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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2008 MEETING
LACUNY JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE
April 28, 2009
Library Conference Room, Baruch College

Members in Attendance:

Maura Smale, City Tech (co-chair)
Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn (co-chair)
Kathleen Collins (John Jay)
Catherine Stern (LaGuardia)
Ann Matsuuchi (LaGuardia)
Phyllis Niles (BMCC)
Hal Grossman (Hunter)
Harold Gee (Baruch)
Albert Neal (LaGuardia)

First, we discussed the copyright survey that Curtis Kendrick asked all LACUNY committees to answer. We talked about author rights in regular publishing vs. open access publishing, as well as SPARC's author addendum for authors who seek to alter traditional publishing agreements (<http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/>). We discussed our discomfort answering legally subtle copyright questions, and we wondered whether we tend to play it over-safe and be over-restrictive. We also talked about how some students (perhaps surprisingly, perhaps understandably) confuse copyright violations and plagiarism.

Next, we dealt with some roundtable housekeeping, including the JFRR subgroup wiki (<http://jfrf.pbworks.com/>). The wiki exists to facilitate discussion among JFRR members with similar interests. It has a page for each subgroup (Libraries, Arts and Humanities, Sciences, Education, and This-N-That), and each subgroup page can be used however the subgroup sees fit (maybe just as a subgroup directory; maybe as a place for discussion, brainstorming, or work of some kind). JFRR members are encouraged to visit, edit, and comment on the wiki.

Finally, we had an unstructured discussion about research and writing. Among other topics, we discussed the differences between working alone and working with co-authors.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn College