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Application for LAUC Presentation Grant, 2011

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“Fiat Flux: Changing Universities, Challenges for Libraries” conference sponsored by LAUC-B on
October 21, 2011 at UC Berkeley, California.

Presentation title: **Weeding: philosophy, options/approaches/practices**

Accepted presentation abstract with Christina Woo

Got collections in paper and non-streaming AV format? Got library space for it? Buying everything in digital format? Yes, not really, and no. The RLFs are filling up very soon, and the prospects for new library construction are bleak. This poster will discuss weeding: philosophy, options/approaches/practices, and what we want our physical collections to look like, given our resources.

At Irvine we have implemented a year-round weeding plan that has evolved and been modified according to staffing changes and the availability of space for weeded volumes awaiting catalogers’ attention. Bibliographers (weeders) working closely with catalogers to create a smooth workflow was crucial. Orienting bibliographers to the need/problem and common procedures was also essential. It had to make sense.

Most important: creating a culture of improving the collection through weeding. Building collections also means weeding them. We respect the needs of different disciplines/departments, and no “one way” is promulgated. Except when overflow book trucks are getting out of hand, bibliographers also choose when during the year they weed. No quotas or minimums are imposed. Like elective surgery, it’s not painless, but it gets done, and we’re making room for the new materials we’re buying that need room on the shelves.

Name and sponsoring organization of the conference.

Fiat Flux: Changing Universities, Challenges for Libraries sponsored by LAUC-B. See <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/LAUC/conference-2011> for details. Conference is 8:30am – 5:00pm, Friday, October 21, 2011.

Description of any funds that have been requested from other sources.

Other professional development funds will be expended for ALA attendance, so no funds will be requested from other sources.

The fund break out for this conference includes:

Flight from LAX to OAK:	\$300
Parking:	15
Train to UCB:	20
Poster printing costs (per person):	80
Hotel cost (one night):	<u>180</u>
Total projected cost:	\$595

Requested funds: \$500

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

I am a current UC-AFT represented member of the bargaining unit.