

LACUNY Professional Development Committee

Annual Report 2006 – 2007

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Programs

“2006 PSC-CUNY Grants Workshop” Sept. 21, 2006 at Baruch College

Twenty (20) LACUNY members attended this annual workshop, which included an introduction to the PSC-CUNY Research Awards by the Chair of the Library Panel, Gerry Jiao. Four (4) successful grants recipients from the previous round of submissions under the Library Panel gave presentations. The speakers were: James A. Kaser, LaRoi Lawton, Katherine Shelfer, and Antony Simpson. Titles and abstracts of their funded projects appear on the Committee web page.

Names and titles of all PSC CUNY Research awards funded under the Library Panel from 2001 through 2007 are listed on the Committee web page. In 2001, only one project was funded under the grant. By 2007, a total of 18 projects were funded for library faculty (11 under the Library Panel and 7 under other Panels). Abstracts for funded projects for 2005, 2006 and 2007 (partially completed) are available on the Committee web page.

“Academic Librarianship & Publishing in Peer Reviewed Library Journals” held on April 26, 2007 at Hunter College School of Social Work.

Some fifty (50) members attended this program. The keynote speaker Deborah V. Dolan from Hofstra University spoke of adopting the scholar- practitioner identity in academic librarianship and looking for publishing opportunities drawn from daily practice. She focused on various types of studies and gave examples that might be replicated. Her list of suggested reading materials (some with links) was posted to the Committee web page.

Five (5) CUNY authors then spoke of the publication of their peer reviewed journal articles in librarianship: Jay H. Bernstein (*Library Resources and Technical Services*); Valeda F. Dent (*College and Undergraduate Libraries*); Jane Devine & Francine Egger-Sider (*Journal of Academic Librarianship*); Susan Sciammarella (*College and Research Libraries*); and Inna Shpilko (*Collection Building*).

Association Grant

For the third year, the Committee reviewed applications for the LACUNY Professional Development Grant. The Association offered to fund five (5) grant requests this year up from four (4) for the previous year; and the grant cycle changed from a calendar year cycle to March – February. Surprisingly we had few applicants for the grant and had to extend the deadline for submission to achieve an adequate pool allocation of submissions. A total of ten applications (one too late to be considered) were

finally received and the Sub-Committee conducted a blind review of the applications for this competitive grant. The Committee decided to fund four (4) grant requests at \$500 each. The four awardees receiving grants were: Rebecca Adler, Linda Roccas, Michael Waldman, and James Patrick Williams. Titles of their projects are on the Committee's web page. By Fall, 2007, abstracts of these projects will be uploaded as well.

Other

The Committee's web page was updated several times during the year to include not only the flyers and brochures generated but also helpful links. In addition to our mailings to the each campus, the CULIBS listserv helped publicize committee activities. "News from CUNY Libraries" also featured articles written by Committee members following the programs.

The Committee appreciates the financial support that the Association provided this year for a featured speaker and meeting refreshments. The opportunities that the Professional Development Committee grants funded by the Association continue to provide awardees allow them to travel to attend various professional conferences. Such initiatives allow the individuals and the organization to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

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