

# Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of February 2, 2023

10:00-11:30am

Facilitator: S. Reardon

Minutes: Toshie Marra

## Agenda

1. Announcements (5 min.)
  - . Prof. Gregory Levine, faculty liaison to the Library from the Department of History of Art, joined the meeting
  - a. If you are interested in being the next Chair for the A&H Council, please contact Stacy.
2. Dan Vaccaro, Writer/Editor, LCO: Meet and Greet + Share A&H Projects with LCO (20 min.)
  - Dan Vaccaro introduced himself to the participants and talked about recent activities he was involved in the Library Communications Office, including writing about exhibits, events, and other news for the Library
  - Stacy and Abby asked about how to communicate any project or event ideas, and Dan suggested to use [the project form](#), as one way
  - Brainstorm: Dan raised some questions to the participants: Are there projects/initiatives/events you are working on this semester/year/future year that would be good to highlight? Is there someone you work with, someone who donates to your library, someone who you support in teaching that you think could be good for a profile?
  - Some ideas suggested include librarians' acquisitions trips (Mohamed briefly reported about the book fair from Egypt), introducing faculty publications, and sharing instruction works librarians do in collaboration with faculty.
3. [Brittle Books Pilot & Other Updates from Preservation](#): Hannah Tashjian (Interim Head of Preservation / Head, Conservation Treatment Division) and Rosemary Sallee (Unit Head for Bindery Preparation and Preservation Replacement) (20 min)
  - Hannah, Rosemary, and Chrissy Huhn presented the Brittle Book pilot project to make a stable print copy for preservation and a digital copy for increased access in HathiTrust. The scope of this project is limited to the items that are the only freely available or unrestricted copy in the UC System and are not in HathiTrust.
  - Hannah also gave preservation updates, including availability of boxing/enclosures quota for Arts & Humanities and the plan for recruiting for 1000 hour Preservation Trainee Program in spring.
  - Jianye asked how to track the items sent to Preservation Department, and Hanah suggested to send inquiries to [tracecon@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:tracecon@library.berkeley.edu).
  - For the next phase of the Brittle Book pilot, Salwa mentioned the need for evaluation

- One issue raised was about handling of the brittle books that have artifactual value and need to be preserved in their original format, in addition to the circulating copy.

Next meeting:  
March 2, 2023