

# 2014-2015 LAUW Programs Committee Chair Report

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The 2014-2015 year has proven to be another productive one for LAUW Programs. LAUW maintained its many successful programs from years' past, including LAUW Talks, LAUW Journal Club, and LAUW Celebrations. While many of these programs continue to be fruitful, others have waned in popularity. Therefore, this report outlines a few areas for improvement to ensure LAUW Programs continue to be successful in the future.

## LAUW Celebrations

LAUW Celebrations are hosted for incoming permanent librarians as a way to informally introduce them to their Waterloo colleagues. This year the Library underwent extensive recruiting, so LAUW was lucky to have hosted five such dinners for six new permanent librarians. A warm welcome to Marian Davies, Ian Robson, Courtney Earl Matthews, Rebecca Hutchinson, Effie Patelos, and Nick Richbell! It has been a pleasure welcoming each of you to the Waterloo Library community. Since the Library is expected to continue this recruiting trend, LAUW looks forward to hosting more Celebrations in 2015-2016.

## LAUW Talks

Attendees of this year's LAUW Talks have benefitted from the expertise and insight of fellow Waterloo librarians, campus colleagues, and librarians from neighbouring universities. In total, LAUW hosted six Talks on a range of topics:

- **May & June:** Introduction to Project Management with Annie Bélanger
- **August:** Insights into Ethics Applications and Quality Assurance panel discussion with Annie Bélanger, Marian Davies, Shannon Gordon, and Alison Hitchens
- **November:** Analyses of Mentoring Expectations, Activities, and Support with Elizabeth Marshall and Marni Harrington
- **January:** Equity at the University of Waterloo with Mahejabeen Ebrahim
- **February:** Attending the CARL Librarians Research Institute with Nancy Collins

Thank you to each one of our speakers for sharing their time and tips with us!

Research was a clear theme in this year's topics, with many attendees showing interest in conducting and navigating a research project. For the 2015-2016 year, LAUW Programs may continue to focus on conducting research projects. Other potential Talks include an update on the ACRL Fellows Program with Annie Bélanger and Pascal Calarco and a discussion of Digital Humanities with Helen Salmon from the University of Guelph.

## **LAUW Journal Club**

The LAUW Journal Club maintained last year's change of meeting in the Grad House, and incorporated feedback from last year's recommendations by featuring articles on many varied topics so as to increase interest from staff in all departments. Articles ranged in focus from open access to conducting research to [top trends in academic libraries](#), which itself included such topics as altmetrics, device-neutral digital services, and digital humanities. As a new initiative this year, LAUW Programs coordinated between the Journal Club and LAUW Talks to discuss [Analyses of Mentoring Expectations, Activities, and Support in Canadian Academic Libraries](#) in advance of Marshall and Harrington's November Talk.

In total, LAUW Programs hosted four Journal Clubs in the 2014-2015 year, each of which was poorly attended. Journal Club has been on hiatus since February 2015 and it is recommended that this hiatus be maintained until a more successful course of action is determined. LAUW Programs aim to promote discussions about the profession and to encourage continued professional development; and these remain key objectives. However, it is imperative that LAUW Programs spark interest in the community in order to remain relevant. The Programs Committee Chair for the 2015-2016 year may wish to survey Librarians for a preferred date, time, and/or activity.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's LAUW Programs! A special thank you to Meredith Fischer, who helped coordinate Journal Club this year.