

## 2010-2011 LAUC Presentation Grant Proposal

Date: May 12, 2011  
To: LAUC Committee on Research and Professional Development  
From: Randal S. Brandt  
The Bancroft Library  
University of California, Berkeley  
[rbrandt@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:rbrandt@library.berkeley.edu)  
(510) 643-2275

To Whom It May Concern:

I am seeking a LAUC Presentation Grant of \$439.00 to fund travel to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual ALA/ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) Preconference. The preconference, titled "In the Hurricane's Eye: Challenges of Collecting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 21-24, 2011 (<http://www.rbms.info/conferences/preconferences/2011/index.shtml>). I will be presenting a paper on June 22, 2011, as part of the seminar, "Z702 is for Book Thief."

### Abstracts of seminar and paper accepted for presentation

#### *Seminar:*

"Z702 is for Book Thief: The Role of Technical Services in Collection Security"

Following the 2010 RBMS Conference Program, *To Catch a Thief: Cataloging and the Security of Special Collections*, this seminar will explore cataloging rare materials while being ever mindful of securing those collections. This seminar will look at those questions, and possible answers, from a cataloger's point of view. Are they practicable? What happens if the best answer is in direct conflict with department priorities? What is the responsibility of technical services when it comes to collections security? How should we prioritize our limited time when we consider our responsibility for our collections?

- Nina Schneider, William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, UCLA (moderator)
- Randal Brandt, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley
- Ellen Cordes, Yale University
- Steven K. Galbraith, Folger Shakespeare Library

#### *Paper:*

Drawing on the "ACRL/RBMS Guidelines Regarding Security and Theft in Special Collections"

([http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/security\\_theft.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/security_theft.cfm)), my paper will focus on the catalog record itself as a measure of security for rare and special collections materials. A detailed and accurate bibliographic description that includes copy-specific information (such as evidence of provenance, library markings, imperfections, bindings, etc.) is a crucial piece of evidence when a library is faced with the theft or loss of materials. Not only does it provide investigators with a detailed description of the missing item, but it plays a crucial role in the identification and proof of ownership of recovered materials. It is the responsibility of the cataloger, in conjunction with curators and selectors, to include this type of information in the catalog record. It is also the responsibility of the cataloger, in conjunction with library administrators, to develop policies about what types of information to routinely include and to balance the amount of time spent on description against the value of the information.

**Name of sponsoring organization(s) of the conference**

*Conference:* Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), American Library Association (ALA)

*Seminar:* RBMS Bibliographical Standards Committee

**Description of funds requested from other sources**

Preconference registration has already been paid by LAUC-B Professional Development funds. In this application I am requesting funding for travel and lodging. Since I will be going on to the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans immediately following this preconference, I am only requesting one-way airfare and ground transportation in Baton Rouge and from Baton Rouge to New Orleans.

**Funds requested**

*Travel:*

Airfare (Continental Airlines, San Francisco to Baton Rouge): **\$189**

Ground transportation: **\$100**

*Lodging:*

Louisiana State University East Campus Apartments, 3 nights at \$50/night = **\$150**

*Total:* **\$439**

**Indicate whether the applicant is a member of the bargaining unit represented by the UC-AFT or a non-represented Librarian.**

Non-member of the bargaining unit.