Library AP Update, May 2021

Sarah Christensen honored with CAPE Award

Please join us in congratulating Sarah Christensen, Visual Resources and Outreach Specialist in Research and Information Services, on receiving the Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence award. Sarah's work in outreach and engagement for the library and at the campus level through her service as Chair of the Faculty Senate Outreach and Engagement Committee. You can read about Sarah's many contributions on the Library's Recognizing Excellence blog, and learn more about Sarah and the other awardees in the Campus News announcement.

Comings and Goings

Please join us in wishing Tricia Lampron a bittersweet farewell! As many of you know, Tricia served on L-CAP from March 2018 through August 2020 (two consecutive terms), and was our Chair from January 2019 through August 2020. For the past five and a half years, Tricia has been a Metadata Specialist, in CAM and ACS. Tricia's most notable work has been focused on the digital library, including the migration of the library's digital collections from CONTENTdm to our locally developed digital library system, the ingest of metadata for a wide variety of special collections digitized by Digitization Services, and most recently making content from the Emergency Access Digitization workflow available to our patrons.

Tricia will be moving with her husband, Shen, to California, where she will assume her new role as a Cataloging and Metadata Specialist at the University of California, Irvine. If you wish to honor Tricia, anything pizza is always appreciated – pizza earrings, pizza stickers, pizza purses, pizza, pizza, pizza! We will miss Tricia's friendly face and collegiality. Congratulations and Good Luck, Tricia! Stay in touch!

--Submitted by George Gottschalk
Council of Academic Professionals

- Nancy Castro and Erin Ciciora of the newly re-named Illinois Humanities Research Institute spoke on programs and opportunities lead by the IHRI. See their website for info.
- AP Development Fund remains open. APs can request up to $500, and there is a lot of funding still available!
- CAP has concerns with vacation roll over policies, and as a result the Recruitment and Retention Committee is drafting a statement they plan to share with Illinois Human Resources to ensure APs are able to make the most of unused vacation time.
- June’s speaker will be Provost Cangellaris – please send any questions to Jake jmetz2@illinois.edu or Will schlaac2@illinois.edu
- Recording of May CAP Meeting
- Draft Minutes of May CAP Meeting

If you have questions for the Council, feel free to contact one of our District 9 representatives, Jake Metz (jmetz2@illinois.edu) or Will Schlaack (schlaac2@illinois.edu).

L-CAP Report

- Forum: There were 25 attendees. Committee would like to hold a forum each semester, possibly adding lightning talks from Library Academic Professionals about their work or investigation time use. If you have forum ideas, please share them with us!
- Governance: The Library Executive Committee requested L-CAP feedback on some possible new governance models for the Library. There is a pending task force which will include Faculty, Academic Professional, and Civil Service employees to investigate inclusion in governance and make recommendations to EC.
- Recommendations for Continued Career Support for Library Academic Professionals: We received 9 responses to the Survey were received, with most supporting all recommendations. Recommendations were submitted with minor changes to Dean Wilkin on May 4. Dean Wilkin and Susan Breakenridge will meet with L-CAP later this month to discuss them.

Meeting minutes, newsletters, and other resources are available on the L-CAP webpage.

AP Resources Page
A quick place to find information about AP-specific resources, benefits, and opportunities.

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Have an announcement or topic suggestion for the next L-CAP Update?
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