

JTF-PSL Conference Call

4/22/16

1pm Eastern/12pm Central /11pm Mountain/10am Pacific

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Minutes: Sam Crisp

Present: Bill, Sam, Lisa, Robin, Sammie, Leah, Anne, Morgan, Heather

Absent: Julie, Gordon, Sarah

Hellos, Roll Call, Announcements, administrative updates

- SAA meetings pertinent to our task force:
 - Thursday, August 4th, 12:15-1:30 PM - lunchtime (brown bag) forum on our work.
 - Thursday, August 4th, 3:30-5:00 PM - our JTF meeting.

Discussion of “Preamble” document

- Defining the “primary source” part of primary source literacy
 - Document needs a succinct summary of the definitions we’ve talked about up to this point.
 - Definitions subgroup proposes “Primary sources are raw materials that provide first-hand evidence of a time period, event, people or idea.”
 - “First-hand” is problematic. Better options: Direct? Contemporaneous? Include a footnote with lengthier definitions that we generally like?
- Observations on the overall direction of the document
 - We can get around the problems with the word “literacy” by leaning heavily on the idea of *successfully using* primary sources. First paragraph of the document does a good job of laying the ground for this.

Discussion of Learning Outcomes document

- Learning outcomes currently grouped around the four terms the key concepts group is using to organize the preamble
 - May not line up exactly depending on how we interpret those terms (e.g. most of the “foundational” concepts are actually higher-level concepts). It could be beneficial to explore an alternative way of organizing learning outcomes.
- Learning outcomes group will continue grappling with organizational questions and come up with a more solid proposal for full-group consideration.

- Possible considerations for structure: Carini, ACRL framework, key concepts

Round robin of conference and other communication news

- SAA Publications Board's [Trends in Archives Practice](#) series: Teaching with Primary Sources modules coming out in advance of SAA meeting, RAO section hopes to facilitate discussion of this book at its meeting.
- Robin attended a recent webinar on teaching with primary sources that indicated a high level of interest in our task force work.
- Bill attended Organization of American Historians meeting, not much discussion on teaching.
- Sarah, Heather, Gordon, and Sam are presenting the morning plenary at the IFLA satellite conference on primary source literacy in August. Preliminary structure: 30 minutes background on task force and guidelines, 30 minutes small group discussions, 30 minutes large group report-out and feedback.
- Potential tools for public comment: Digress.it and CommentPress proposed, both have problems. Google docs imposes limits on how many people can comment and too many comments can be overwhelming. Need to consider other options. RBMS web team is willing to help with the experimentation process.