Candidate Statements for 2007 LAUC-B election

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Corliss Lee
I am honored to be nominated for the office of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of LAUC-B. My previous terms as Secretary and Library Representative, as well as my three years on CAPA, have given me a sense of the breadth and depth of the issues faced by LAUC-B and our profession as a whole. I hope to help LAUC-B take a proactive role in shaping our professional future and expanding our role on campus.

Secretary

Jean Dickinson
I would like to propose myself as a candidate for the position of LAUC-B Executive Committee Secretary. I have already been a member of the Executive Committee for the past year, as one of the Library Representatives, and have enjoyed assisting in the diverse library and administrative areas in which the committee is active. Now that I have a better idea of the kinds of challenges the Executive Committee deals with, I believe that, if elected, I could be very helpful to the group in the job of Secretary. The professional matters and issues of library governance that LAUC-B discusses and acts on run through all of our daily work lives, and I would be very happy to continue to be a part of that collegial effort.

Jesse Silva
As a new Berkeley librarian, I feel privileged to be running for LAUC-B Secretary. LAUC-B is a vital professional organization to both the Library and the campus, and the Secretary position plays an essential role in the organization. The Library is changing and will continue to evolve in many different ways for the foreseeable future. These changes will prompt discussions across both the campus and the UC system. As LAUC-B Secretary, I will record and contribute to these discussions when they take place and report the minutes to the LAUC-B membership. As a new librarian, I bring a fresh perspective and a growing expertise in such areas as the use of new technologies in the library, digital preservation and electronic publishing. I feel that my experiences as a writer also makes me particularly well suited for the position as LAUC-B Secretary.

Treasurer

Jennifer Nelson
I am honored to be given the opportunity to run for the office of Treasurer of LAUC-B. I have been a librarian at UC Berkeley since June 2005, and since my arrival I have served actively on the LAUC-B Committee on Research, the Internship Task Force, and I am
currently eight months into a successful term as Secretary of the LAUC-B Executive Committee. During my term as Secretary I have demonstrated an ability to execute successfully, efficiently, and cheerfully the duties of my office, and if elected Treasurer I would bring the same dedication to fulfilling my responsibilities in that role, in continued service to the LAUC-B community.

David Sullivan
As a relative newcomer to Berkeley, it has been my pleasure over the past six years to serve LAUC-B in a number of capacities and in the process discover the depth of commitment to the University's mission and the high level of professionalism of my colleagues. I appreciate the contribution LAUC-B makes to our shared service to the University and am pleased to submit my name as a candidate for the position of Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee. LAUC-B's resources make it possible to spread our influence beyond campus through participation in a panoply of national and international organizations, and to enrich our working lives through its many programs. Thank you all for considering my candidacy, and for giving me the opportunity to pay back part of the large debt I owe to LAUC-B.

Library Representative

Evelyn Kuo
As head of the East Asian Library’s Technical Services division, I would be honored to serve as library representative to the LAUC-B Executive Committee. Prior to coming to Berkeley, I was head of collection development and technical services at the Chinese University of Hong Kong; prior to that, I served as director of a large library consortium in Massachusetts. While in these positions I gained a great deal of experience advocating staff rights and privileges. Since coming to Berkeley I have been impressed by the role LAUC plays in supporting and promoting the issues and concerns of librarians. East Asian Library staff have been absent from the LAUC-B activities and committees in recent years. I hope that my LAUC participation will facilitate communication between my colleagues and LAUC, and that in turn they will take a more proactive role in LAUC matters.

Changes are coming to Berkeley, with the introduction of WorldCat as OPAC, the new AACR III or RDA, the CJK NACO project, the opening of the C. V. Starr East Asian Library. While librarians will continue to share a commitment to developing diverse collections, we will also continue to rely on LAUC’s longstanding support and guidance in the development of new style of librarianship. Berkeley’s libraries are among the finest nationally and internationally; the contributions Berkeley’s librarians make should be recognized and appreciated. LAUC-B is our voice, and I welcome the opportunity to use my experience and enthusiasm in service to the LAUC-B community on behalf of its most precious resource, the librarians.

Sarah McDaniel
Thank you for the opportunity to run for LAUC-B Library Representative. In my five years at UC Berkeley, I have learned a great deal about the
different types of work librarians do, the diverse constituencies we serve, and effective approaches to decision-making and change in this environment. I previously served LAUC as co-chair of a statewide Information Literacy Task Force, as LAUC representative to the HOPS Information Literacy Common Interest Group, and as a member of the LAUC-B Professional Development Committee. Prior to coming to the UCs, I was an active participant in library governance as a member of the Library Faculty Executive Committee at the University of Southern California. I was also recently elected Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the ACRL Instruction Section. I welcome the opportunity to promote constructive change in service to the LAUC-B, UC Berkeley and the UC Community.

Theresa Salazar
LAUC-B plays an important role in ensuring the academic status of librarians, and through CAPA, provides the infrastructure by which promotion and advancement procedures can be implemented. LAUC-B representatives also coordinate with their UC colleagues throughout the state to discuss important issues facing librarians -- from diversity, to new technologies and resources impacting the profession, to our interface with faculty on our campus. Our roles as academic librarians and our relation to the faculty, students, and other researchers is an especially important topic. I have served on LAUC-B and LAUC statewide committees, and on many national library and archival committees, and thank you for the opportunity to run for LAUC-B Library Representative.

Affiliated Library Alternate Representative

Seyem Petrites
I am honored to have been asked to serve as the Affiliated Library Alternate Representative/LAUC-B Committee on Affiliated Libraries Affairs Chair-Elect. I am excited for this opportunity to become more involved in the LAUC-B community, and I carry the hope that I will serve as a knowledgeable and effective representative of the Affiliated Libraries. With a spirit of collaboration and cooperation, I will work towards continuing the momentum of helping forge a stronger bond between The Library and the Affiliated Libraries. I also look forward to attending ExComm meetings and Statewide Assemblies, and hope to bring back ideas that will help me in planning informative assemblies for the Affiliated Libraries.