

Report on sabbatical Fall 2019.

There are times we look back and think, what on earth transpired to change things so much from what I thought I would be doing? Having read through my sabbatical proposal that I submitted in the fall of 2017 I had a hard time recalling that indeed I planned to be doing those very things. Strategies change quickly, as we are learning on a larger scale as I write this during our first week away from a place of work to virtual work. Things can change quickly.

After applying in Fall of 2017, and being granted a sabbatical, for Spring of 2019 the Dean of the Library, Amy Wallace departed Channel Islands for a different position at CSU Sacramento. The Provost at the time Geoff Chase, asked if I would delay my sabbatical and assume the role of Interim Dean for the 2018-19 academic year. Provost Chase assured me that a sabbatical in the fall of 2019 would be agreeable to him and arrangements were made to move forward with that arrangement. A successful hire for Dean of the Library was concluded in spring of 2019 and I took my sabbatical in the fall semester of the 2019-20 academic year. Unfortunately, the projects I had included in my sabbatical application were not available to me in the ways I wrote about in my application.

The first piece of work I had planned was to work on a book project with a colleague in London. Routledge/Taylor and Francis publishers had asked us to edit a book together on the work of the Library Services to Multicultural Populations section of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) committee. Adjoa Boatang and I had served for several years on this section committee together and were approached by the publisher while we were at the annual conference. Although we wrote a lengthy proposal to the publisher in the end, the publisher disagreed with what we proposed. Whereas the publisher wanted an edited book of research articles that focused on the IFLA/UNESCO Multicultural Library Manifesto <https://www.ifla.org/node/8976?og=73> the section saw the purpose of the Manifesto as one of teaching libraries how to work with groups outside the dominant culture. Discussions within the section felt an edited book of articles about implementing the manifesto, a guide to practice, to be a better use of time. In the end the publisher would not agree to our preferences and the purpose of the Manifesto. We mutually agreed to not work on this book for Routledge/Taylor and Francis.

The second piece of my sabbatical application was to further increase my work and relationship within the section of IFLA I am currently involved with, the Indigenous Matters (IM) group. The IM section held their mid-year meeting in spring of 2019 in conjunction with the biennial meeting of the International Indigenous Librarians Forum (IILF). Although I had intended to make the meeting, Provost Chase assigned me to chair the hiring committee for the AVP for Faculty Affairs position that was also hiring academic year 2018-19. The on-campus interviews were scheduled for the week of the IILF meeting in New Zealand. I had no choice but to skip the joint meeting with IILF.

So, what did I do with my sabbatical you might ask? Well, I headed off to the IFLA annual conference hopeful that I could dig up something to work on while I was off work. While having

dinner one evening with the officers of the association, I was approached by the editor of the IFLA Journal (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ifl>), a Sage Publishing title. Mr. Witt wanted to do a special issue of the journal focusing on Indigenous Matters. I took the proposal to the steering committee meeting of Indigenous Matters. A group of 5 people volunteered to assist with editing the issue and I was appointed chief of the group. I spent some time drafting the call for papers (<https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/IFLA%20Journal%20Call%20-%20Indigenous%20Librarianship-1576766701387.pdf>) and went through a few edits to get to the final call which went out in the fall. This is an ongoing project obviously, but the time I had to collect feedback from around the globe was helpful.

I was also able to use the time to receive a request to serve as author of a bibliography to go with a book chapter for an upcoming Open Educational Resource (OER) in LGBT Studies. The chapter was on LGBTQ Health and Wellness and here is the link to the bibliography I compiled and wrote. (<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-lgbtq-studies/chapter/mediagraphy-for-lgbt-health/>). This is a beta version of the final product. In addition, SUNY Press has agreed to publish the final version after testing is complete.

Another opportunity arose while I was attending IFLA. The current chair of the ILFA, Camille Callison, noted to me that as secretary I should be going to other Indigenous meetings during the year to stay abreast of issues relating to Indigenous People working in libraries, as well as issues in Indigenous materials in libraries. A conference scheduled for October 8-10, 2019 in Temecula was one she noted as being good. The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) includes people from across the US and Canada. <https://www.atalm.org/node/16>

While attending ATALM I was able to network with several people within the Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums (GLAM) world. Connections to both ATALM and the American Indian Library Association (AILA) <https://ailanet.org/> were made. This is important in building membership within and outreach to groups, from IFLA. Success has been in the form of greater membership in IFLA and the IM section as well as decision by the AILA to nominate an IFLA steering committee member from within their ranks.