

January 13, 2012

Dear LAUC-LA Committee on Research and Professional Development:

Please consider this letter as my proposal for a LAUC presentation grant in the amount of \$500 to participate in a panel presentation at the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) to be held in Kansas City, MO in September 2012.

JCLC is a conference sponsored by the five associations of ethnic librarians that is intended to focus on diversity issues in libraries, including how library services affect ethnic communities. It includes speakers, panel presentations, workshops, and exhibits. For this second JCLC (the first one was held in 2006), I put together a panel, entitled "Beyond the Mainland: Serving Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders," to talk about collections on and services for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs). Panelists include: Lessa Pelayo-Lozada, who will discuss public library services to NHPIs in Southern California, and Lori Tagawa, who will discuss instructional programs seeking to reduce health disparities in NHPI populations in California, Hawaii, and the U.S. Territories. I will discuss my efforts and strategies to carve out the Pacific Islands as a discrete area for collections and services within the UCLA Library.

Each ethnic association had the option to sponsor a program that would be automatically accepted into the JCLC schedule. Our panel was selected by the Asian / Pacific American Librarians Association to be its sponsored program.

My travel dates for the conference are: September 18-23. My estimated costs are:

Airfare:	\$350
Lodging (5 nights @\$160/night)	\$800
Meals (6 days @\$64/day)	\$384
Shuttles/ground transportation	\$150
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TOTAL	\$1684

I am requesting \$500 from LAUC. I am not requesting funding from other sources. I am a represented member of UC-AFT.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Proposal Joint Conference of Librarians of Color  
Panel Presentation

Presenters: Jade Albuero, University of California, Los Angeles  
Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada, Redondo Beach Public Library and Palos Verdes  
Library District  
Lori Tagawa, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Region

Track: Collections, Programs, and Services

**Beyond the Mainland: Serving Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders**

Too often, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPIs) are overlooked when it comes to programs or services of any kind. Usually and expediently subsumed within the very broad Asian/Pacific Islander (API) category, they are largely underrepresented even within that group. When it comes to library collections and services, only a few Asian groups are generally included and NHPIs are almost always forgotten. To combat the serious paucity in collections and services to these populations, the members of this panel are each working to highlight the information needs of NHPIs and to provide necessary collections and services. Focusing on different areas (i.e., collections, programs, and instruction) and in different settings (i.e., academic, public, and medical), we are all targeting NHPIs in order to provide not only better access to information and services but also, more importantly, to ensure that these are culturally-sensitive and -appropriate.

Lessa Pelayo-Lozada will discuss public library services to Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders in Southern California and the information seeking behavior of NHPIs. As of the 2010 Census, California has the highest number of NHPIs in the United States, with a large concentration in the Los Angeles area. Lessa will be highlighting the Family Literacy Focus program, *Talk Story: Sharing culture, sharing history*, a joint program of the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association and the American Indian Library Association which targets Asian Pacific Americans and American Indians/Alaska Natives.

Lori Tagawa will discuss instructional programs seeking to reduce health disparities in Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations in California, Hawaii, and the U.S. Territories in the Pacific Basin. Healthy People 2020 defines a health disparity as "a particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage." These programs include instruction on accessing free online health information resources from the National Library of Medicine, improving health and information literacy, and raising awareness of cultural competency for health professionals.

Jade Albuero will discuss her efforts and strategies to carve out the Pacific Islands as a discrete area for collections and services within the UCLA Library. She will talk about developing a Pacific Islands collection and working with new faculty who are doing research on this geographic region and its people in the diaspora. She will also share plans for outreach to NHPI students, as well as for Pacific Islands-related programming that she hopes to do in collaboration with faculty and students.

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BIOS:

Jade Alburo is the Librarian for Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand, and Religion at UCLA and is leading the work on creating a diversity initiative for the UCLA Library. She is very active in ALA, ACRL, and APALA; she will be the President of APALA in 2012-2013. She has been an ALA Spectrum Scholar, an ARL Diversity Scholar, an ALA Emerging Leader, and a Minnesota Institute participant. She is particularly interested in diversity issues and in programming of all kinds.

Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada is a part-time Young Readers Librarian at Palos Verdes Library District and a part-time Teen Librarian at Redondo Beach Public Library. She was a 2011 ALA Emerging Leader and is active in APALA as the chair of the Family Literacy Focus committee.

Lori Tagawa is the Community Outreach Coordinator at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library, located at the UCLA Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library. She oversees the implementation of outreach programs to libraries and community-based organizations that result in increased direct access to health information by the general public. She is currently developing culturally- and linguistically-appropriate instructional and informational materials to support promotion and training efforts.