Application for LAUC-Systemwide Vice-President/President-Elect 2014-2015

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Candidate Statement

I am honored to be a candidate for LAUC Vice-President/President-Elect, 2014-2015. It is both an exciting and challenging time for UC librarians as we re-define our professional identities and priorities by integrating the implications of technological advances, perennial budget concerns, expansions of information delivery systems and formats, and maintain our deep traditions of service and scholarship. I have been privileged to witness the dedication of my UC colleagues statewide and at UCLA as we tackle these and other professional issues. While I served on the LAUC-LA Executive Board from 2008-2013, one of our major themes was improving communication – communication between librarians at our many different units, communication between librarians and library administration, and communication between librarians and library staff. By broadening librarian participation, interest, and input, LAUC-LA succeeded in opening pathways to new models and ideas, some of which have recently been implemented. I am confident that such energy will be applied at the systemwide level as we continue to explore concerns such as directions for professional development, more librarian engagement in original research, increased diversity in our workforce, and the need for greater impact on our system through our advisory roles to Library Administration and the University on concerns of professional and governance matters. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to this work as LAUC as Vice-President/President-Elect.

Education

- Ph.D., 2011, Information Studies; University of California Los Angeles
- •M.I.S., Bar Ilan University, Israel
- Graduate Certificate, Library Science; Bar Ilan University, Israel
- B.A., History; University of Utah

Professional Experience

- Social Sciences & Undergraduate Instruction Librarian, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA, (2012-present)
- Information Literacy Librarian, Powell Library, UCLA, (2002-2012)
- Reference & Instruction Librarian, University of Southern California, (2001-2002)
- Reference & Instruction Librarian, Beit Berl College, Israel, (1994-2000)

LAUC-LA Service

- Chair, (2009-2010)
- Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, (2008-2009); Past Chair, (2010-2011)
- Committee on Library Plans & Policies, Chair, (2011-2013)
- Committee on Research & Professional Development, (2004-2006); Chair, (2005-2006)

LAUC Service

• Member of the Executive Board as LAUC-LA Chair, (2009-2010)

Other Professional Service/Activities

- Adjunct Professor, Library Research Methods, Santa Monica Community College, (2012-2013)
- European Conference on Information Literacy Proceedings Book Editorial Team, (2013)
- Reviewer, CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries, (23 reviews, 2002-present)

• LITE Bites (Library Instruction To Everyone – Bite sized). Library instructional videos (with UCLA's Office of Residential Life Cable Television Station), (2005-2007); http://tinyurl.com/litebites

Selected Research & Publications

- "Undergraduates' Personal Academic Information Management and the Consideration of Time and Task-Urgency," (with Marcia J. Bates). *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 64.8, (2013):1590–1607.
- "Individuality and Diversity among Undergraduates' Academic Information Behaviors: An Exploratory Study." International Journal of Knowledge Content Development and Technology, 3.2, (2013): 29-42.
- "How Do They Manage It? An Exploratory Study of Undergraduate Students in their Personal Academic Information Ecologies." Dissertation. UCLA Department of Information Studies, (2011).
- "Undergraduates' Academic Information and Library Behaviors: Preliminary Results." *Reference Services Review*, 38.4, (2010): 571-580.
- "Library Anxiety among Undergraduates: A Study of Israeli B.Ed Students," (with Snunith Shoham), *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 27 (2001): 305-311.
- "Library Anxiety and Computer Attitudes among Israeli B.Ed Students." Thesis. Bar Ilan University, Israel; (2000).

Awards

- LAUC-LA Mini Research Grant for Academic Reading Formats Study, (2014).
- LAUC Presentation Grant for presentation at LOEX-of-the-West 2010, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, (2010).
- LAUC-LA Mini-Research Grant for dissertation work, (2009).
- American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) Special Interest Group Information Needs, Seeking and Use (SIG/USE) PhD Student Travel Award, (2009).
- Lydia Vilenchuk Memorial Award & Research Grant, from the Israel Society of Special Libraries and Information Centers, for master's thesis, (1998).