

Sciences Council Meeting of August 3, 2023

9:00 - 9:50 AM

Zoom

Attendees: Becky Miller (chair), Anita Brown (recorder), Misha Coleman, Lisa Ngo, Brian Quigley, Elliott Smith (facilitator)

1. Announcements

- a. Strategic plan listening sessions in late Aug, some on Zoom, some in person
 - i. Online feedback form will also be available
 - ii. Please attend!
 - iii. [Sign up for a session using the google form](#) by August 8

2. Discussion of LHS draft statement on harmful, offensive, or discredited library materials

- a. LHS wanted something to add to the website/LibGuides. The draft was based on research and other libraries' statements.
 - i. Can't flag every individual potentially-harmful text, especially electronic journals, so this is intended as a general catch-all statement
 - ii. Probably will not be posted on every single course/topic LibGuide.
Special Collections LibGuide and main subject guides are good options
- b. Covers two interrelated issues: there might be harmful content in the materials, and the language used to describe the materials in the catalog might be harmful
- c. Possible add: who to contact with questions or concerns
 - i. Don't want to create expectations of quick changes to catalog
 - ii. Could just be the general reference inquiry email
- d. Applicable to EPS? Less human subjects research, different issues. May need minor tweaks
 - i. Ask Susan about the geography side of things
- e. Possibly should be library-wide, not division-specific. Consider sending to LEIC

3. Plans for Fall Workshops

- a. No Mendeley workshops planned, but may consider Mendeley to Zotero transition workshop later in the semester
- b. [Intro to Zotero](#)
 - i. September 12 at 10, 12, and 4
 - ii. October 4 at 10, 12 and 4
- c. Possible RefWorks to Zotero migration support workshops in Spring
- d. LateX using Overleaf workshops, one in person (Hildebrand 100F), one virtual

- e. MathSciNet has a new interface, possible advanced workshop later in Fall
- f. [Intro to Data Analysis series](#) will be taught by data science discovery consultants with librarians as hosts with Intro to Python workshops (virtual and in person, English and Spanish), and Intro to SQL
- g. [UC Carpentries workshops](#) September 11 - 21: Intro to Python, R, Git, Unix command line, etc.
- h. MailChimp workshop newsletter needs revival, Lisa will send signup form to send to new grad students

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

- a. No reports from CMC, PSC
- b. Elliott reported on LEIC outreach and recruitment subcommittee: ongoing discussion about objectives for coming year
- c. Becky reported on Alma analytics meeting
- d. Brian reported on CDLG: serial cancellations project, mono duplication
- e. Misha confirms *Guidelines to Counsel and Researchers Seeking Discovery from the University of California, Berkeley Libraries* policy was removed because the Library no longer offers this service

5. Around the table

Next scheduled meeting:

September 7, 2023, 9:00 - 9:50 AM

Zoom