**Meeting Agenda & Minutes**

**March 6, 2019**

**211 Old College 12:00-1 pm**

In attendance: Cindy Ott, Lance Winn, Mark Samuel Lasner, Margaret Stetz, Monica McCormack, Julie McGee, Julian Yates, Wendy Bellion, Tom Guiler, Joyce Stoner, Sarah Wasserman, Catherine Dann Roeber, Aaron Terny, Rebecca Johnson Melvin, Tyson Sukava, Vimalin Rujivacharakul, Denva Gallant, Laura Schmidt, Martin Brückner

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

**2. CMCS Activities**

**-- ThingStor Database is now Live!**

(<https://sites.udel.edu/thingstor/>)

Brief introduction to new database, including overview and discussion of next steps; questions regarding funding/grant-writing, data intake, publicizing, and programming

**-- 2nd Biannual CMCS Conference: “Black Bibliographia: Print/Culture/Art”**

(April 26-27, 2019)

 60 registrants so far; great geographic diversity; final program is posted at CMCS website

 **-- Consortium of American Material Culture (CAMC) @ UD**

 (May 16-17, 2019)

 **-- Delaware Public Humanities Institute (DELPHI) 2019**

(May 23-June 7, 2019)

 14 finalists for DELPHI 2019 were just informed; great diversity from UD units

 **-- *New* *Book Series*: Material Culture Perspectives (UDP)**

 UD Press approved CMCS proposal for a new book series; see CMCS website; editors

are Sandy Isenstadt and Martin Brückner

 **-- Graduate Working Groups (Media Old and New; MC Graduate Caucus;**

**ThingStor)**

Media Old & New: S. Wasserman and J. Hill are wrapping up three year leadership (thank you!); we are looking for new leaders

MC Graduate Caucus: current leaders are Victoria Sunnergren (ArtH) and Michael Doss (Engl), with Wasserman serving as faculty mentor; this WG will continue next year

ThingStor: led by Brückner; 12 graduate students participate from Engl and ArtH; this WG will continue next year

Note: since CMCS conceived WG to be topical and a 3 year commitment, the directors will do a call for new WG initiatives by the end of the semester.

**3. Upcoming**

 -- CMCS GA: seek candidates for 2019-2020

 Because our current CMCS GA, Alba Campo Rosillo, will rotate out of the position, the

Center will announce the search for a new GA by the end of the week

-- Grad Student Awards: deadline March 15, 2019

 -- “Sampler Archive” seeks collaborators and new home

 (Contact Ritchie Garrison; for more info check <samplerarchive.org>)

 -- Change of CMCS leadership

The Center’s co-director, Sandy Isenstadt, has announced that after 8 (!) years he will step down from his position; the Center is currently waiting to hear about his successor from the Dean’s Office.

**4. Other Business**

 -- CMCS faculty noticed that some people are not receiving emails sent by the Center;

this appears to be a periodic problem that may have to do with our annual system upgrades; the Center is working on fixing this problem.

-- CMCS encourages its affiliated faculty to send lecture announcements to our Center’s email address materialculture@udel.edu; the Center also reserves the right to select announcements (they should address material culture broadly defined)