

## **END OF FUNDING PERIOD REPORT**

### **LAUC Statewide Grants, Research & Professional Development Committee**

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### **TITLE OF PROJECT: Library of Approximate Location**

Time Period of Grant: FY 2016-2017

Amount of Award Received: \$350

Original Abstract as Submitted:

I presented at a conference called “Libraries and Archives in the Anthropocene, a colloquium,” which took place May 13-14 at New York University. This conference is an opportunity for librarians and archivists to share thinking about how we, as stewards of a collective knowledge, can face the realities of cataclysmic environmental change with a dawning awareness for our missions and activities, and help orient the profession and our institutions toward this future.

I have been accepted to present a paper on my work as the “Library of Approximate Location,” an ongoing itinerant creative research project installing site-specific, small scale libraries at selected locations around the American West. This project asks how we might expand our value systems in (or on top of) an economy of extractive capitalism to better facilitate stewardship, care, and compassion. I see vast potential in the way that the Library can operate on an alternative logic to the economic status quo, and this project situates libraries at the crux of efforts to speculate critically about restructuring the terms of exchange around resource extraction and a networked world.

### **I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EVALUATION**

This grant was to fund travel for presentation of a completed (though ongoing) project. This travel was completed, the presentation given as planned, and so all expectations were met.

The only thing I might add to this is that I’m not sure that flying all the way across the country maximized my investment. I think I would perhaps re-consider this for next time.

### **II. IS YOUR PROJECT COMPLETED? Yes No**

### **III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Because this was a travel/presentation grant only, the budget was quite simple:

- Registration: \$75.00
- Airfare: \$450.00
- Lodging: \$370.00
- Meals and incidentals: \$50.00

The \$350 I was awarded was spent as part of covering airfare, and the rest of my travel costs were exactly as expected.

#### **IV. SHARING YOUR PRODUCT/RESULTS**

Since the grant was for a presentation at a conference, this itself was a part of the plan for disseminating the results of my work. Additionally though, the videos of each conference presentation were live-streamed, and will be saved on the Litwin Books website (no exact URL for this content yet). Conference presentation text and papers will also be saved at the U Mass Amherst special collections and archives.

#### **V. NOTE**

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