



Instruction and Outreach Committee Yearly Report 2007

Fred Roecker, Chair

I. Members

Anne Fields	Larry Allen (ex officio)	Carol Powell (ex officio)
Leta Hendricks	Karen Diaz (ex officio)	Fred Roecker (chair)
Natalie Kupferberg	Nancy O'Hanlon (ex officio)	

[Rebecca Ayers joined the Committee as an ex officio member from the Prior Health Sciences Library before leaving the Libraries in November 2007.]

II. Charge

“The Instruction and Outreach Committee is responsible for the development of resources and programs to promote teaching and outreach in the University Libraries. The scope of responsibilities includes but is not limited to professional development of instructors, orientation, assessment, outreach, and the communication of these programs to targeted audiences. The Committee is authorized to create subcommittees as needed.”

III. Web Site – (library.osu.edu/sites/staff/ioc/)

The Instruction and Outreach Committee lists the Committee charge, members and terms, mailing list, minutes of Committee meetings, information from Instruction In-Service Days as well as the Instruction Brown Bags, the Instruction Mission Statement, teaching award information and recipients, as well as resources for evaluation of instruction and teaching by faculty librarians.

IV. Committee Interest Areas and Activities

1. Professional Development –

Working with the entire Committee, this group planned and delivered the Seventh Annual Instruction In-Service Day. Using the theme “Beyond the One-Shot Instruction Session: Working Collaboratively with Faculty,” this In-Service Day featured Barbara Fister, Coordinator of Library Instruction at Gustavus Adolphus College (MN), giving the keynote address and leading the participation session in the afternoon. Dr. Martha Garland and Joe Branin gave welcome speeches. Committee members developed the theme, made arrangements at the Longaberger Alumni House, decided on the caterer and menu, and developed attendee packets. Forty faculty librarians from the Columbus and regional campuses attended.

2. Teaching Awards –

The Committee reviewed OSU faculty librarian nominees for the two teaching awards given by the University Libraries in recognition of contributions to instruction in the Libraries., Kathy Webb, subject specialist in the Sullivant Library, won the “Virginia Tiefel Achievement in Teaching Award,” while Danny Dotson, subject specialist in the Science and Engineering Library, was recognized with the “Annual Teaching Excellence Award.”

The Excellence award recognizes the faculty librarian who created and delivered innovative instruction programs over a single year. The Tiefel award honors one faculty librarian’s

contribution to instructional achievement to the Libraries over five or more years. These awards align the Libraries with other OSU departments who offer rewards and recognition for quality teaching. The Committee designed the criteria for each award, publicized the procedures for submission through the LIBFAC listserv, and then evaluated all applications. Joe Branin gave his approval of the committee's recommendations for recipients. Recipients receive a framed certificate and monetary award.

3. Undergraduate Research Prize –

Adam Herrington, a Columbus campus student in the field of glaciology, received the second Undergraduate Research Prize in May 2007. His project, "Was There a 1930's Meltdown of Greenland Glaciers?" covered research on whether Greenland glaciers had a similar response to abnormally warm temperatures in the 1920s as have been recently observed (1993-2005).. Adam worked with Steve Rogers of the Map Room and Lynn Lay of the Byrd Polar Research Center's Goldthwaite Polar Library, along with OSU faculty member Dr. Jason E. Box. Herrington was announced as the winner at a Faculty Club luncheon in May. The Prize included certificates for the student, faculty member and librarian, as well as monetary awards for the Herrington and Dr. Box.

The Undergraduate Research Prize was developed with the approval of Joe Branin by the Instruction Committee in 2005, including concept, rationale, and criteria for evaluation of research projects. Upper level undergraduate students in a 400-600 level class work in collaboration with an OSU librarian and an OSU professor on a research paper and keep a research diary to document their research process. Projects were submitted to and evaluated by the Instruction and Outreach Committee.

The content and graphical design of the 2008 Undergraduate Research Prize publicity flyer was updated by Nancy O'Hanlon, Karen Diaz, Fred Roecker, and Pam McClung. Flyers will be included in the packet sent to all OSU faculty and administrators by Joe Branin in January 2008. Additional flyers and posters will be widely distributed to OSU Libraries and related OSU outlets such as the University Honors & Scholars Center and the Office of Research in conjunction with the Denman Research Award.

4. Workshops –

Nancy O'Hanlon, Karen Diaz, and Natalie Kupferberg developed a proposed outline for a TELR workshop, "Carmen and Library Content" to be delivered to OSU faculty as part of the TELR workshop series. The workshop would cover library resources to enhance course, role of library subject specialists to identify specific resources, and hands-on techniques with various resources.

5. New programs –

Rebecca Ayers, Anne Fields, and Fred Roecker began exploring the idea of creating a library video contest for students and faculty. This contest would be similar to the "Librereo" contest held by Thompson-Gale Publishers in 2006 (<http://www.youtube.com/group/LIBRAREO>). Students and faculty would create two minute videos about some aspect of the Libraries or their experiences with research using our facilities.

6. Communication and Publications –

Larry Allen helped publicize the Committee's work including the Undergraduate Research Award, In-Service Day, Digital Storytelling workshops, etc. The "Guide to Resources and Services" 32-page guide to the Libraries was updated by Fred Roecker (and many Committee members and other OSUL contributors) for distribution in Fall 2007.