Beta Testing an Open Access Monograph Publishing Lab: Brainstorm Books at UCSB Library

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Arnhold-Punctum Publishing Lab at UCSB Library: A Case Study in Library-Publisher Collaboration

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At the Arnhold-Punctum Publishing Lab at UCSB Library, undergraduate students are doing the work of publishing scholarly monographs. The unusual cohort of academics responsible for the launch and success of this Lab believes that the future of scholarly publishing is a collaborative, community-based, mission-driven, and service-oriented endeavor that engages teams with a range of skills, knowledge, expertise, and resources. But, before I get too far ahead of myself, let me describe the Lab and introduce its various participants.

The Lab and Students

Funded by an Arnhold Research Grant for Undergraduate Education, the seminar-workshop style lab, aimed at undergraduate students interested in creative publishing and scholarly communications, was first offered at UCSB as a two quarter practicum during the Winter-Spring quarters of 2017. The cohort included nine undergraduates, two graduate student coordinators, one faculty coordinator, a publisher, a scholarly communication librarian, a data librarian,

http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/2018/04/arnhold-punctum-publishing-lab/
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Pressing for Revolution

Lab immerses UCSB students in the open-access publishing business — and the potential to disrupt the academic press industry

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http://www.news.ucsb.edu/2018/018692/pressing-revolution
An Unusual Cohort of Academics
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Spontaneous
Acts of Scholarly Combustion
Developed by UCSB Faculty Members of the Literature and the Mind Program, Department of English

Psychoanalytic, philosophical, and neuroscientific approaches to literary study
RADICAL OPEN ACCESS
Building Horizontal Alliances

http://radicaloa.disruptivemedia.org.uk
Students get a hands-on tutorial on the history of printers and printing presses, before tackling modern-day typesetting.
19th Century Typesetting

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Interdisciplinarity

“We believe that creating programs and spaces in the Library for collaborative study and research supports the interdisciplinary nature of UCSB.”

https://www.library.ucsb.edu/about-library/library-strategic-roadmap
“UC Santa Barbara Library enables exploration and collaboration for scholars in their intellectual engagement with the world of ideas and the creation of knowledge.”
The three works developed for Brainstorm Books, an imprint of punctum books, by students in UCSB’s Arnhold-Punctum Publishing Lab.
Doing together what would be difficult to do independently!
Thank you!

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