

LAUC-SB  
Program Committee  
Annual Report, 2008-09

**Roster:** Gary Colmenar, Andrea Duda, Eunice Schroeder (Chair), Yen Tran

The Program Committee organized two events in 2008-09:

**April 6, 2009: Ethics for the Academic Library and Archival Profession**

As the Dalai Lama stated in *Ethics for the New Millennium* (featured book for UCSB Reads 2009), “I am right in suggesting that our aim should be to extend our compassion toward all others, we cannot avoid the conclusion—which entails ethical conduct—belongs at the heart of all our actions, both individual and social.” Could we consider our work as academic librarians to be part what he describes “our actions”? If we can, then in what ways does ethics influence our actions as librarians and archivists? The speakers addressed the role of ethics in libraries and archives with this in mind. Some of the questions they addressed were, Why are ethical principles important in our profession? Do ethical principles influence our work? Should they? Are there obstacles (policies, political agendas, cataloging conventions, etc.) that we face as librarians that compromise our ethical principles? If there are, what steps may be taken to address these problems?

Speakers: Clara Chu, Associate Professor, UCLA Department of Information Studies; Kris Kasianovitz, Librarian, UCLA; Rhonda Neugebauer, Librarian, UCR; Liladhar Pendse, Librarian, UCLA.

**Jan. 22, 2009: Journal Pricing and Scholarly Information Access**

Prof. Ted Bergstrom, UCSB Economics Dept., presented a session about his research. His work with Preston McAfee on value-based journal pricing is used by CDL for systemwide licensing of journal packages.

The Program Committee also convened a Steering Committee to plan and implement the Staff Celebration Brunch on May 19.