

# Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of September 7, 2023

10:00-11:30 am

Facilitator: L. Cunningham

Minutes: J. Shepard

1. Attention was called to the University Librarian search webpage. Sheehan Grant is a member of the search committee. Jeremy Ott mentioned that an antique Malby terrestrial globe which had been displayed on the ground floor of Doe Library has been removed and will be auctioned at [publicsurplus.com](http://publicsurplus.com).

The Instruction Services Division's Research 101 workshop offerings for September were announced.

2. AH Council Survey results and group discussion (L. Cunningham, 20 min.). There was a 27% response. Council members' preferences for future meetings were

--continue Zoom format;

--occasional in person meetings;

--monthly meetings, 1.5 hours each

--project reports from council members and visitors;

--guided tours and visits to exhibitions; and

--function council reports when necessary.

3. Recent librarian travel & research (30 min.)

a. "Off the beaten path: literary research in the south of France" (Claude Potts). Claude reported on his Townsend Center fellowship and research on Albert Camus's final year, investigating unpublished primary sources (Camus was awarded a Nobel Prize two years before his death). Claude consulted the [Fonds Albert Camus](#) at the Bibliothèque et Archives Méjanes in Aix-en-Provence in June, where Camus's personal papers have been on deposit since 1995. There are eight finding aids for the collection, but only one online. Camus's daughter is literary executor of his estate and approves access to the archives. Claude also traveled to Camus' home in Lourmarin (about an hour from Aix) to look at Camus's letters. No photos were allowed. UC Berkeley has nearly all of Camus's publications.

b. ARLIS/NA in Mexico City, April 2023 (Lynn Cunningham). This was the Art Libraries Society's first conference in Mexico. Lynn commented on several of the conference presenters' sessions (e.g. "Concept Mapping for Design Students") and showed images of their slides. Lynn also showed photos of some of her sightseeing and visits to libraries and museums (including that of Frida Kahlo) in and around Mexico City.

4. Other summer travels or updates. Jeremy Ott went to Corinth, Greece, for research into burials from the first to the sixth century AD (related to his 2016 doctoral dissertation). He showed photos of a Roman tomb and later, sixth century graves. Jeremy also used the trip to pursue collection development in Modern Greek studies in Athens. He showed photos of book stores he visited to acquire books in Modern Greek. Jeremy's trip was supported by the Institute of European Studies (Title VI grant for less commonly taught languages).

The next meeting of the council will be on 5 October 2023.