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I am honored to be nominated for LAUC-Secretary, 2017-2018 term. I began my library career at UCSB as a library fellow in 1998, which was my first academic library position. Since then I have taken on different local and state-wide positions within LAUC, including a term as Secretary early in my academic career, a position I took on again in 2014-15. In the process I have gained a deeper understanding of LAUC’s roles for our members and the UC system. As a LAUC member I have focused my energies in creating a welcoming space that gives new librarians opportunities to develop their skills and professional interests for their growth within the UC and the profession.

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of LAUC I am reminded of the historical moment of how our association came to be, that “foggy morning in San Francisco” on June 27, 1967 as narrated by Judy Horn in *LAUC: The First 25 Years: A History of the Librarians Association of the University of California, 1967-1992* (Judith K. Horn and Jefferson P. Selth, eds). She wrote that during a time of an “activist climate”, one hundred fifty librarians met to address the professional status of librarians in the national academic environment, work that eventually led to the formation of LAUC. I am pleased to be a beneficiary of this long history of activism, and to be connected with collective struggle on the part of colleagues past and present. I hope to continue the mission as LAUC Secretary.

Education

Master of Library and Information Science, 1998

University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Arts, Ethnic Studies, 1996

University of California, San Diego

Professional Experience

Social Sciences Coordinator, UCSB Library, 2012-present

Humanities and Social Sciences Subject Librarian, UCSB Library, 1998-present

LAUC Service, UCSB and System-wide

LAUC-SB Chair, 2005-2006

LAUC-SB Secretary, 1999-2000, 2014-2015

LAUC-SB CAP member, 2003 – 2004; 2010-2011

Review committee chair

LAUC-SB Program Committee, 2002 – 2003

LAUC-SB Research and Professional Development, Chair 2012-2013

Committee member, 2011-2012

LAUC-SB Committee on Appointment, Assignment, and Reassignment, 2003-2004, 2016-2017

Welcoming, Orienting, Mentoring (WOM) member

LAUC State Committee on Committees, Rules and Jurisdiction, 2002- 04

University Service

Common Knowledge Group – Ethnic and Gender Studies (CKG-ES), Convenor, 2016-

Philosophy and Religious Studies Bibgroup, Convenor, 2010-2016