

Draft minutes: Public Services Discussion Group

- The Public Services discussion group met on Saturday, February 10th, from 10:30-11:30am. Melanie Meyers was the convener.
- There were 14 attendees.
- The discussion topic was that of photo ID:
 - Most special collections and archives require some form of photo identification for entry. How do these policies affect people who don't have ID, whose ID doesn't match their gender identity (like transgender or non-binary people), or who might feel threatened by having to show ID (such as undocumented immigrants or marginalized communities)?
 - Participants discussed the policies of their institutions, which ranged from strict ID policies to no ID policies.
 - Discussion as to how this policy is often informed by the mission of the institution, and policies may be dictated by security or higher administration
 - Discussion of how this intersects with the work of both the security committee and the Task Force on Ethics, and agreed that those were also excellent places to continue the conversation
 - Related topics we also discussed around ID policies were:
 - How consistent is your institution in asking for ID?
 - Do you always ask? Could inconsistency be confusing readers?
 - What ID forms are considered acceptable?
 - Is this also an invasion of privacy?
 - And, if you make copies or scans of ID's, how long do you keep them?

Ending announcement:

Both co-conveners (Melanie Meyers and Sarah Horowitz) are rotating off in July, so two new volunteers are needed. Please volunteer using the ACRL form.

Meeting ended at 11:30am.