Creating a culture of research and innovative practice:
5 years of the UMD Libraries Research and Innovative Practice Forum

Libi Idea Board submission from Heidi Hanson, 12/19/2013:
To support all the library faculty and staff to have a better understanding of the research and scholarship being pursued by their colleagues, we could hold a "Research/Scholarship/Creativity Forum" to be held say, twice a year - in Spring for sure, and maybe again in Fall. … The program of the Scholarship/Creativity Forum would be presented by any library staff members who are engaged in research/scholarship, most especially library faculty who are pursuing promotion and/or permanent status.

Planning begins

The idea was approved by the Library Assembly Advisory Council (LAAC) and Library Management Group (LMG) and the first forum originally slated to take place in the summer of 2014, but ended up being postponed. Planning for inaugural forum resumed in late 2014, led by members of the Library Research Fund Committee, the Faculty Mentoring Committee, and the Appointment, Promotion, and Permanent Status Committee:

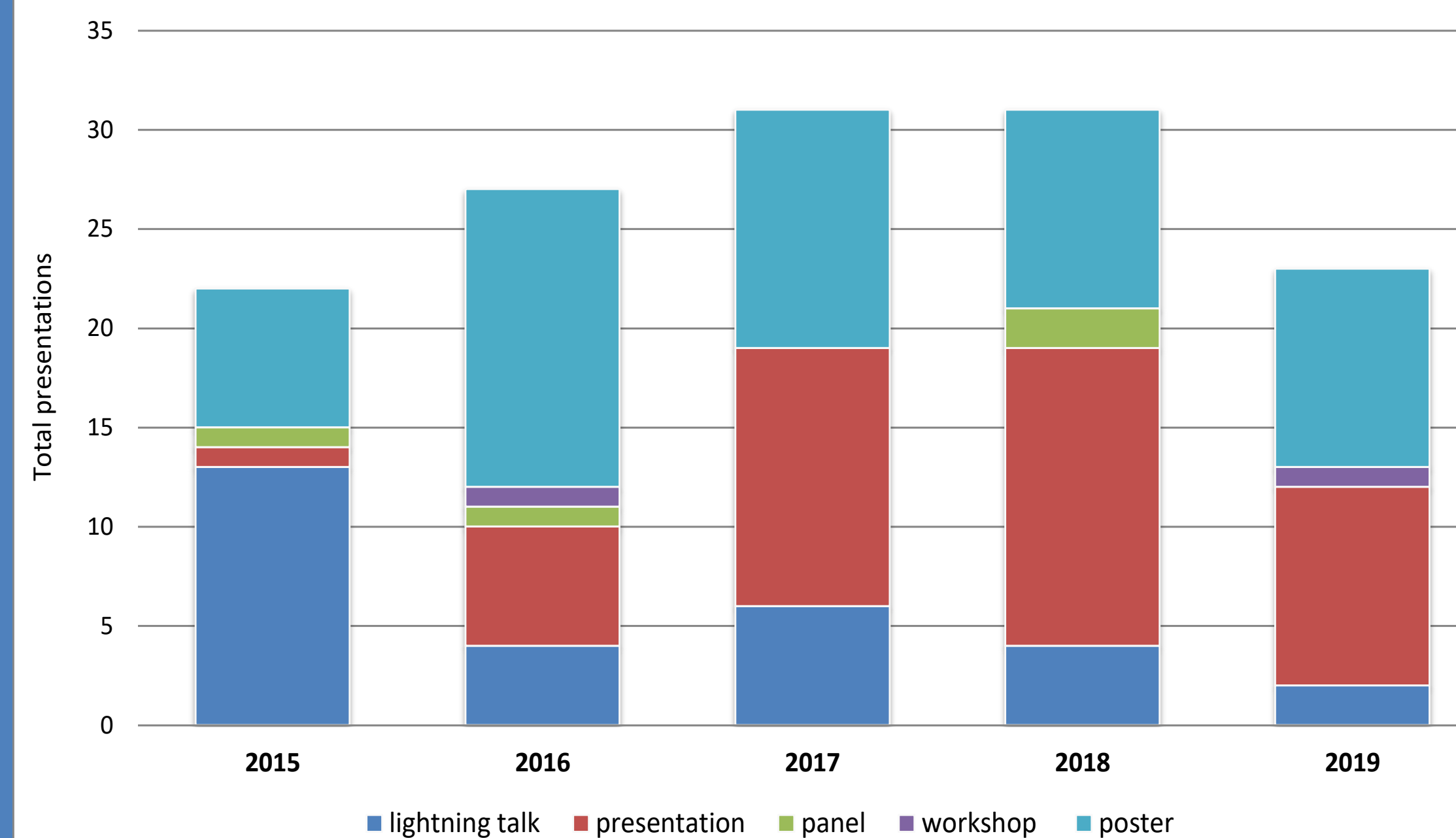| LRFC	FMC	APPSC
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LRIPF becomes reality!

The inaugural Forum is scheduled for **June 4, 2015**, 1:00-4:30 pm, and calls for proposals issued via email (11/24/2014) and on Libi (1/14/2015).

Are you currently working on a research project? Have you tested a new tool or workflow? Are you preparing a presentation for an upcoming conference? Come share your work with your colleagues at the 1st Library Research and Innovative Practice Forum on June 4, 2015.

The Library Research Fund Committee, the Faculty Mentoring Committee, and the Appointment, Promotion, and Permanent Status Committee will be sponsoring a Library Research and Innovative Practice Forum to highlight ongoing research and practice by University of Maryland Libraries faculty, staff, and students.

We welcome proposals for several presentation formats, with an emphasis on posters and lightning talks, and only a few longer-form presentations. The structure of the event will be based on the proposals received, but everyone interested in sharing their work will have the opportunity to do so. We want to reflect the wide range of research and initiatives happening across the Libraries.

Number and type of presentations by year

Keynote speakers

2015 Babak Hamidzadeh, Associate Dean for Digital Systems and Stewardship - "Entrepreneurship in Libraries"
2016 Linda Macri, Director of Writing & TA Training Initiatives, UMD Graduate School
2017 Purdom Lindblad, Assistant Director of Innovation and Learning at MITH - "Advocacy by Design: Moving Between Theory and Practice"
2018 Mega Subramaniam, Associate Professor, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland - "Design Thinking in Academia"
2019 Trevor Owens, Head of Digital Content Management, Library of Congress - "Testing Our Assumptions: The Centrality of Design Thinking and Scholarship for the Future of Library Practice"

More data, and what's still to be learned …

Total presentations 2015-2019: 134
Presentations available in the Library Research & Innovative Practice Forum collection (http://hdl.handle.net/1903/16362) in DRUM: 61
Total authors/presenters; total downloads: I'm still tabulating …

Total impact of LRIPF on library research, researchers, and/or a culture of research and innovation in the UMD Libraries: To be determined. I plan to do further research into these topics and am interested in hearing from LRIPF planners and/or presenters about your experience with LRIPF and your perceptions of any benefit (or not) derived from participation. Have thoughts? Let's talk!

Library Research and Innovative Practice Forum becomes a full day event in 2016, held annually.

June 8, 2016 – 9:30 am-4:45 pm
First full-day forum includes lunch time discussion tables on mentoring and research & publishing

June 8, 2017 – 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Poster sessions scheduled over the lunch period, and lunch is now provided! Also this year: Coffee Lounge, Quiet Room

June 14, 2018 – 9:00 am-4:00 pm

June 11, 2019 – 9:00 am-3:30 pm
New this year: Battle Decks!

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