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## Library AP Update, September 2021

### Meet Your Library AP Colleagues

Each issue we feature one or more Library Academic Professionals. [Please consider participating.](#)

#### **John Laskowski**

User Experience Coordinator in the Office of Digital Strategies

**What do you do in the Library?** I work to facilitate a successful and user-friendly experience for across our website and our physical spaces.

**What do you do when you're not working?** Even for a librarian I'm nerdy. My major hobbies are woodcarving, bird watching, and genealogy research, and I seemed to fall further into each of those rabbit holes during the pandemic. I started carving things about six or seven years ago for the kids' fairy garden and got hooked on it. Now I carve all kinds of animals, signs, and things people ask me to do. I was determined to photograph a pileated woodpecker this summer...my son does a spot-on, mildly embarrassing impression of me seeing one. I've had this photo of my grandfather from World War II. He's the one on the left. It never really occurred to me until recently to look into who the man on the right was. On the back my grandmother had written 'Jess and Bill Eaton' so I started looking on Ancestry.com and a few hours later I had connected with Bill's son – in Brooklyn - who had never seen this photo before but was overjoyed to share it with his brother and their chapter of the American Legion.



Counterclockwise from top left: rabbit carving, pileated woodpecker, and John's grandfather (left) with Bill Eaton.

### Announcements

#### Do you have a question for Dean Wilkin?

L-CAP's quarterly meeting with Dean Wilkin will be Thursday, September 16. If you have a question or a topic you'd like us to address during this meeting, please contact an L-CAP member or use our [webtools form](#) to remain anonymous. **Questions/topics we receive by noon on September 15 will be discussed**

at the September 16 meeting.

## **LCAP election coming October 1**

LCAP has been working to expand our constituency to include reclassified Academic Professional positions. Part of this expansion includes adding people in those positions to the ballot and eligibility list. We want to ensure the Library's definitions of these positions matches those of the campus, which are still being revised, and we are delaying the 2021 L-CAP election until October 1 in the hope campus definitions will be resolved in time. One way or the other, the election will go forward, October 1.

L-CAP has seven elected members who serve two-year terms. Council of Academic Professionals reps from the Library also serve as ex-officio members of L-CAP. We hold a regular business meeting monthly, and meet with Dean Wilkin quarterly. We organize an AP forum annually, distribute the AP Update newsletter, host occasional social meetups, and advise Library administration on issues such as the AP promotion program, investigation time, and campus actions affecting APs (such as position re-classifications). L-CAP has increasingly been involved in Library governance through direct feedback to Dean Wilkin and the Library Executive Committee. An L-CAP member serves on the [Inclusion in Governance Task Force](#). If you have questions, please reach out to us at [lcap@library.illinois.edu](mailto:lcap@library.illinois.edu), and watch for informal L-CAP office hours between Sept 20 and Oct 1.

In the October election, **three seats will be open for 2021-2023**, and we encourage you to keep your name on the ballot!

## **Be recognized!**

For the Library's [Recognizing Excellence blog](#), please send external (to U of I) summer presentations you have given or publications that have appeared between **May and August** by end of day **Friday, October 1** to Heather Murphy, [hmurphy@illinois.edu](mailto:hmurphy@illinois.edu). For presentations, provide: authors/speakers, presentation title, event title, location of event, date(s) of event. For publications, provide a full citation with DOI, and a link to an open access version if you have one.

## **Comings and Goings**

Please join us in welcoming our newest Library Academic Professionals:

- [Belinda Bolivar](#), Library Assessment Specialist
- [Victor Jones](#), Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility
- [Javonda Pelman](#), Assistant Director of Advancement

We also extend our best wishes to Jim Dohle (Library IT) who left us in July for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) office in St. Louis, to [Jason Strutz](#) (Library IT) who leaves us this month to become Director of IT Infrastructure at Parkland College, and to [Susan Edwards](#) (Business and Human Resources) who is retiring at the end of the month.

## **Council of Academic Professionals**

Our representatives would like to remind you that the [Academic Professional Development Fund \(APDF\)](#) is available to support training, conference attendance. Funds can be used for registration fees or travel expenses. Applications must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Extend your Library allowance with the APDF!

- [August 2021 Minutes — Draft](#)
- [July 2021 Meeting Recording](#),
- [July 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [September 2, 2021 Meeting Agenda](#) (recording/minutes not yet available)
- October meeting is scheduled for October 7.

If you have questions for the Council, feel free to contact one of our District 9 representatives, Jake Metz ([jmetz2@illinois.edu](mailto:jmetz2@illinois.edu)) or Will Schlaack ([schlaac2@illinois.edu](mailto:schlaac2@illinois.edu)).

## **L-CAP Committee Report**

L-CAP provided feedback on the charge and membership of the [Inclusion in Governance Task Force](#), and L-CAP Co-Chair John Laskowski has been tapped to serve. L-CAP also participated, along with EC, AC, and LSSC, in the recent discussion with Dean Wilkin on prioritizing open positions in the Library. Meeting minutes, newsletters, and other resources are available on the [L-CAP webpage](#).

## **AP Resources Page**

A quick place to [find information](#) about AP-specific resources, benefits, and opportunities.

## **L-CAP Membership**

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**Talk to us:** Please send questions/concerns via the [online form](#) (no login required, anonymous submissions are fine), via email to [lcap@library.illinois.edu](mailto:lcap@library.illinois.edu), or by reaching out to any L-CAP member.

*Have an announcement or topic suggestion for the next L-CAP Update?*

*Send it to [lcap@library.illinois.edu](mailto:lcap@library.illinois.edu).*

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