

LACUNY

Annual Report 2018-2019

LACUNY is a professional home for all of us working across CUNY. We are geographically close, but at times we have all felt disconnected, or intimidated, by the system. My primary goal for the next year is for LACUNY to be a welcoming organization where we can have professional dialogues and celebrate our accomplishments. As a result, LACUNY will develop and sustain the vital connections between us. We mostly do this in person but a secondary goal for the coming year is to facilitate remote meetings and conversations, to best accommodate our busy schedules and MTA-afflicted commutes. Thanks to all of you, I always leave a LACUNY event full of ideas and hopeful for our collective future.

Ian McDermott, LACUNY President



Treasurer's Report

LACUNY Finances

LACUNY funds total \$24,181

Some income and expenses for this year's LACUNY Institute have yet to be accounted for; however, the organization will end the year in a stronger financial position compared to the previous year. In 2018/2019, LACUNY made modest investments in the form of *Urban Library Journal* editor stipends, LACUNY swag, promotions, and membership outreach.

Membership

LACUNY membership is 205 strong, a 24 percent increase over the previous year. This is most likely due to the integration of Wild Apricot with LACUNY.org, which has helped improve communication with membership about renewals.

Membership Level	Members
Associate	29
Full	171
Lifetime Member	3
Scholarship Fund	2

2019-2020 Executive Council

Officers: Nora Almeida (President); Ian McDermott (Vice President / President Elect); Ryan Phillips (Treasurer); Wanett Clyde (Secretary)

Executive Council Delegates / Alternates*: Charles Terng, Linda Rath* (Baruch); Robin Brown, Anthony Bishop* (BMCC); Nicole Williams, Jacob Adler* (BCC); Colleen Bradley-Sanders, Lee Ann Fullington* (BC); Trevar Riley-Reid, Yoko Inagi Ferguson* (CC); Kim Abrams, Monica Berger* (NYCCCT); Maureen Garvey(CSI); Roxanne Shirazi (GC); Alexandra Hamlett (GCC); John Pell (HC); Miriam Laskin (HCC); Maureen Richards, Robin Davis* (JJ); Jeffrey Delgado, Carlos Arguelles* (KBCC); Charles Keyes, Alex Rojas* (LGCC); Martha Lerski (LC); Neera Mohess (QBCC); Ronnie Gomez (QC); Tinamarie Vella (Journalism); Ricardo Plá (Law); Junli Diao, Stefka Tzanova (York)

Standing Committees

Budget: Nora Almeida, Ryan Phillips, Charles Keyes, Stefka Tzanova

Committee on Committees: Ian McDermott, Ryan Phillips, Wanett Clyde, Roxanne Shirazi, Charles Keyes, Joseph Hartnett

Constitution and By-Laws: Ian McDermott, Wanett Clyde, Kimberly Abrams, Jill Cirasella, Colleen Bradley-Sanders

2019-2020 Executive Council Highlights

Urban Library Journal

- Stipend for editors in recognition of labor / dialogue about sustainability.

LACUNY Documentation / LACUNY Archives

- Created an Academic Commons site to make EC activities more transparent.
- Ad-hoc group is working on getting LACUNY archives (digital and print) available to ensure that institutional history is accessible.

Code of Conduct

- Collectively wrote and published a Code of Conduct to apply to events and meetings to make commitment to fostering spaces free of discrimination explicit.

Meeting Minutes 2018-2019: <https://commons.gc.cuny.edu/groups/lacuny-executive-council/>



LACUNY PDC Awards

Travel Grant Winners

The Professional Development Committee Travel Grant process is competitive and applications are blind-reviewed. LACUNY PDC Travel Grant Awards each receive \$600.

Fall 2018

Jeremy Czerw, Queens College

Title of Conference/Event: Recasting the Narrative: ACRL 2019

Junli Diao, York College

Title of Conference/Event: ALA MidWinter 2019

Linda Miles, Hostos Community College

Title of Conference/ Event: ACRL 2019 Biennial

Spring 2019

Joan Jocson-Singh, Lehman College

Title of Conference/Event: Popular Culture Association Conference

Lee Ann Fullington, Brooklyn College

Title of Conference/Event: 10th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference

Jill Cirasella, Graduate Center

Title of Conference/ Event: Bibliometrics and Scientometrics for Research Evaluation



LACUNY PDC Awards

Jay Bernstein Memorial Scholarship

The Jay Bernstein Memorial Scholarship is a one-time \$500 award given in honor of the late Jay Bernstein, Professor at Kingsborough Community College. Jay Bernstein was an inspiring educator, scholar, and writer with a background in Anthropology. He worked across many disciplines and published work on diverse topics including: shamanism, ethnobotany, Patti Smith, and transdisciplinarity.

2019 Awardee: Frans Albarillo, Brooklyn College

LACUNY Institute 2019



**Students are evolving,
are libraries adapting?**

Planning Committee

Co-Chairs: Dianne Gordon Conyers, LaGuardia Community College
Anne O'Reilly, LaGuardia Community College

Committee Members:

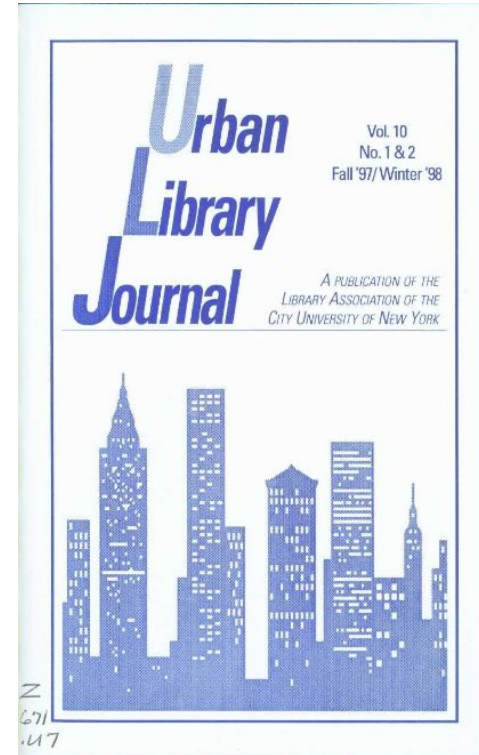
Kimberly Abrams, City Tech
Carl R. Andrews, Bronx Community College
Jeffrey Delgado, Kingsborough Community College
Michael Handis, The Graduate Center
Ian McDermott, LaGuardia Community College
Linda Miles, Hostos Community College
Ajatshatru Pathak, Hunter College
Mark Aaron Polger, College of Staten Island
Alexandra Rojas, LaGuardia Community College
Derek Stadler, LaGuardia Community College

<https://2019lacunyinst.common.gc.cuny.edu/>

Urban Library Journal

In addition to working through a number of submissions for a Spring/Summer 2019 issue of *Urban Library Journal*, we have been looking through the back issues and history of the publication, planning ahead to publish the proceedings of the 2019 LACUNY Institute, and developing a theme for our Spring 2020 issue (stay tuned for a call for papers in the fall!).

<https://academicworks.cuny.edu/ulj/>



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Round Table Round Up

LACUNY Roundtables allow librarians to focus on specific aspects of librarianship and are driven by membership interests.

Roundtable meetings and sponsored events are open to all LACUNY members.

<https://lacuny.org/Roundtables>

Active Roundtables 2018-2019

- Archives and Special Collections
- Cataloging
- Emerging Technologies
- Interlibrary Loan
- Junior Faculty Research
- Library Marketing and Outreach
- Reference
- Retirees
- Scholarly Communications

Round Table Updates

Archives & Special Collections

Held a Fall meeting on November 9th 2018 where we addressed using different archival platforms for managing collections and content as well as updating each other on activity in each college's archives. Held a Spring meeting April 5th 2019, Meghan Wacha (OLS) came to present on Wikipedia and how to use archival content appropriately in Wikipedia.

Cataloging

Met on March 5, 2019, at Baruch College Library. Cathy Weng (OLS) gave an overview of the Catalog Optimization and OCLC Reclamation Project following by a brainstorming session actively participated by all librarians asking questions and sharing their concerns regarding preliminary preparations for system migration.

Interlibrary Loan

Roundtable meetings held in each semester, in which we discussed policies, best practices, shared questions/new issues arising that impact resource sharing.

Round Table Updates

Junior Faculty

On Friday, December 21, 2018, Cataloging & Serials Librarian Professor Junli Diao of York College gave a presentation entitled “From a practitioner librarian to practitioner researcher: my personal experience.” The topics addressed in his presentation are collaboration, the complexities of getting published, strategies for identifying research topics, and the use of research leave.

The Spring 2019 event will be a virtual discussion and is scheduled to take place on May 29th from 12pm to 2PM. The theme for this event is “Mentoring: A Helpful Practice.” Volunteers to co-chair the LACUNY Mentoring Roundtable will be solicited at this event; Professor Andrews has volunteered to be co-chair.

Retirees

Met twice in 2018/2019; once in the fall and once in the spring. As a brand-new roundtable, we spent most of our energy selecting co-chairs, writing a mission statement, and deciding what activities we would pursue.

Round Table Updates

Reference

Met at BMCC on January 15, 2019. The gathering was technically two meetings, with the Reference Roundtable conducting a session from 2:00-3:00 pm and the ad hoc CUNY QuestionPoint group meeting from 3:00-4:00 pm. Many attendees came for both sessions, with 24 people in the former meeting and 21 in the latter. The two groups intend to have another dual meeting in June 2019, ideally with a representative from OCLC's QuestionPoint in attendance to answer questions and discuss the new QP platform.

Scholarly Communications

In September, Nora Almeida (City Tech) and Madeline Cohen (Lehman) stepped down as co-chairs of the Scholarly Communications Roundtable (SCRT), and Anne Hays (CSI) and Jill Cirasella (GC) were elected to succeed them. The December SCRT meeting included a discussion of three noteworthy articles about advancing community-controlled systems of scholarly communication. Conversation turned to our hopes for CUNY's scholarly communication efforts and investments, which inspired our April event, "Scholarly Communication at CUNY: Keeping Up and Looking Ahead" (notes at <http://bit.ly/scrtlookingahead>).

Round Table Updates

Emerging Technologies

Kim Abrams, City Tech, is the new round table chair. Please contact Kim to get involved, kabrams@citytech.cuny.edu.

Multicultural and Diversity

This round table has been revitalized by Dianne Gordon Conyers (dconyers@lagcc.cuny.edu) & Ian McDermott (imcdermott@lagcc.cuny.edu), both LaGuardia CC. Please stay tuned for upcoming events and reach out if you want to get involved.

Looking Ahead....

2019-2020 Officers: Ian McDermott (President); Jeffrey Delgado (Vice President / President Elect); Ryan Phillips (Treasurer); Wanett Clyde (Secretary)

Upcoming Events

- **Junior Faculty Research Roundtable:** Virtual discussion on Mentoring with Susanne Markgren of Manhattanville College, and Chair of the ACRL/NY Mentoring Discussion Group, May 29th from 12pm to 2PM.
- **LACUNY / OLS / CCL Collaboration:** Bystander Intervention Workshop with The Center for Anti-violence Education, June 19th 2-4pm at CUNY Graduate Center Room C201-202

Join LACUNY! We are all LACUNY!

LACUNY Membership spans from July 1st to June 29th of each year. Remember to join or renew your membership in order to benefit from LACUNY programming, and so LACUNY can benefit from your involvement.

<https://lacuny.org/Membership>