

# Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of March 3, 2022

10:00-11:30am

Facilitator: S. Reardon

Minutes: A. Scheel

## Agenda

1. Announcements (5 min.)
  - a. Thank you Abby for filling in as note taker today!
  - b. Please take a peek at the extensive notes from the function councils (and thank you to the reps for leaving them!)
  - c. CSC proposes reducing council representatives from 2 to 1. This change would free up staff time, and is made possible because CSC is no longer a decision making body, and for our working groups we always seek involvement from staff beyond the Council. We were asked to bring feedback on this proposal back to next month's CSC. (S. Reardon)
    - i. No comments from council - email Stacy Reardon or Adnan Malik for any follow-up comments/questions
    - ii. Vote taken for objections to plan: no objections made
2. Alma Primo VE Coordination Team (APriCoT) for SILS: J. Gosselar (10 min)
  - a. APriCoT launched in January to manage UCB SILS (Alma and UC Library Search)
  - b. Available in list of councils, committees, etc.:  
<https://www.lib.berkeley.edu/Staff/committee.html>
    - i. See Minutes for set of quick links to things like a public Decision Log and other transparency documents
  - c. For any questions for APriCoT or about Alma or UC Library Search write to [helpbox@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:helpbox@library.berkeley.edu) (when in doubt, send questions to this email, Jackie can send to appropriate person)
  - d. The escalation path for Alma and UC Library Search is still active:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X7Hi9wZqjg9yynZIJR4TuihQU9trsbTAGliC4M00ME/edit>
  - e. UC Library Search support: Is there a need for more train-the-trainer training for library staff? What topics
    - i. Jackie and Corliss will be sending out a survey
    - ii. Suggestions:
      1. Most efficient ways of performing different tasks (finding a known item, topic searching, etc.)
      2. Why would a student use UCLS when searching for articles? What's included there?
      3. More for Alma Analytics Groups:
        - a. How to create reports in Alma (such as fund reports)

- b. How to check on fulfillment (# of books received, etc.) in Alma
  - c. Mohamed is on this group and will add an update of their activities here or via listserv
3. Celebrating Peter Koret's Distinctive Collection: Stewardship & Scholarship: V. Shih (15 min + Q&A)

V. Shih offered a summary of the provenance of the Peter Koret's distinctive collection that was donated to UC Berkeley South/Southeast Asia Library in fall 2021. Peter Koret was a former visiting professor at the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies of UC Berkeley in 2003-2004. The presentation highlighted the format variety and linguistic diversity of the collection and samples of palm leaf manuscripts and folded paper books in various Southeast Asian languages and scripts.

In terms of stewardship, V. Shih will work with Dr. Trent Walker, a lecturer at Stanford University and UC Berkeley alumnus of Buddhist studies to create a finding aid for the entire rare books and manuscript collection for onsite public access before the collection is fully cataloged in UC Library Search. V. Shih will explore potential external funding support to help digitizing the Peter Koret's manuscript collection for open access such as the Luce-funded [Southeast Asia Digital Library](#), the Library of Congress Asian Division, the [Endangered Archives Programme](#) based at the British Library, and the [Digital Library of Lao Manuscripts](#) at the National Library of Laos. She will encourage UCB faculty and graduate students to incorporate the manuscript collection as primary sources for their teaching and research needs as they see fit. She will offer an orientation to the Lao manuscript holdings to the [Center for Lao Studies](#) based in San Francisco for the publicity of the Peter Koret's collection at Berkeley.

In terms of scholarship, V. Shih published a preliminary report on the entire Peter Koret's collection with contributions from Trent Walker and Karen Sprinkel in a peer-reviewed online [Southeast Asia Library Group Newsletter](#) hosted by the British Library in December 2021. She will co-organize and present at a panel of the 2022 virtual international Lao studies conference in November to honor Peter Koret's intellectual legacy. P. Koret left behind a few incomplete book manuscripts that V. Shih would like to connect with a few international Lao studies scholars who would be interested in helping Peter complete his manuscripts for scholarly publishing. Lastly, V. Shih will work with a few national and international Lao studies scholars and faculty to help promoting Lao literature and manuscript studies through online teaching, tutorials, workshops, seminars, lectures, and so forth to bring this fascinating yet underdeveloped subject on the map of Lao studies globally.

- a. The collection is currently available in SSEAL
4. DEI across the Romance Languages curriculum: C. Potts (15 min)
  - a. [Slide deck available here](#)
  - b. Brief survey of classes recently taught in Romance languages departments tied in with DEI whose syllabi Claude has used for collection development and assessment

- i. French:
    1. Francophone Crime Fiction
    2. Montréal: Colonization, Urbanization, Migration
    3. Elles: Solidarity, Desire and Conflict between Women
    4. Literary Histories of Sexuality and Gender
    5. Littérature et Colonialisme: L'Imaginaire coloniale
    6. Francophone Literature and the Shameful State
  - ii. Italian:
    1. Feminist Encounters
    2. Deaths and Afterlives of Columbus
  - iii. Spanish and Portuguese
    1. Indigenous and Latinx Pathways of Memory in California
    2. The History, Arts and Literature of Islamic Iberia
5. Function Council reports (time permitting)
- a. Cataloging and Metadata Council (F. Ferko)
  - b. Collection Development Leadership Group (A. Scheel)
  - c. Collection Services Council (A. Malik, S. Reardon)
    - **Binding budget** has been maxed out for this fiscal year, but bindery is accepting shipments until the end of March. Preservation might allocate some funds. Jo Anne is looking into endowments as well.
    - Briefly discussed **Unsub**, a tool for assessing costs for ILL versus subscriptions for serials
    - Jo Anne is exploring the possibility of using **Green Glass Serials** to assess current serial holdings using Alma data.
    - **Data Acquisition Workflow** was accepted and ratified by CDLG and is now in the SLM. On March 3rd at 1 pm Anna Sackmann will offer an overview.
    - Elliot Smith is working on **e-book packages spreadsheet** and will be done by the end of spring 2022.
    - Jo Anne and others will present the finalized **Shared Print Communication Work Plan** to LIBR next week. An email template will be shared with selectors-liaisons to provide consistent communication with faculty and departments.
    - Jo Anne felt **Subject Specialists and Selector Roles** regarding handling of purchase requests might have created some confusion. She reiterated that if a selector gets a request they should purchase it and not refer it to someone else. Please send questions and clarifications to Jo Anne.
    - Members were asked to discuss with their respective councils the proposal to reduce workloads by **reducing CSC membership from two reps per council to one**.
    - After Sherry's departure **a small team has been formed to handle some degree of licensing** in the future. Please contact Mark Hemhauser if you need to discuss licensing needs. A similar group is planned for ordering and receiving after Rico's departure.

d. Public Services Council (S. Peterson)

The meeting was open to everyone and Jennifer Dörner presented on services for users with disabilities. In a follow up email on 2/22/22, Jennifer sent the following links out to everyone from her presentation:

1. Disability Statistics for Campus  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/131L12846qXtt41llpMm3oP-GZODf4FPEigDlzvmHVU/edit#slide=id.gfca1889527\\_0\\_5](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/131L12846qXtt41llpMm3oP-GZODf4FPEigDlzvmHVU/edit#slide=id.gfca1889527_0_5)
2. Effective Communication with users with disabilities  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Kn5uXWfnsXmbh-LUnyhSDZt6x7tOv1ZC/edit#slide=id.p15>
3. Library's Disability resources  
<https://www.lib.berkeley.edu/help/disability-resources> (with links to services, the list of library contacts for users with disabilities, and our policy on animals in the Library)
4. DAC's guide on planning accessible events  
<https://dac.berkeley.edu/events/planning-accessible-events>
5. Access 2020 self-evaluation report  
<https://access2020.berkeley.edu/>

e. Roundtable Update (A. Scheel)

f. Web Advisory Group (M. Erviti)

Did not meet in February; next meeting anticipated in May 2022.

g. EID/DEIBJ in Collections Working Group (N. Shiraishi)