JTF-PSL Conference Call

12/15/15

2pm Eastern/1pm Central /12pm Mountain/11am Pacific

Minutes: Lisa Sjoberg

Roll call

Bill Landis

Anne Bahde

Julie Grob

Sammie Morris

Sam Crisp

Morgan Swan

Heather Smedberg

Gordon Daines

Leah Richardson

Sarah Horowitz

Lisa Sjoberg

Robin Katz

Review subgroup reports

- ACRL Framework Subgroup
    - Scholarship as conversation section -- Morgan asked if we need to add clarification about what scholarship as communication means
    - Anne says that the actual framework explains each section
    - Julie explained that the goal of their report was to show how primary source literacy goals might emulate the Framework
    - Sammie reiterated the group's concern that the Framework does not encompass all aspects of primary source literacy and we will need to think through how to adapt it
    - Bill stated that this is good fodder for discussion
    - Julie can see us creating our own document and then crosswalking that to the Framework to help with implementation, especially for subject librarians
    - Bill stated that a next step he sees is drawing some boundaries about what is and is not primary source literacy to limit duplication with other organizations

- Communications Subgroup
    - Sam discussed the report which summarizes the deadlines we will follow for submitting reports and other communication efforts such as communication channels. The report drafted the immediate actions and events that will be necessary (e.g., focused on most upcoming reports).
    - Heather and Bill discussed reporting structures within SAA and ACRL. The report will be amended to change needed content.
    - Questions from the communications subgroup:
        - What do subgroups need to facilitate communication?
            - Bill noted that conference call notes should be posted within 30 days
        - At what point and to whom do we want to open our work up for feedback?
            - Bill stated he is hesitant to open up work for feedback without a specific goal in mind
            - Sammie suggested seeking input from SAA RAO TPS and a similar group in ACRL/RBMS so we don't experience the backlash that the ACRL Framework experienced
            - Heather suggested that we solicit targeted feedback from particular individuals (e.g., Peter Carini) or particular groups (see note from Sammie
            - Heather and Sarah discussed that open forums at SAA and ALA meetings will be open for everyone to offer feedback
            - Bill suggested creating a list of people and groups from whom we can solicit targeted feedback during the writing phases
            - Bill noted that at SAA 2015 lunch forum with the joint task forces, most of the questions were for our task force. It might be good to have our own lunch forum at 2016. Bill will follow up with SAA office.
            - Bill sees getting feedback on a definition of primary source literacy and the top level of primary source literacy guidelines.
            - Sammie noted that after groups affiliated with our organizations, it would be great to involve outside individuals and organizations (e.g., AHA). Bill will follow up.

- Literature Review Subgroup

- Bill noted that there is a tendency to relate primary sources to only archives and a fuzziness between archival literacy and primary source literacy. We'll need to grapple with distinguishing these differences and articulating the differences carefully.
- Julie stated that she has a lot of questions/thoughts about the distinctions between archival and primary source literacy. Julie also noted that primary source literacy is also applied differently for archival materials and rare books. We'll need to think about digital archives, digital archival collections, rare books, etc. so that the work we do will last into the future.
- Sammie noted it will be important for us to think about how different disciplines define primary sources.
- Bill noted that the lit review shows how much work has been done with archives and primary source literacy. It will help us to refer to those works and focus some energy on the gaps with areas noted above (e.g., digital archives, rare books, etc.)
- Sarah cautioned group about the guidelines being too specific for particular disciplines.

- Other Guidelines Subgroup
    - Sarah noted that the group found a lot of contacts in their research and recommended the visual arts literacy guidelines, National Core Art Standards, AHA Tuning project
    - Bill noted that we'll need to grapple with the fact that primary sources are primary related to the research question.
    - Heather wants to make sure we don't get too focused on minutia or not be focused enough. It'll be finding a balance and determining our scope.
    - Julie noted that she thinks our guidelines will have more context and therefore will be more useful

Next steps
Here's what we thought on our first conference call our most pressing next steps might be:
- Fall-Winter 2015-16:
    - shape the overarching guidelines at a high level
- Winter-Spring 2016:
    - get moving on creating a definition for primary source literacy which will impact our scope

- flesh out performance indicators and outcomes
- work on 1st draft
- Spring/Summer 2016:
  - distribute to all the appropriate feedback groups

Follow ups
- Bill will be sending out Doodle poll for meetings this spring
- Bill and Heather will follow up an agenda for ALA midwinter

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.