



## LAUNC-CH Program Committee 2008/09 Annual Report

The Program Committee hosted a series of well-received events during the 2008/09 academic year.

### **Fall Social** – 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 15

The annual Fall Social was held in the Anne Queen Faculty Commons at the Campus Y. Catering by Home on the Range was a hit and the venue seemed popular with the crowd of 60-70. Our suggestion box did not overflow, but the preprinted nametags were a nice touch.

*The Spring 2009 events were held in the Pleasants Family Assembly Room in Wilson Library. Coffee, tea and light refreshments were served.*

### **Building Shared Data Collections** – 10-11 a.m. Thursday, January 15

SILS Professors Reagan Moore and Richard Marciano of the Data Intensive Cyber Environments (DICE) group presented a program on the political and technical aspects of building a distributed data management system. Over 40 people came to hear how institutions like the French National Library, the RENCI data grid, and the Carolina Data Repository use DICE's integrated Rule Oriented Data System (iRODS) to organize distributed data into shared collections.

### **The Presidential Records Act and Transparency in Government** – 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursday, February 26

Dr. Terry Sullivan is Associate Professor of Political Science at UNC-Chapel Hill, co-founder and Executive Director of the White House Transition Project, and manager of the Presidential Transition Project at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. The committee was pleased to act upon the timely suggestion of a LAUNC-CH member to invite Dr. Sullivan to discuss the Presidential Records Act, the history of access to presidential records and government information, and the role he played in President Obama's reversal of Executive Order 13233, by which former President George W. Bush had restricted access to presidential records in 2001. Approximately 45 people attended, and Dr. Sullivan graciously continued the discussion with quite a few of them until well after the program formally concluded.

### **Rescuing Voices in Cultural Institutions** – 2-3 p.m. Thursday, March 26

To cap off the program year, the committee hosted an afternoon tea with Dr. David Carr, popular Associate Professor in the School of Information and Library Science, who shared his thoughts on the unique ability and responsibility of libraries and museums to bring people together. We were glad to welcome 42 attendees from across the spectrum of our LAUNC-CH membership – employees of the University Libraries, SILS students and faculty.

### **Summer social** – following the annual business meeting on Thursday, June 25

Following the LAUNC-CH annual business meeting, attendees will have an opportunity to socialize while enjoying lemonade and mini-cupcakes from Chapel Hill's Bliss Boutique Bakery.

### **Thoughts for 2009/10**

We recommend that the 2009/10 Program Committee be convened during the summer, so that the Fall Social can be held earlier in the semester.

A LAUNC-CH member suggested that future programs be recorded. Perhaps the 2009/10 committee can partner with the Media Resources Center to capture audio or full video and make it available on the LAUNC-CH website.

The 2008/09 committee considered offering a program on genealogy and local genealogical resources, to be presented by people from both within and outside the University Library so that resources discussed would not be limited to our Special Collections. This program was to build upon one that Biff Hollingsworth and Holly Smith presented at a 2009 conference. The University Library Staff Development Committee has also expressed interest in the topic. If such a program is pursued for 2009/10, the committee might want to consider applying for a Diversity Incentive Fund grant through UNC's Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

### **2008/09 Program Committee members:**

Megan Griffin, E-Resources & Serials Management  
Biff Hollingsworth, Southern Historical Collection

Linda Johnsen, MSLS student at SILS

Jacqueline Solis, Davis Reference

Christine Stachowicz (Chair), E-Resources & Serials Management