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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2008 MEETING
LACUNY JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE
October 17, 2008, 10:00am
Library Conference Room, Baruch College

Members in Attendance:

Maura Smale, City Tech
Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn
Karen Okamoto, John Jay
Sarah Laleman Ward, Hunter
Jay Bernstein, Kingsborough
Linda Wadas, BMCC
Jennifer King, Lehman
Catherine Stern, LaGuardia
Kathleen Collins, John Jay
John Carey, Hunter
Jessica Hernandez, Lehman
Dorothea Coiffe, BMCC
Albert Neal, LaGuardia
Austin Duffy, John Jay
Harold Gee, Baruch

Special Guests:

Jane Fitzpatrick, Grad Center
Beth Evans, Brooklyn

For the first part of the meeting, we dealt with housekeeping. Now that the group is an official LACUNY roundtable, we had to elect chairs. Maura Smale and Jill Cirasella (who were already the unofficial co-chairs) were elected co-chairs. We then revisited the question of how often the group should meet. Most still prefer meeting every other month, so we tentatively scheduled the next meeting for Friday, December 19, 10-12. We also recognized the fact that we still haven't created subject-specific subgroups (which many members want), and we talked about possibly getting them up and running in the spring.

We re-announced the cross-campus mentoring program that Sharon Swacker (who spoke at our last meeting) is beginning -- interested parties should get in touch with Sharon at sswacker@citytech.cuny.edu.

For the second part of the meeting, we each discussed our research interests, experiences, questions, and anxieties. It again became clear that tenure requirements differ at the different CUNY schools, and that some schools do not provide (or even have) set requirements. We also had a brief discussion of book reviews and how much book reviews "count" towards tenure. Most had heard that book reviews do not count nearly as much as peer-reviewed articles -- or perhaps at all -- but they do round out the CV nicely, increase one's visibility, etc. We talked about having a meeting in the spring partially devoted to book reviews and getting book review gigs.

For the third part of the meeting, we welcomed LACUNY President Beth Evans and LACUNY VP/President Elect Jane Fitzpatrick to speak about oral histories -- specifically, a LACUNY oral history project.

Beth began by noting that there is sometimes a division between established library faculty and new library faculty. As LACUNY President, she aims to explore the "more human side" of LACUNY and to boost understanding, appreciation, and respect among senior and junior library faculty. One way she hopes to achieve this is with a LACUNY oral history project in

which junior faculty would interview senior faculty. (She mostly envisions each pair coming from the same CUNY school, but she thinks there could be successful cross-campus pairs too.) She hopes that a couple of the interview pairs will talk about their interviewing experience (and perhaps play interesting clips) at the LACUNY Spring Membership Meeting, and she mentioned that interviews could lead to publishing opportunities of various kinds.

Beth talked about StoryCorps (an NPR-affiliated oral history program that declares that "listening is an act of love") as a favorite oral history example. She recommends their website (<http://www.storycorps.net/>), which offers good interview guidelines and tips. She also discussed ALA President Loriene Roy's "Capturing Our Stories" project, which gathers life histories from retiring and retired librarians. LACUNY oral histories could potentially be submitted to the Capturing Our Stories project as well (provided they're done according to the Capturing Our Stories guidelines). Whether or not a LACUNY interviewer wants to submit his/her interview to Capturing Our Stories, the project's site is a great resource: <http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~stories/>.

Jane then talked about her experience courting and then interviewing Mrs. Magavero (a longtime SUNY Maritime librarian) for her master's thesis -- and how that oral history turned into a book (<http://libraryjuicepress.com/blog/?p=343>). One point to remember: How many questions an interviewer will have to ask depends greatly on the interviewee -- Jane said she only had to ask Mrs. Magavero a few questions. Jane thinks that most potential interviewees will be flattered that we think they have something interesting to say and will be happy to talk. These interviews could lead to publications -- and even if they don't, serve as relevant experience for writing biographies, something many librarian do for encyclopedia entries, etc. Jane also reminded us that LACUNY interviewers could likely get A/V equipment from our campuses.

Junior faculty who are interested in participating in this project are encouraged to contact Beth Evans at bevans@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jill Cirasella, Brooklyn College