

# Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of May 2, 2024

10:00-11:30 am

Agenda link:

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Facilitator: L. Cunningham

Minutes: A. Malik

In attendance: L. Cunningham, A. Malik, T. Marra, J. He, C. Potts, A. Scheel, J. Ott, N. Shiraishi, R. Haber,

Guest: Margaretta Lovell.

## Agenda

1. Announcements (5 min.)
  - a. July meeting canceled (holiday); vote on holding June meeting
    - i. Lynn will send out a survey to see if the June meeting should be canceled and if there is interest in having a tour of the BAMPFA exhibition for the August or September meeting.
  - b. Claude reminded everyone that there is a New(ish) Librarians' Presentations on Zoom next Thursday from 3-4 followed by an in-person happy hour which starts at Freehouse from 4:30-6. It is open to all, including non-LAUC members.  
<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/99417639644>
  - c. Jianye informed the group about two Chinese visiting scholars from Dunhuang Academy and their collaborative projects with EAL librarians.
2. Guest: Professor Margaretta Lovell, "Two Neighborhoods" research project (20 min.)
  - a. After introductions Prof. Lovell gave a presentation on "Two Berkeley Neighborhoods" project. She started by appreciating the work of librarians and expressed support for the library. The project involves a hundred undergraduates and twenty five community members. She wanted the students to do outdoor research and practice different kinds of writing. One goal of the seminar was to collect data from two neighborhoods in Berkeley, Northbrae and San Pablo Park, that could be used later. San Pablo was mostly working class and immigrant whereas Northbrae was middle class and white. Students trained some community members to carry further research. The project includes house biographies. Much of the research used online resources from the library, including *Ancestry*. The first iteration of the seminar focused on 1909-1950. Prof. Lovell shared brief biographies of some of the more prominent residents of the two neighborhoods. The students presented their project at public symposia at the end of the seminars. The project is ongoing, even though the campus has lost access to *Ancestry.com*, a key resource for this seminar. Many students went on to careers informed by their experiences during their research. Prof. will

try to apply to the National Register for these two neighborhoods based on the documentation of these projects because they are facing rapid change.

3. Presentation and discussion: "[Restructuring IAS Programs at CRL](#)" (J. Ott & C. Potts, 30 min.)
  - a. Claude and Jeremy gave a presentation on the changes happening at CRL, especially with regard to the Global Resources Programs that consist of thirteen separate programs, mostly AMPs that concentrate on microfilming and digitization. Berkeley participates in most of them. The presentation went into greater detail about CIFNAL and GNARP, which differ from the AMPs in that they concentrate on building global networks. Both CIFNAL and GNARP also do a lot of groundwork for licensing for e-resources and have arranged international conferences. GNARP has recently revised its bylaws to expand its focus and ensure equal rights for all members (including members who do not belong to CRL- or GNARP-member institutions). Over the last few years CRL started a new initiative to overhaul its global collections in partnership with the private consultant Educopia. The resulting institutional, organizational, and procedural changes are of great concern to all those involved with CRL's global collections. Major accounting errors were discovered by CRL and that has badly affected the budgets of the programs. Jeremy shared a timeline of the process of changes at CRL. Currently, we are at a point where we still do not know if the current global collections programs will be dissolved or radically reformed. We still do not know when the earliest changes will be put into effect and that is severely affecting the functioning of the programs. Most members have urged for a pause to this process and also greater transparency and input from members. CRL will hire a new president by the summer which could further add to the uncertainty. Adnan shared the experiences of SAMP to highlight the current problems at CRL. Ruth asked about what was motivating all this and Claude opined it might have been the approach of the current president in addressing the problems he was facing in one fell swoop. CRL also was in bad shape after the COVID pandemic with loss of staff, etc. Outsourcing to Educopia, who did not fully understand the complexities of CRL, did not help either.

Next meeting:  
TBD

### **Suggest a topic!**

<http://ucblib.link/ah-council-suggestions>

### **Notetakers**

Rotating in alphabetical order on the [Roster](#). If the designated person on the list is not in attendance, we will move to the next person on the list. If you prefer to not take notes for the meeting when your turn comes up, you may Pass.

**Presentation materials**

<http://ucblib.link/ah-council-presentations>

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