

Sciences Council Meeting of June 6, 2024

9:00 - 9:50 AM;

On Zoom (link in Sciences Council calendar listing).

Recorder: Anita; **Facilitator:** Elliott

Attendees: Anita Brown, Misha Coleman, Michael Golden, Becky Miller, Lisa Ngo, Michael Sholinbeck (chair), Elliott Smith

Guests: Marlene Harmon, Dean Rowan

Agenda

1. Announcements (5 min.).

- a. Thank you & congrats to Michael S.!

2. Science at the Law Library: Dean Rowan and Marlene Harmon from Berkeley Law Library talked about collections and reference relevant to us as science library staff.

- a. Collection driven by faculty and their work
- b. When working with students in clinical setting or writing workshop, the law library tries to introduce them to main campus library resources
- c. Shared collection goes both ways
 - i. Will consider duplicating print between law & other collections when faculty specifically requests it
- d. Technology, data sciences, information sciences more common in law collection than life sciences
- e. Continuing legal education: Practicing Law Institute Plus (PLI+) could be useful for patrons who want to view current scientific issues via a legal perspective
 - i. Might be especially useful for patent law, AI
- f. Often help grad students (and some undergrads) especially from social sciences, computer science who are well-grounded in their primary subject and want to explore law and policy related to that subject
 - i. Often have to help them tailor back their expectations
- g. Law library is open to the public

- i. Some databases are password protected but others can be accessed from terminals onsite
 - ii. Reference services are open to the public, checkout is not
 - iii. Chat service is restricted to Berkeley Law faculty and students
 - iv. Can provide research appointments to non-law students via [this form](#), will help as able
- h. Collection of practical pro se materials near circ desk – can be used when preparing for court
- i. Students rarely know about it
 - ii. Migrating to electronic due to expense
- i. When print moves to electronic sometimes it makes it harder for the public to access.

3. Chair needed as of July 2024 (10 min.).

Continued from previous meeting:

- a. We need someone *either* for the duration of current term (till summer/fall 2025); *or* to start a new 2-year term a year early.
- b. Lots of Chair info is in the Sciences Council Shared Drive.
- c. MS will happily meet with whomever accepts to go over duties, ideas for future agenda items, etc.
- d. July meeting would be on 7/4, so will be canceled, which may make this easier.
- e. Michael has ideas for future agenda items, will put a list in shared drive
 - i. Good practice to keep one for the future
 - ii. [Here is a list](#) (Sci Council access only)

4. Function Council and Committee reports and/or sharing of work related to DEIBJ (10 min.).

- a. No reports

5. Around the table (5 min.).

Next scheduled meeting:

August 1, 2024; 9:00 - 9:50 AM; Zoom (July meeting canceled)