

Candidate Statement, LAUC Vice President/President Elect  
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Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for LAUC Vice President/President-Elect. I would be honored to serve in this role for LAUC, an organization that has provided me with opportunities for growth and collegial connections since joining the UC San Diego Library in 2009. As chair of the LAUC-SD Executive Board (2015-16) I gained direct experience with the Statewide Board through our conference call meetings, as delegate to the Merced Statewide Assembly, and by helping plan the San Diego Assembly. I gained valuable insights into the issues that affect all campuses, despite our differences, and the ways in which LAUC can advocate to the University and support our members. Outside of LAUC, I have effectively served in leadership roles for the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL, my primary national organization affiliation, and would draw upon those experiences if elected to lead the LAUC Board. I am a strong collaborator and am effective in leading groups of geographically dispersed colleagues toward common goals, with a strong focus on communication and transparency. I know the value of Statewide LAUC R&PD grants personally, and welcome the opportunity to direct these efforts as Vice President and Statewide R&PD Chair. I care deeply about issues surrounding diversity and librarianship identity, and as President, I would encourage engagement on these topics and strive to serve as a strong advocate to the University. Our profession means a great deal to me and I would continue ongoing LAUC efforts to promote our members' accomplishments. Having just wrapped up my first year on LAUC-SD's Committee of Advancement and Promotion, I am acutely aware of the many truly impressive contributions of LAUC members. I am humbled and so very proud to be a colleague alongside such talented and passionate librarians, and I would be my privilege to serve as LAUC Vice President/President-Elect.

Education

- MLS, 2002. Indiana University
- B.S. History and Secondary Education, 1998. Butler University

Professional Experience

- Reference & Instruction Coordinator, Special Collections & Archives, UC San Diego Library (2009-present)
- Newberry Library, Chicago; various roles (2002-2009)
- University of Chicago Graduate School of Business; Part-Time Reference Librarian (2006-07)

Selected LAUC-SD Service

- LAUC-SD CAPA (2017-19)
- LAUC-SD Chair (2015-16)
- LAUC-SD Statewide Assembly Planning Team (2015)
- LAUC-SD Diversity Committee (Chair, 2013-14)
- LAUC-SD Member-at-Large (2011-12)

Selected Additional Professional Service

- RBMS Executive Board, Member-at-Large (2016-19)
- Founder and Co-Chair of RBMS Instruction & Outreach Committee (2017-19)
- Co-Chair of the ACRL/RBMS-Society of American Archivists (SAA) Joint Task Force for the Development of Primary Source Literacy Guidelines (2015-17)
- UC San Diego Library ClimateQual Implementation Team (2013-2014)
- Member of RBMS Task Force on Metrics and Assessment (2011-2013)
- Member of RBMS Guidelines for Borrowing and Lending Special Collections Materials Task Force (2009-2011)

#### Selected Publications

- ACRL/RBMS–SAA *Guidelines for Primary Source Literacy*. Approved (2018) by ACRL Board, SAA approval pending.
- *Using Primary Sources: Hands-on Instructional Exercises*. Libraries Unlimited, 2014. Co-editor with Anne Bahde and Mattie Taormina, and contributor of two lesson plan chapters.
- Bahde, Anne and Smedberg, Heather. "Measuring the Magic: Assessment in the Special Collections and Archives Classroom" *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage*, Volume 13 Number 2 (1 September 2012).

#### Selected Awards

- CRL Primary Source Award for Book: *Using Primary Sources: Hands-on Instructional Exercises* (2015)
- LAUC Statewide Presentation grants (2014 and 2015)
- As member of LAUC-SD Diversity Committee, our group was awarded the UC San Diego *Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Award* (2013).