



LOEX QUARTERLY

Volume 41, Number 2, Summer 2014

<http://commons.emich.edu/loexquarterly/>

Most folks know one (big) way to contribute to LOEX is to serve on a local committee and host a conference in your city. But beyond that, a question I am occasionally asked is, are there other ways to contribute and help out LOEX? There definitely are, and those options have become more formalized relatively recently, ever since LOEX became established as an independent 501(c)(3) in mid-2013.

One well-known way to contribute is to submit an article for consideration for publication in the Quarterly. But perhaps you'd like to be on the other side of this equation? Articles are reviewed by myself and one other person from our small group of volunteer peer editors. These editors are typically drawn from the LOEX Advisory Council, a group selected by LOEX's Board of Trustees from nominations collected by the LOEX Director (i.e., me). Along with editing the Quarterly, the Council helps with other tasks, such as helping with session proposal review for the LOEX conference, updating the resources on the LOEX website, and giving advice to the Director on issues pertaining to LOEX (e.g., how to continue to improve the conference, or how to make membership more valuable). So if you are interested in volunteering to be on the Council or just helping LOEX in some other way, please feel free to email me.

In this issue of the Quarterly, we have an article on how primary sources can help empower students in doing research and another on some fun activities to make one-shot instruction sessions more productive for both you and your students. There is a TechMatters about a tool that can help you organize your research. Finally, we have an interview with Heidi Steiner Burkhardt, who has done some interesting work in the digital space and helping create a good user experience for distance learners.

Happy instructing,

Brad Sietz
Director

- What's Inside -

Using Primary Sources to Help Students Discover Their Voices in the Research Process 2

Michelle Bishop and Brandon West
michelle.bishop@oswego.edu,
brandon.west@oswego.edu

TechMatters: **Navigating the Research Process with ReadCube** 4

Krista Graham
kgraham13@gsu.edu

Don't Do Their Work: Active Learning and Database Instruction 6

Jennifer Sterling
sterlingj@wmpenn.edu

The Quarterly Interview: Heidi Steiner Burkhardt 12

Norwich University
hsteiner@norwich.edu

LOEX Quarterly:

A quarterly publication of LOEX

Published spring, summer, fall, and winter

Volume 41 Number 2, Summer 2014

ISSN: 1547-0172

Editor: Brad Sietz ; Asst. Editor: Ben Oberdick

Interview Editor: Teague Orblych

LOEX, 200 Halle Library, EMU, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734-487-2563, 734.561.4527 fax

contact@loex.org, [@loex_library](https://twitter.com/loex_library)