 – 2019

- Member, 2017 – 2018

LAUC Statewide Secretary

Kristen LaBonte, LAUC-SB

I am a Research & Engagement Librarian at UC Santa Barbara and a subject liaison to multiple science departments. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Geography from UC Santa Barbara in 1999 and a Master's of Library Science in 2004 from Southern Connecticut State University while serving as a staff member of the UCSB Library. I then joined the CSU Channel Islands faculty as the Digital Resources and GIS Librarian and in 2011, I returned to the UCSB Library as a Reference & Instruction Librarian. I have been actively involved in LAUC-SB including chairing the Committee on Advancement and Promotion last year. In the past I have served on the Committee on Appointments, Assignments, and Reassignments, the Committee on Welcoming, Orientation, and Mentoring, and have served as the local executive board vice-chair and chair. I'm active with local disaster preparedness and response and have been treasurer for the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers for six years. Recently, I served as the local table team representative for the UC-AFT Unit 17 contract bargaining for UCSB.

LAUC is a critical component of the shared governance model within the different UC Libraries, and the statewide committee's role allows for each campus to continue to make progress in a unified way via initiatives and standing committees. LAUC's support of librarians' professional development, fair peer review processes, and advocacy of equity, diversity and inclusion continues to advance our roles within our campus communities. It will be an honor to serve as secretary of LAUC.

Marlayna K. Christensen, LAUC-SD

I appreciate your consideration for the position of LAUC Secretary. Clear records help us to see what we have done and how we have grown. They also provide us with the opportunity to contribute our experiences. Prompt, clear communication for both the leadership and the membership will help us as we face unfamiliar challenges and forge fresh paths. I have successfully pursued these values as LAUC-SD secretary, in leadership of professional and volunteer organizations, and in my work as an archivist and understand the whole record-keeping process and recognize the necessity of reliable information. In this role, I will work to expedite the charge and welcome the opportunity to serve the Executive Board and all LAUC members.

Thank you for considering me for this position.