

Candidate Statement, LAUC Vice President/President Elect
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit my statement for the position of LAUC VP/President Elect. I am excited by the prospect of serving LAUC in this capacity. During my career, I gained valuable experience on three different UC campuses, in a variety of different libraries and roles, including in an affiliated library. I am fairly new to service in LAUC at the statewide level, but I have several years of experience at the local level and in leadership of other professional national and international organizations.

As a member of the LAUC Research and Professional Development (RPD) Committee, it was so enjoyable to get to work with other librarians from across the system and to have a window into the incredible professional contributions by LAUC librarians. Ensuring that we will be able to distribute funds to support research, presentations, and other professional development opportunities was motivation for me to consider running for office. With the continued increase in costs of professional development engagement, ensuring that LAUC RPD funding continues to be available to support UC Librarians is paramount.

In my second year, as LAUC President, my hope is to be able to build upon and strengthen the work of the Presidents before me to make the organization easier to navigate, and to ensure that all librarians understand how to avail themselves of the benefits of membership, and that they see value in being a part of, and participating in, the community. As an organization that was established in part to advocate for the professional contributions of librarians and advise on the best course of action for the libraries of the UC, it is important to ensure that the organization is engaging the membership across the system.

In my third year, as LAUC Past President, I hope that working and collaborating across the system will lead to more members embracing the value of LAUC service at the state or local level, ensuring a healthy organization that advocates for and elevates the contributions of all librarians in the UC system. I recognize that change and the unexpected are really the only things that are certain to happen, but that in any case these can be opportunities to make progress.

Education

M.S. in Information, (1999) University of Michigan, School of Information

J.D. (1995) Syracuse University, College of Law

B.A. in International Relations (1992) Michigan State University, James Madison College

Professional Experience

University of California, San Diego, March 2022 - current

- Director, Scholarship Tools and Methods Program

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), August 2011-February 2022

- Library Special Collections
 - Interim Curator for Performing Arts, 2020-2022
 - Head of Curators and Collections, 2018-2022
 - UCLA University Archivist, 2014-2022
 - Head, Public Services, 2011-2014

University of Oregon, 2001-2011

- Corrigan Solari University Historian and Archivist. Special Collections and University Archives, 2004- 2011
- University Archivist, Special Collections and University Archives, 2001-2004

University of California, Berkeley, 1999-2001

- Supervising Project Archivist, Environmental Design Archives

LAUC Service

Statewide

- Research and Professional Development Committee Member, 2023-current

Local

- LAUC-SD Member at Large, 2023-2024
 - Activities included LAUC ALA reception planning, 2024
- LAUC-SD Research and Professional Development Committee Member, 2022-current
- LAUC-LA Committee on Appointments, Advancements and Promotions, 2017-2019

University of Oregon Librarian Service

- University of Oregon Senate, Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom, 2010-2011.
- University of Oregon Library Faculty Personnel Committee, 2009-2011.
- University of Oregon Senate, 2006-2008, Senate Executive Committee, 2006-2007

Other Selected Professional Activity

University Information Policy Officers, 2023-current

- Dues Working Group, 2024

American Library Association, 2005-2012, 2021 - current

- Committee on Legislation, Subcommittee on Copyright Legislation, Education and Advocacy Network, 2022-current

International Council on Archives, 2000-2022

- Section on University and Research Institution Archives (SUV), Secretary and Treasurer, 2016-2020; Annual Meeting, Programme Committee, 2010-2011

Society of American Archivists. 1997-current

- Intellectual Property Working Group (IPWG), 2002-present; Chair, 2007-2013.
- SAA, College and University Archives Section Steering Committee, 2003-2006, 2009-2012; Nominating Committee, Chair, 2006