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Dear CoFA Faculty,

As you probably know, Beth Kerr, Theatre & Dance Librarian and Acting Music Librarian, retired August 10. We are working on a long-term solution for Libraries support for TD and BSOM and will include this as a discussion point with the Fine Arts Library Advisory Committee this coming semester. [Becca Pad](#), Humanities Liaison Librarian for the Fine Arts, continues to support AAH and SDCT students and faculty. [Boris Brodsky](#), Arts & Creative Technologies Librarian, continues to support students and faculty in The Foundry. [Sydney Kilgore](#), Media Coordinator, continues to support AAH image needs and the VRC.

In the meantime, we have plans in place to support immediate research and teaching needs, and are hiring two Graduate Research Assistants for the Fall semester who will help with a variety of Fine Arts Library projects and services. Once they are hired, we will follow up with an introduction e-mail to COFA faculty.

TD and BSOM faculty and students should use the methods outlined below for instruction and research questions. These links are also available on the Libraries website.

- **Instruction requests:** Please use our [instruction request form](#) to request instruction sessions, or guides for your students. Once we have the GRAs in place, we will be able to provide undergraduate instruction. However, until we have librarian-level expertise in your disciplines, we will not be able to provide instruction for graduate students.
- **Research questions:** Please use our [Ask a Librarian service](#) which provides options to IM, send an email or request a consultation. Once again, we may not be able to help with complex research questions from graduate students and faculty until we have librarian-level expertise in your disciplines.

Faculty and students in Art & Art History and SDCT should continue to contact Becca Pad directly for research and instruction support.

Anyone interested in suggesting a purchase for the collection, should use the [Suggest a Purchase form](#).



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Additionally, there are excellent resources to support research and instruction in your disciplines. These are all available from guides.lib.utexas.edu.

- [Theatre & Dance Research Guide](#)
- [Music Research Guide](#)
- [Music and Human Learning Research Guide](#)
- [Art & Art History](#)
- [Art Education](#)
- [Arts & Entertainment Technologies](#)
- [Design](#)

There are also course guides for many classes accessible from the “Research Help” link in the Canvas class. There are also many other topic guides available at <https://guides.lib.utexas.edu>, ranging from overviews of distinctive collections to how-tos about library research skills.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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