

## **END OF FUNDING PERIOD REPORT**

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

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**TITLE OF PROJECT: Weeding: philosophy, options/approaches/practices [funded title as submitted]**

**Space, Space, Space: Weeding and What Remains [final project title]**

Time Period of Grant: October 21, 2011

Amount of Award Received: \$500

Original Abstract as Submitted: 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.

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

- We achieved most of what we set out to do, though we would like to complete and continue updating our critical bibliography. We created a poster for an in-person conference. The conference, "Fiat Flux: Changing Universities, Challenges for Libraries" was sponsored by LAUC-B on October 21, 2011 at UC Berkeley, California. A LibGuide was also created and is still being maintained as of July 10, 2013 at <http://libguides.lib.uci.edu/fiatfluxweeding>. In addition to workflows, communication suggestions, and search strategies, the guide has a selective, and selectively annotated bibliography. The LibGuide has been linked to by a knowledgebase, <http://sustainablecollections.com/deselection-kb/>, and parts of it were used by Rhonda Donaldson, Coordinator of Electronic Resources/Collection Development Liaison for Education, HPER, & Nursing at Scarborough Library, Shepherd University.

- Were I to do this again, I would spend more time annotating the bibliography and obtaining ILL material. ILLs took longer than I anticipated.
- My advice is to fill out this form and to submit for feedback locally as soon as possible before final submission to LAUC. Submit the finalized form early to LAUC representatives.

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

**III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

Requested funds: \$500

I believe that my estimate for parking was low and that the poster backing cost an extra \$60.

**IV. SHARING YOUR PRODUCT/RESULTS**

See the URL <http://libguides.lib.uci.edu/fiatfluxweeding>