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Dear Valerie,

With this letter, I wish to apply for a LAUC Mini-Grant in the amount of \$250.00. If awarded, this grant would be used to defray the cost of a two-day scholarly meeting with my Egyptologist colleague and co-author, Professor John Baines of the University of Oxford, who is currently in residence as a member of the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. Professor Baines and I are co-authoring a chapter on popular religion ("Volksreligion") in ancient Egypt, to appear in the forthcoming *Handbuch "Altaegyptische Religion,"* edited by Jan Assmann and Hubert Roeder of the recently-founded Ägyptologische Forschungsstätte für Kulturwissenschaft (ÄFKW) at the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg. We expect to complete this chapter by the end of the calendar year. While electronic correspondence has proven useful during the research and writing process, we now feel that an in-person meeting is crucial for our timely completion of the chapter. Naturally, Professor Baines' current stay in Princeton makes this a convenient time for us to devote two days to in-person working meetings.

The chapter that Professor Baines and I are co-authoring tackles a challenging and still vibrant topic in the study of Egyptian religion. Popular religion in ancient Egypt takes many forms over the three thousand years of pharaonic history, and our chapter aims to not only survey and critique past work, but to provide guidelines for future research. My interest in this topic stems from my doctoral research, the result of which is my 2009 monograph, *Female Figurines from the Mut Precinct: Context and Ritual Function*, as well as from my previous engagement with the topic in two articles for the *UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology*: "Female Figurines (Pharaonic Period)" and "Votive Practices," the latter co-authored with Dr. Geraldine Pinch.

No release time will be required for my meeting with Professor Baines in Princeton, as I plan to use my available furlough days. An estimated budget for my travel from Washington, DC, where I will be attending a scholarly meeting at the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) that is unrelated to my Egyptological research, to Princeton, is below. While

my air travel to the East coast has been generously provided by CLIR, and while Professor Baines has kindly secured gratis lodging for me in Princeton, a LAUC Mini-Grant, if awarded, would still considerably assist with my travel costs.

Estimated Budget:

Amtrak train service from Washington Union Station to Princeton Junction (AAA rate): \$81.00

New Jersey Transit train service from Princeton Junction to Princeton: \$2.25

Meals: \$150

Miscellaneous administrative costs (e.g. printing, scanning): \$16.75

TOTAL: \$250.00

I would like to thank LAUC for considering this proposal. I feel strongly that continuing to publish in my field of specialty, and maintaining my Egyptological contacts, is crucial to my development as an area studies librarian. Finally, I would like to note that I am a member of the bargaining unit represented by the UC-AFT, and that I have not applied for any additional funding for this meeting.

Sincerely,



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Michael Yonezawa

From: Bross, Valerie [vbross@library.ucla.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 5:43 PM
To: Michael Yonezawa
Subject: RE: BRIEF Meeting Recap

Categories: LAUC

Michael,

Elizabeth Waraksa just responded.

(1) Date/time of travel: The meeting was March 30-April 1, 2010.

(2) Since Elizabeth already completed travel, she could give a precise amount as a corrigendum to the request. She will send that information tomorrow.

--Valerie Bross

P.S. Will the date of the meeting be problematical? I wondered about that, but noticed that several other LAUC grant applicants will have already completed their meetings before July 1