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MINUTES OF THE MAY 2010 MEETING
LACUNY JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE
May 20, 2010, 3:00 pm
Borough of Manhattan Community College, Rm. S404

1. Maura Smale, City Tech
2. Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn
3. Bronwen Densmore, City Tech
4. James Watson, BCC
5. Daisy Dominguez, City College
6. Kathleen Collins, John Jay
7. Robert Farrell, Lehman
8. Jennifer King, Lehman
9. Dorothea Colffe, BMCC
10. Mark Aaron Polger, CSI
11. Harold Gee, Baruch
12. Catherine Stern, LaGCC
13. Robin Brown, BMCC
14. Sandy Urban, York
15. Christina Miller, York
16. Cynthia Tobar, GC
17. Amy Ballmer, GC
18. Kanu Nagra, BMCC
19. Linda Wadas, BMCC
20. Susan Thomas, BMCC
21. Anne Leonard, City Tech

We began the meeting with a few of our usual announcements:

- Let us know if you're not on the email list and would like to be
- Remember the wiki! (<http://jfr.pbworks.com/>)

Next we discussed publishing in journals that are not the typical LIS journals, either discipline-specific or very specialized journals.

Jill Cirasella started us off by discussing her article about quantum computing in *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship* (the journal of the Science and Technology Section of ACRL). Since the topic is so specialized she decided to target a science librarianship journal. There are only two journals for science librarianship; Jill chose *ISTL* because it's open access. Also, *ISTL* publishes annotated bibliographies, and an annotated bibliography was a good fit for her article idea. She contacted the editor to gauge his interest before writing the article. *ISTL* articles are both peer-reviewed and not – it's up to the author to request peer review for her/his article, which Jill did.

Jill mentioned that she used some of the QC research she'd done for the appendix of a textbook again when she wrote this article. Robert Farrell suggested the term "arbitrage articles" for those in which one develops ideas in another field and writes about their relevance to librarianship. This kind of approach may be useful in converting portions of a master's thesis or other work into publishable articles.

Robert's comment segued nicely into Daisy Dominguez's discussion of publishing an article in the *Madison Historical Review*. Daisy is completing her MA in History, and during a course her professor told her about a call for papers for the *MHR*, a peer-reviewed graduate student publication. Daisy also contacted the journal editor first to see if her article idea was a good fit for the journal, though she ended up submitting a different article in the end (which was still accepted!). Also, the editor of the journal changed midway through Daisy's submission process, but that didn't make a difference.

Once Daisy's paper was accepted, she was only given a week to make the revisions! All agreed that seemed like a very inadequate amount of time. A general discussion about JFRR members' widely varied experiences with peer review and journal contracts ensued.

Finally Susan Thomas discussed publishing in *Art Documentation*, the journal of the Art Libraries Society of North America. Her first article for this journal was based on work she did while at Pratt Institute's library, restructuring the periodicals collection to include independent art and design periodicals. The journal was not peer reviewed when she first discussed her article with them, but it converted to a peer-reviewed journal after her submission. Susan also published a 2nd article in *Art Documentation* that focused on art and design zines; this one was peer reviewed, and she changed it a lot after the reviews came back.

Susan chose this journal because she wanted to reach art librarians. This gave rise to an interesting discussion of finding the best journal for publishing in your specialty within LIS, and whether submitting to these discipline-specific or specialized journals could increase the potential for having an article accepted and published.

For the next part of the meeting we focused on roundtable business. We discussed the results of the recent JFRR survey, which have been uploaded in a spreadsheet to the Yahoo! Groups files area. Responses and suggestions for the future were generally positive, and confirmed that JFRR members primarily participate in the roundtable via the email list and by attending meetings in-person. The subject-specific subgroups and wiki are less popular, but they are not a drain on resources either.

Dorothea Coiffe suggested (both in the survey and at the meeting) a collaborative project for the group for next year to create an edited volume or textbook on library instruction authored by JFRR members. Dorothea will email the list to gather interested folks together for the project.

We also held elections for JFRR co-chairs for the 2010-2011 academic year. Candidates were:

- Dorothea Coiffe and Mark Aaron Polger
- Amy Ballmer and Cynthia Tobar

The 2010-2011 co-chairs elected via secret ballot are Amy Ballmer and Cynthia Tobar. Thanks and congratulations to all of the candidates!

As outgoing co-chairs, Jill and Maura will update the JFRR page on the LACUNY website soon. They will also compile a short list of JFRR's 2009-2010 activities to be published in News from CUNY Libraries.

Finally, we congratulated two of our members on big milestones this year: Robert Farrell has been promoted to Assistant Professor, and Anne Leonard has been granted tenure. We also shared and congratulated ourselves on all of our scholarly work this year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

Minutes submitted by Maura Smale, City Tech, and Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn College