

Sciences Council Meeting of May 4, 2023

9:00 - 9:50 am

Zoom

Present: Becky Miller (chair), Anita Brown, Misha Coleman (facilitator), Lisa Ngo, Susan Powell, Brian Quigley, Michael Sholinbeck, Elliott Smith (recorder), Sam Teplitzky

Guest: Kate Donovan, Director of The Bancroft Library & Associate University Librarian for Special Collections

Agenda

1. Announcements

- a. **Chemical and Physical Sciences Librarian:** On-campus interviews for the position will take place Monday May 8, Tuesday May 9, and Friday May 19, from 10 - 10:45 am in Doe 303. Please see Susan Powell's libstaff email of May 3 for details and Zoom links.
- b. **LHS Division Head:** Thanks to those who attended the candidate presentations, and a reminder to please submit feedback by Monday May 8.
- c. **Visiting Librarian:** Dorte Andersen from the Royal Danish Library will be on campus the week of May 15. Planned events include:
 - i. **Public presentation:** Wednesday May 17, 2 pm, Doe 303
 - ii. **Informal coffee:** Thursday May 18, 9 am, Caffe Strada
- d. **Bay Area Open Science Group:** Open data with [Steve Diggs](#), Senior Product Manager for data publishing at CDL. Tuesday May 23, 2 pm; [registration and Zoom information](#)
- e. **Sciences Council chair:** Michael Sholinbeck has volunteered to be the next Sciences Council chair. His first meeting as chair will be September 7. Thanks to Michael for volunteering and to Becky Miller for her service as chair in 2022-23.

2. Welcoming Kate Donovan, Director of The Bancroft Library & Associate University Librarian for Special Collections

- a. Kate Donovan, appointed in August, gave an informal talk on The Bancroft and special collections at Berkeley.
 - i. **Access:** She offered her perspectives on the need to make materials more readily accessible for the benefit of students and researchers.

- ii. **Priorities:** She also discussed setting priorities for collecting and processing by considering potential use, diversity, and our values, rather than allowing funding to be the sole driver of decisions.
- iii. **Diversity:** To showcase the diversity of the Bancroft's collections, she highlighted recently acquired items, newly or soon-to-be processed and opened collections, recent digitization projects, and exhibits.
- iv. **Future plans:** She outlined plans to expand researcher access to The Bancroft and her wish to make rare materials available to more classes. [Lee Anne Titangos](#) is the contact for instructors wishing to integrate Bancroft materials into their courses.

Welcome Kate!

3. Discussion of serials reduction process and feedback

- a. Selectors were reminded to send out final messages requesting feedback from their departments; the comments period closes May 12.
- b. There is still some uncertainty in the budget targets.
- c. Michael S. recommended looking at the lists of other divisions in case there are resources to which you refer researchers that have been proposed for cancellation, and contacting selectors with any questions.

4. Function Council and Committee reports and/or sharing of work related to DEIBJ

Reports were heard from:

- a. Library Equity and Inclusion Standing Committee (LEISC) subcommittee on library spaces (Michael S.)
- b. PSC (Misha C.)
- c. CDLG (Brian Q.)

5. Around the table

Next scheduled meeting: June 1, 2023, 9:00 - 9:50 AM, Zoom