

SCOPA MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2008
SML 409

Present: Tom Bolze (recording); Ping Fu; Matthew Mason (Chair); Wheat Meier.

Absent: Nisa Bakkalbasi; Ian Bogus; Suzanne Estelle-Holmer; Hongbin Liu

Call to Order: 3:10 p.m.

1. Approved Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2008

2. SCOPA Website

Matt noted that problems with authorizations had hindered the updating of certain sections of the SCOPA website, such as list of members. Those problems were expected to be worked out by sometime today. [NB: As of late the afternoon March 5, the membership list had been updated.]

2. Recently Completed Forums

“Race on the Stand: African American History in the Law Library’s American Trials Collection,” presented by Mike Widener, Rare Book Librarian for the Lillian Goldman Law Library, took place on Feb. 20, 2008, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the SML Lecture Hall. Attendance was 30.

Matt suggested that future forums organized to coincide with Black History Month, as this one was, should be coordinated with the Diversity Council, which also sponsors programs for Black History Month. A possible topic for next year’s forum would be something related to the *Amistad* trial.

(Mike Widener may again be a good resource, because the American Trials Collection contains significant material related to the *Amistad*.)

“Promotion Review for Library M&Ps (non-Librarain)”, presented by Alice Prochaska, Diane Turner, and Marybeth Bean, occurred twice during the first week of March, both times in the SML Lecture Hall:

Monday, March 3, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Attendance: 6.

Tuesday, March 4, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Attendance: 10.

3. Upcoming Forums

YUL Collection Development of Photography
Co-Sponsorship with the Photography Interest Group
Nancy Kuhl, William Massa, George Miles, Ann Okerson, Kevin Repp, Martha Smalley, Paul Stuehrenberg, Susan Wheeler, Dorothy Woodson
March 24, 2008, 2:30-4:00 PM, SML Lecture Hall

Matt is continuing to work on organizing the following forum

4. Status of Forums Under Development

Grant Forum
Schedule for April
Forum responsibility: Ian and Nisa

Matt noted that both Nisa and Ian mentioned that they have been in contact with Stacy Maples, the 2007 SCOPA grant recipient, about his final report. Normally the reports are due in January, but this year responsibility for follow-up fell through the cracks, so his report is due in mid-March, with his forum discussing the report to occur in April.

Podcasting Forum
Schedule for April
Forum responsibility: Suzanne

No report available.

Getting Published
Schedule TBD
Forum Responsibility: Suzanne

No report available.

New Finding Aid Platform
Schedule for early September
Forum Responsibility: Matt

Matt noted that this forum remains in preliminary development.

5. Forums to Develop

Collaborative Development of Visual Literacy Tools
Ian McDermott, Visual Literacy Instruction Fellow; Barbara Rockenbach, Director of Undergraduate and Library Research Education; Danuta A. Nitecki, Associate University Librarian for Public Services and Library Teaching and Learning
Late April, SML Lecture Hall
Forum Responsibility: Wheat.

Este Pope forwarded to Matt an email from Ellen Cordes suggesting this as a possible forum, which would entail asking the participants to reprise a presentation they will give at the annual conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries /New England Chapter on April 18, 2008. Wheat volunteered to contact the participants.

New Librarian Orientation
Schedule for May
Forum responsibility: Ping, with guidance from Suzanne

Ping noted that he is scheduled to meet with Suzanne.

Ongoing Changes in Research Services and Collections (RSC)

Tom noted that he has heard of significant changes in the operations of RSC. The most obvious is that professional librarians are generally no longer staffing the Sterling reference desk, but other changes are under way as well.

A forum in which someone from RSC (perhaps Alan Solomon) presenting those changes to the Yale community might be of interest. Because the forum schedule is currently rather full, this possibility will not be pursued at this time unless one of the other potential spring forums does not materialize.

6. Subcommittee Updates

Mentoring Program

Report of Discussion with Diane Turner about Revamp

Wheat summarized the meeting that she and Matt had with Diane. Diane supports the idea of creating written guidelines for mentors, who would be professional librarians. Mentees could be drawn from the ranks of both professional librarians and anyone pursuing an MLS degree. Diane did not believe that opening the mentoring program to non-professionals, aside from those in library school, was advisable.

Diane indicated that she would provide financial support for bringing in a consultant to give mentor training in a forum or workshop format.

Matt suggested that SCOPA members regularly publicize the mentoring program when giving opening remarks at SCOPA forums.

On the topic of training, there was a brief discussion of the candidates who recently interviewed for the Staff Training and Organizational Development Manager position. Some SCOPA members were able to attend the public presentations made by the candidates.

Development Grants:

Planned discussion of clearing up documentation was tabled due to absence of Subcommittee members.

7. Learning Center

Matt announced that Yale will hold a university-wide college fair for employees at all levels interested in pursuing degrees at a two or four year college. This fair is being organized through the Learning Center. On March 11, Matt will attend a meeting with Deborah Stanley-McAulay, Director of the Learning Center, about this event. The Learning Center would like to know about SCOPA's experiences with such fairs, based on its Library School Reception in fall 2007 and its co-sponsorship with the Diversity Council of a college fair in spring 2007.

Matt asked Tom to provide him with contact information for local institutions that were represented at the fall Library School Reception.

8. Next meeting

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Room 28
Wednesday, March 19, 2008, from 3:00-4:00 PM

Adjourn: 3:50 p.m.