

Matthew Connor, LAUC-D

Candidate Statement

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as Vice-President/President-Elect of LAUC for 2013-2014 to continue work I've done at the UC system level and on professional issues which have arisen as a result. Coming to UC Davis approximately five years ago after working for seven years at the University of Minnesota, I was instantly impressed with the cohesiveness of the UC libraries in comparison. While it is easy to get frustrated at the inevitable friction of any organization, I am utterly convinced that what LAUC has achieved in its internal organization and its accomplishments far surpasses anything comparable in the profession that I am aware of. In my time at UC, I have served as Chair of the Committee on Professional Governance for LAUC, producing a lengthy report on the future of UC libraries in the 21st century that became a book that is due to be released by ALA in Fall 2013. This work was assisted with grants from LAUCD and LAUC. I have also served as Secretary and currently Vice-President/President-Elect of LAUCD as well as Chair of the Diversity Committee for LAUC for which I am currently administering a survey and developing a report. At the UC system level, I also served as Chair of Lightning Team 1 for Power of Three Team Five (POT5) investigating and preparing a report on the value of the systemwide Shared Cataloging Program (SCP). I would be grateful to continue to work on the many exciting initiatives facing LAUC as Vice-President/President-Elect.

Education

- A.B., English; Princeton University
- M.A., English; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Ph.D., English; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- M.L.S. 2000 ; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Professional Experience

- Instruction Librarian, University of Minnesota, Morris (2001-2008)
- Instruction Librarian, University of California, Davis (2008-present)

LAUC-D Service

- Secretary, 2009-2010
- Vice-President, 2012-2013

LAUC Service

- Chair, Committee on Professional Governance, 2009-2010
- Chair, Diversity Committee, 2012-2013

Other Professional Service/Activities

- Chair, POT5LT1, 2011-2012
- Secretary, California Academic & Research Libraries, 2011-present
- Matthew Conner and Melissa Browne, UC Davis "New Directions in Library Instruction: Keywords, Visual Literacy, and Critical Thinking" People Make Libraries: Digging into Our Past and Polishing Our Present to Transform Our Future, CARL Conference, April 8-10, 2010.
- Matthew Conner and Melissa Browne, "Information Visualization, Keyword Searching, and Library Instruction," Lilly West 2011 Conference 23rd Annual Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching – West, March 11 and 12, 2011, Kellogg West Ranch, California Polytechnic State University, Pomona
- Matthew Conner and Melissa Browne, "Navigating the Information-scape: Do Information Visualization Activities Impact Student Search Behavior?" LOEX of the West 2012: Creative Landscapes: Information Literacy for All Terrains, June 6-8, 2012, Woodbury University, Burbank, CA.

Publications

- Matthew Conner and Melissa Browne, "Navigating the Information-scape : Information Visualization and Student Search Behavior," *Reference Services Reviews* Vol. 41 No. 1, 2013.
- Matthew Conner, *The New Library: 4 Case Studies*. Chicago: American Library Association, 2013. Forthcoming.

Awards

- CARL Research Award 2011
- Received LAUCD Research Grant for Information Visualization Study 2011
- Received LAUCD Research Grant for ALA book 2012
- LAUC Research Award for ALA book 2012