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RE: Report on LAUC Presentation & Travel Award, 2017

I was the recipient of a LAUC Presentation & Travel Award this year for \$350. This contributed to my travel expenses to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Society of California Archivists, which took place from April 27-29, 2017 in Pasadena, California. I was part of the Lightning Talks: New Tools and Approaches panel where I presented *Preserving 100 Years of Agricultural Resources: The UC Cooperative Extension Archive*. I presented on the history of Cooperative Extension, the need for the UC Cooperative Extension Archive, the approach and the impact of the archive, and our next steps and goals for the archive.

I met my main goal for the presentation, which was to introduce the new archive and to inform fellow archivists of this project and the work that we are doing at the UC Merced Library. In addition to my presentation, I spoke with many archivists about this project and received information about a few collections that might be relevant to the archive. I also met the second goal of the lighting talk, which was to share the strategies that we are utilizing in hopes that it can be used in other traditional and non-traditional archival settings. During the presentation, I highlighted the three different approaches this project has taken in assessing and inventorying three California county offices.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to present and attend the Annual General Meeting of the Society of California Archivists. I am new to California and the UC System and this was a great opportunity to connect with fellow UC and California archivists.