UC/Stanford Map Libraries Group Meeting Minutes
via videoconference at Stanford and UCI
Friday, June 11, 2010

At Stanford: Julie Sweetkind-Singer (Stanford), Cynthia Moriconi (Santa Cruz), Brian Quigley (Berkeley), John Ridener (Berkeley), Jane Ingalls (Stanford), Patricia Carbajales (Stanford).

At Irvine: Yvonne Wilson (Irvine), Julia Gelfand (Irvine), Mike Smith (UCSD), Lizbeth Langston (Riverside), Jon Jablonski (UCSB), Tony Lin (Irvine).

By phone: Kathy Stroud (Davis).

1. Introductions

2. Minutes were approved with a couple minor corrections sent previously to the meeting. [ACTION: Mike will update the document and post to website.]

3. There was a question about the lack of definitions for the collecting levels, especially regarding the research level. [ACTION: Cynthia will form sub-committee to reconsider the levels (and add definitions?). Note from Julie: I believe that these are CRL-defined collecting levels. Perhaps the action should be for the group to add the CRL definitions and then have people reconsider if their library is collecting at that level.] [ACTION: Mike will post the latest version once UCLA signs off on it.]

4. The group agreed to change our name to “UC/Stanford Map & Geospatial Libraries” (UCSMGL). [ACTION: Julia will contact CDC about procedure. DONE. ACTION: Mike will send a formal letter about the change to CDC Chair, Jim Dooley.]

5. In NextGen Melvyl, map scale should be appearing in the brief display but isn’t. The tag for scale needs to be “turned on.” [ACTION: Cynthia will contact Ellen Meltzer.] From Jon J.’s 6/16 email: Looking at Next-Gen Melvyl, scale indeed does NOT show--neither for brief or detailed views (try keyword searching for "paraguay army topographic" and "paraguay defense mapping"). Of course, the scale doesn’t show in the brief display of our local catalog either—but it looks like at some point we adopted "Country Name. Scale" as a uniform title for big topo sets. In our local detailed view, the field is labeled “Carto. Math. Data”) and gives scale, projection, and a bounding box (I think that’s MARC 255 a, b, and c). This said, I’ve always had a problem with sets versus individual maps—there tends to be only hints that it’s a set of maps. If I wasn’t familiar with the materials, I wouldn’t have much of a clue.

6. General discussion about creating a LibGuide site for UCSMGL. There was a consensus that we should create a publicly accessible site for GIS info, tutorials etc. and a private site for the group (and/or use the wiki). The latter could be updated by anyone in the group and, in theory, would ultimately replace the group’s website currently at UCSD. Would non-UCSD users be allowed to access UCSD’s LibGuide
account using a group login? [ACTION: Mike will check with Tracey.] [ACTION: a subgroup will phone conference to determine what’s next before the next meeting. LEADER: ?]

Jon’s comments: Looking at Webguides during the day, Julia and I figured out that you can NOT move a box from one libguides installation to another (for example: I can't import a UCSD box into a UCSB guide), but I can add a tab that leads to a UCSD guide. I'm totally interested in this idea of shared GIS guides, and I'm interested in contributing content, but I think if we do so it should be branded as a UC or UC-Stanford (I'm not remembering if Stanford is a libguide school) effort. My understanding (from our Webguides coordinator here) is that the company handles the look-and-feel and we may need to have a shared installation of Webguides to accomplish this. Additionally, whoever is the host would need to agree to let people outside their institutions have logins so that we can contribute content equally. I hope these sentences make sense.

7. The Cooperative Purchases page needs updating. [ACTION: Cynthia and Julie will create a list and Mike will upload and make further site edits.]

8. The group agreed that the three Proquest map products and Historic Map Works are not of interest for purchase or subscription at this time. Nevertheless, we will request current price quotes from Dawn Devine at Proquest [ACTION: Mike]. This led to a discussion that we should be striving to create FREE, publically accessible map websites. Julie is in contact with Colleen Cahill at LoC to create a mega-site for historic maps. Cal State-Northridge has a very large collection of Sanborns and we should contact them about the possibility of scanning [ACTION: Julie will contact.] UC Santa Cruz is scanning local Sanborns. Julie says Barry Ruderman is now scanning his maps at hi-res for his website, http://www.raremaps.com. These are now appearing on the Stanford Image Gallery site on a frequent basis. They can be found at http://collections.stanford.edu/images.

From Jon’s email: As for Sanborn maps, we have only Santa Barbara, with paste-ins, in Special Collections. On slides (which I am told were made by a student at CSU-Northridge), we have the towns of SB, SLO, and Ventura Counties. They are of reasonable quality.

9. Julie described the Simulating History project, in which HMS Simulations [Julie: Is that the name?] has scanned 8,000 topo maps from World War I & II to create 3D map simulations for war gaming. Geo-referencing the maps have proved to be very difficult. Ideally, this would be done in batches. Stanford is currently researching 3 different ways to georeference the maps. They are also looking at ways to quickly and efficiently handle the creation of metadata for the records beyond the set records in the catalog. Stanford has procured the rights from the foreign countries to put the scanned maps on the Internet and will so once an interface has been created.

10. There was a general discussion of how libraries can add value to GIS usage on UC campuses, whether or not the library has a GIS lab as they may be located elsewhere on campus. Some ideas included: the library can assist GIS users by purchasing and providing data, becoming a “data repository,” by cataloging and creating meta-data for GIS data and layers and making them searchable, and encouraging and/or providing space for GIS info sessions by users on campus.

11. General discussion about creating metadata for GIS data. The open source software, GeoNetwork, from the FAO, was described by John R. as a way to share data between different organizations:

Can we create a data portal for UC/S? Revisit at December meeting. [ACTION: Mike will have Tracey send email about how GIS data layers are cataloged at UCSD.]

UCSB's Laboratory Holdings page: [http://www.sdc.ucsb.edu/holdings/index.html](http://www.sdc.ucsb.edu/holdings/index.html) [URL will change this summer] [not sure if this was meant to be for this agenda item or elsewhere]

12. Forming a new GIS Academic Support organization discussion. [ACTION: Mike will ask Tracey to report on where this is at.] Within WAML, there has been discussion of injecting more GIS into the conference and how do we get more GIS people to join the organization and attend conferences. Where do GIS people go? Some groups mentioned are the AAG, EDUCAUSE and the ESRI conference (do UC attending UC people want to meet here?). Do we want to check on our campuses and report back?

13. Map interfaces on mobile devices at Stanford, see:

   http://studentapps.stanford.edu/iapps.html

   https://www.stanford.edu/group/ic/cgi-bin/drupal2/node/1068

   It doesn’t appear there has been anything formally released at the UC campuses, though I know it is being studied at UCSD. Update: we now have a mobile website at:

   http://libraries.ucsd.edu/m/

   Stanford has created an iPhone app that includes a library section. In it one can find the libraries on campus with the hours they are open. One can also search the library catalog using the new interface, Searchworks: [http://searchworks.stanford.edu/](http://searchworks.stanford.edu/).

14. We looked at various library Facebook pages and how they are being used at various campuses. Some additional library pages:


   [http://www.facebook.com/ucsdlib](http://www.facebook.com/ucsdlib)

   UCSD is also using twitter to promote the library, campus events and fun stuff:

   [http://twitter.com/ucsdsshl](http://twitter.com/ucsdsshl)

   [http://twitter.com/ucsdscieng](http://twitter.com/ucsdscieng)

   [http://twitter.com/ucsdbiomed](http://twitter.com/ucsdbiomed)

   [The coffee must have started to wear off here as I had very little written down. If anyone has additional comments I will insert them.]
15. Jon gave the update at UCSB and his report was forwarded and will be appended. [If there are any other updates or edits, let me know. I will append all of them to the minutes once everyone has signed off on them. I will also add Kris’s previously emailed comments.]

Jon gave an update on the WAML Maps Repatriation Project. The maps are still at the Univ. of Oregon and their collections are being checked for missing maps. Most of the stolen maps are from the Serial Set and older USGS publications.

16. Some comments: incorporating new members, new hire at UCSB, meeting virtually, website migration, sharing of ideas etc., the tech and scholarly aspects. [ACTION: Mike will send his report out in August for comments before submitting it to CDC.]

17. Next meeting will be Dec. 10th. It was mentioned we should try to meet in person again, especially with several new members in the group.

I have an additional comment off to the side: “Springer lists? Were these checked for geography titles?”

Tracey’s update from September 22nd:

It’s a little late, but I wanted to respond to/move forward on a few of the items from the June 2010 meeting.

1) **UCSMGL LibGuide:** I would be happy to continue to work on the public facing side of this. I believe Julie, in previous communications, had agreed to sort of head up the private one. We had a previous subcommittee of Julie, John from Berkeley and myself but would welcome additional members. There is an email string that can certainly be shared with whomever is interested.

   Julie had been kind enough to set up a phone conference for us before, and if she will agree to do that, I will send a Doodle appointment scheduler so we can set up our next meeting. For those who wish to see what we’ve done so far, we set up a LibGuide which was a template of the one I created for UCSD.

   You can find our guide by going to [http://libguides.ucsd.edu](http://libguides.ucsd.edu) and logging in with the username of ucgis4all@gmail.com, and a password of ucstanford. Moving forward, we may want to explore using CampusGuides which I believe would be more in line with what we are trying to do. I’ve emailed our LibGuides admin here at UCSD to find out if CampusGuides is a different subscription than LibGuides and will let you know when I hear from him.

   Kris, from my perspective you should feel completely free to share the information with your Campus GIS Coordinator – doesn’t matter to me personally if he’s not in the library! Does anyone else care?

2) **Regarding Items 10 & 11 from the minutes:**
   
a. 10. “There was a general discussion of how libraries can add value to GIS usage on UC campuses, whether or not the library has a GIS lab as they may be located elsewhere on campus. Some ideas included: the library can assist GIS users by purchasing and
providing data, becoming a “data repository,” by cataloging and creating meta-data for GIS data and layers and making them searchable, and encouraging and/or providing space for GIS info sessions by users on campus.”

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Can we create a data portal for UC/S? Revisit at December meeting. [ACTION: Mike will have Tracey send email about how GIS data layers are cataloged at UCSD.]

i. It would be GREAT to be able to act as a data repository as a system rather than as an individual campus. I know that Tony Soller at the UC Irvine campus works in the IT department and has a strong interest in this — do we think this is something that we would like to pursue as a group?

ii. Metadata for UCSD GIS data is done according to the FGDC standard. In order to get it into our library catalog, Ryan Finnerty in our Metadata Services Department used an FGDC-MARC crosswalk and that is how we have layer level GIS items in the catalog.

3) Regarding Item 12 from the minutes:

a. 12. Forming a new GIS Academic Support organization discussion. [ACTION: Mike will ask Tracey to report on where this is at.] Within WAML, there has been discussion of injecting more GIS into the conference and how do we get more GIS people to join the organization and attend conferences. Where do GIS people go? Some groups mentioned are the AAG, EDUCAUSE and the ESRI conference (do UC attending UC people want to meet here?). Do we want to check on our campuses and report back?

i. GASP (GIS Academic Support People) hasn’t really gotten anywhere because Patrick at Tufts and I haven’t done anything! We would both like to but time has been hard to find to do it. Whenever I mention it to people they think it’s a great idea but that’s about as far as it has gone.

ii. Conferences I go to are: ESRI, ALA, CalGIS.
I plan to attend AAG in 2011 as well as hopefully either Where 2.0 or GeoWorld. I haven’t attended WAML in the past because Mike attends it and because it was more map focused, but I would certainly consider attending.

4) Regarding Item 14 from the minutes (Twitter/Facebook/etc.): I have a Twitter account for GIS and it is @UCSD_GIS. I also have a blog which is at http://blog.ucsd.edu/gis and the blog and Twitter are linked to the Delicious GIS site at http://delicious.com/gis_resources.
Updated Draft Agenda - UC/S MLG Video Meeting, June 11, 2010

Responses from UCLA (since I’m not attending!)

1. Introductions
   
   Hi! I’m Kris Kasianovitz, UCLA Interim Map, GIS and Geography Librarian, among other things.

2. Approval of minutes from December 2009.
   
   UCLA-KK Amendment: Email sent to Cynthia and Mike.

3. Changing the name of our group (All) – “UC/S Map & Geospatial Libraries”
   
   UCLA-KK votes yes!
   Agree with Julie and Tracey’s definition of geospatial. Think it is a good idea if we have a working definition of this. As context, I recently read this report on the IT Roadmap to a Geospatial Future from the Committee on Intersections Between Geospatial Information and Information Technology, National Research Council:
   [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10661](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10661) Box 1.2 on pages 13-14 specifically provides a good definition of geospatial data:
   
   This is why I felt using the term geospatial would be appropriate.

4. Lib Guides (Julie & Jon); Delicious

   Here’s how to get to the GIS LibGuide.
   
   username: ucgis4all@gmail.com pw: ucstanford
   
   UCLA-KK: This is a great! What are campuses expected to contribute? Is it ok to share this with our Campus GIS Coordinator, who is not in the library?


   UCLA-KK: Did not have time review everything. Sent updated ILL info to Mike; checked links to UCLA pages. Everything was fine.

6. ProQuest Trial of new mapping products (All); Sanborns (Julia)

   Historic Map Works, Sanborn Maps Geo; Digital Sanborn Maps
   
   UCLA-KK Comments/Questions:
   
   I have been getting positive feedback from our reference desk staff on the Historic MapWorks product. Our graduate student did a review of this product, which I’ve included as an Appendix at the end of the agenda. UCLA would be interested in pursuing a subscription, Tier 1, 2 or 3. We have several questions to ask Dawn Devine/Proquest about this – but so far we do like the functionality and content.
Sanborn Maps Geo/Digital Sanborns – not thrilled about it. Need a bit more time to evaluate the Geo product. I did a brief survey of our Geography and Urban Planning faculty to find out interest in the Digital Sanborn Product (the old version) – not many were using it. Most of our UP assignments want the students to see the physical copy. At this point, looking for a product (or scanning ourselves) that actually reproduces the colors is more desirable. There is a company that the Sanborn folks recommended I contact for this:

7. Requesting map scale be added to brief display in Melvyl (Cynthia)
   UCLA-KK we support this. I am curious to hear how you are moving this through CDL.

8. Simulating History project (Julie)

9. Current and future uses of map/geospatial/GIS collections within UC campus libraries: course support/ ArcGIS/ on-off campus research support, etc...
   UCLA-KK: Not sure what is needed in terms of input here. We are working with our campus GIS Coordinator though on a myriad of GIS issues here, including how to better support the campus GIS needs (training, research support, collections, etc.)

10. Metadata for GIS data: creating it, getting it into the online catalog [Jon et al.]
    UCLA-KK will be interested to read the minutes and find out what everyone is doing. We aren’t really cataloging our GIS data at this time for a variety of reasons, one being the fact that we do not have the cyberinfrastructure in place to host and serve it out in the Library. Another being that we just haven’t purchased any in the last few years, due to that first fact. Any GIS data acquired though we do give to our campus GIS coordinator to put into the Mapshare site http://gis.ats.ucla.edu/mapshare/ We have discussed a better interface and database to facilitate searching for data layers. That’s on our things of to-do but pretty far down the road. I’d be interested to hear if anyone else is working on GIS data discovery tool akin to what Harvard has done http://dixon.hul.harvard.edu:8080/HGL/hgl.jsp?

11. Forming a new GIS Academic Support organization (UCSD et al.)

12. Map interfaces on mobile devices. Stanford is doing it, what are others doing? Are maps being integrated? (Julie) UCLA-KK: Nothing at this time.

13. Creating Facebook pages for the Library.
   UCLA-KK:
   At this time there isn’t an “official UCLA Library” FB page. Our library communications officer is interested in creating one – but was holding off until Todd Grappone, our new AUL for Digital Initiatives and Information Technology, was on board. The following campus libraries do have them:
   - UCLA Library Catalog App http://apps.facebook.com/uclacatalog/?ref=ts
There are several unofficial but Library-related groups:
Friends of the UCLA Arts Library
Save Night Powell

14. Round Robin reports (sent June 8th): any questions about them?

15. The annual report to CDC: suggestions for content of the report.

16. Passing the torch to the new Convenor, and setting the date of the next meeting.
   UCLA-KK: Please do not sign me up to be the 2011-2012 convenor. I am not able to take on this responsibility at this time.

Appendix: Review of the ProQuest Historic Map product (by Mary McNamara)

Rough number count

19,778 atlases  1,375,098 maps and illustrations

Geographical divisions  Continents, Countries, States/provinces, Counties, Cities

Points of Interests Search (search features, like bridges, woods, streams, etc. On many results the poi is not readily apparent.)

Source of maps: Some are from University of Southern Maine's Osher Map Library but it is not clear where the rest come from. We need to ask about other sources (see questions below).

Coverage of California

When one searches by the term “California”, there are: 80 maps, 19 atlases, 2 bird’s eye view depictions. However, when one browses by “California”, there are over 500 atlases and just 11 maps. In other words more maps are retrieved when one searches by the term “California”, than when one browses by “California”. Yet, when one searches or browses for atlases with the term “California”, the results are reversed, with more atlases generated by browsing than by searching. We should ask the vendor why this is and/or how the metadata use is affecting the results (see questions below).

Saved format & file size:  Jpeg, size varies (examples: 5.21MB, 8.21MB, 3.25MB)
As a basis for GIS?

It appears that approximately only 1 in 10 California maps are geocoded, and approx 25 California atlases. These geocoded items appear to only have 2 points each, meaning more points would need to be established to confirm accuracy. Also, currently the images displaying the points are not downloadable. We need to ask Proquest if it is possible for individuals to save copies of the point images, as well as copyright issues to determine the potential for using these maps for GIS (included in questions below).

Questions to Ask Proquest

1. What are the copyright issues for downloaded maps? What is one permitted to do with a copy? May one use the copy as a basis for GIS?

2. Can you give us a complete list of all the sources you acquire maps from?

3. How do you decide what maps and atlases to geocode? Why do you include 2 points per map?

4. Could you make it so the geocode points image is downloadable? Would there be copyright issues/limits on those image copies?

5. Regarding the search capacity of the site, would it be possible to search by some of the metadata you provide in the record (i.e. title, county, publisher, etc)? Could you combine the search located under the tab “GPS mapfinder” (by latitude and longitude) with the regular advanced search page? Could you allow one to search by the criteria of geocoded?

6. The metadata that is featured is sparse, and doesn’t always reflect the search/browse terms pursued. For instance, one may browse by hospitals but then individual maps and metadata do not always indicate why certain items are retrieved. Can you make the front end metadata richer, in order to reflect how/why certain results are retrieved?

7. You created a way to browse all geocoded atlases, can there be a way to browse all geocoded maps or to browse both simultaneously?

8. When one searches by the term California there are: 80 maps, 19 atlases, 2 bird’s eye view depictions. However, when one browses by the state California, there are over 500 atlases and just 11 maps. Why does this number changes so much between searching and browsing? Why aren’t the results the same? How is the metadata used to generate these results?

I asked Mary to compare the Proquest Metadata to Rumsey as we’re evaluating their metadata to see if we want to include similar fields for our digitized maps.

Metadata records available to the user are more limited with Proquest, see below. The richer data in Rumsey gives one a temporal and physical context to place the map.
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### Collection, Services and Other News

We just completed a serials review to meet a 7.5% target budget reduction. For the most part, the Earth Sciences and Map Library was able to meet its target by switching many of our remaining subscriptions to e-only. It is still unclear whether there will be another budget reduction exercise in 2010/11.

Major map purchases include 231 topographic maps of Chile (1:50K) to fill gaps in our collection and a complete set of German digital topographic maps (1:50K). Like our other digital sets, these images will be ingested into the Digital Preservation Repository (DPR). Our Systems Office also plans to work on a repository for storing and providing access to our digital maps using this set as a pilot. Access would be
through links in OskiCat with authentication based on terms of purchase (UCB only; UCB+walk-ins; public domain).

John and Jenna have begun planning for a Bay Area historical map digitization project, which we hope to start this fall. John and I have also begun working on a website redesign for the Earth Sciences and Map Library, which we hope will help people find information more easily. If there are parts of the website that you use frequently, please let us know.

Members of our GIS Task Force, including John, are working with a programmer from the Systems Office to create a geospatial data repository using open source software. The goal is to create a library-hosted repository for purchased, licensed, and freely available geospatial data that will allow for enhanced search capabilities, archiving, and versioning. Once the repository is up and running, geospatial data contributions from the campus community will be encouraged. The group plans on presenting a demonstration of the repository to the AULs this summer.

UC Berkeley has finally embarked on ETDs! Graduate students are now required to submit their PhD dissertations electronically. However, the Graduate Council established a default two-year embargo on their release. Graduate students can request immediate release on their submission form, and many librarians contacted their departments to encourage graduate students to strongly consider this option.

Our arrangement with Track Info Services (TIS) will conclude by June 30.

**UCD**

In the past 6 months there have been no significant changes in staffing and services for the Shields Library Map Room. The hours are still Monday – Friday, 1 PM – 5 PM or by appointment. We have been able to purchase several historic aerial photograph sets of San Joaquin, Nevada, and Sierra Counties to fill some gaps in our collection. Additionally, the Library is purchasing permanent access to the Proquest Digital Sanborn Maps of California. For FY 10-11, the Library is expecting a $320,000 (2-3%?) budget cut. It is unknown how this will effect the Map Collection budget and staffing.

The campus and the Library will be closed June 14 & 15, 2010 for furloughs. No Map Room service will be available during those days.

While the library does not have an official hiring freeze, vacant positions are being considered very carefully before being advertised. At least two librarians and several staff have left in the last six months and their positions have not been filled.

Mary Page, AUL for Technical Services, will be leaving UC Davis for a position at the University of Central Florida. Her last day at UCD will be June 30.
Campus-Wide Library News:

The search for a new University Librarian is ongoing. This past week the last of three candidates visited campus for a two-day round of interviews and presentations. We look forward learning the results of the search.

A Joint Academic Senate/Administration Task Force on the University Library was recently formed. The charge letter to the task force calls on it to do the following:

- Assess the current status of the library, providing a baseline for consideration of improvements and a useful orientation for the new university librarian to be selected through the national search that is now under way.
- Recommend to the new librarian a long-term vision of the future of the library.
- Make high-priority recommendations for improving services and collections that should be immediately considered and reviewed by the new librarian.
- Serve as a sounding board for the acting co-librarians and the new librarian as they consider short-term changes in operations and priorities demanded in the current difficult financial environment.

More information about the Task Force and the UL search can be found here http://www.dateline.ucdavis.edu/dl_detail.lasso?id=12739

Since we're including general library health in our updates, I'm providing additional information about the overall budget.

In FY 08-09 the Davis General Libraries had a permanent $500,000 base budget reduction and in FY 09-10 a $845,000 permanent reduction. This totaled about an 8% base budget reduction over the two years. There was also an approximate $10,000 assessment against the 09-10 budget. We are currently planning for a $320,000 cut for the coming fiscal year.

To date, most of the budget cuts have been covered by reducing O&E and salary savings from positions as they become vacant through retirements and attrition.

For the most part, our collections budget has been protected from cuts, but we are losing buying power due to increasing fees, etc. We are carefully examining database subscriptions and journal subscriptions as the come up for renewal. We are, of course, participating in the review of the Springer journals package.

In general, the Library still has funding for monograph purchases. We are continuing to firm order important titles and have monographs arriving on our approval plan. We are completing switching our approval plan from Blackwell to YBP.

UCI

Budget: UCI has survived a 15% cut in our collections budget. Hiring is essentially frozen, some positions have been filled internally. Since Fall Quarter the Langson Reference has been reduced by one hour at night, we close at 8 pm and there is only reference on Sunday on the weekends. The Langson building hours vary throughout the quarter closing at 8pm at the beginning of the quarter and staying open until 2 pm the last two weeks of the quarter.
With the budget situation the library has been engaged in planning for the future (2010-2014) through the work of five library subgroups and through a campuswide Task Force on Strategic Planning for the Libraries chaired by Michael Clark, Vice Provost for Academic Planning. One of the main issues has been use of space by the library and the campus.

Personnel: Collette Ford Head of Access Services is retiring as of June 29, 2010.

The UL Gerry Munoff retired as of April 1. The interim UL Gerald Lowell was just appointed, June 1. Prior to this appointment he was Assistant Dean of the Claire Trevor School of the Arts. He was previously a UL at UC San Diego and Berkeley in the 90s.

Temporary change: The Grand Reading Room in the Science Library is being renovated. Energy efficient lights are being installed. During the summer Science Library Reference is going to be proved by roaming librarians and remote assistance.

Collection move: To create more space in Langson Library the Grand Reading Room floor of the Science Library is being renovated to accept all the microforms cabinets from the Langson Library. The SL reference desk is being relocated on the 2nd floor. The U and V call numbers are being moved from the Langson Library to the Science Library stacks. The map cases and atlases will be moved into the space left by the microforms on the first floor of Langson Library.

UCR

Moving/transfering collections:
1) Following on the move of geology-related microfiche to Map Collection, staff are relabeling/remarking the 1000s of individual fiche.

2) Historically, items with “G”— “GE” call number have been split between Rivera Library (H/SS) and Orbach Science. We are in the midst of evaluating periodicals and monographs to move to the Science Library or to SRLF.

3) The 500+ nonmajors had their final for Geology 4 (Natural Hazards & Disasters) on Saturday. Thanks to Margarita Yonezawa’s work, the Library’s course website was the “go to” resource for the weekly assignments.

4) The LibStats program has been very useful, not only for online gathering of reference statistics, but for information and learning. Map Collection’s answers are very detailed, so other reference staff have an easy way of finding out what’s going on. For many of us it serves as a blog!
UCSD

The library is still under a hiring freeze. All openings are being filled internally. Like other campus libraries, we are waiting for the budget numbers to be released. Our director presented scenarios for 5, 10 and 15% cuts and what that would mean for the library. Since we took a larger cut (15%) than other units on campus last year, we are hoping for a 5% cut (or less). If we did happen to get another cut in the 15% range, one possibility is to start charging for certain services, such as the Data & GIS Lab. The Research Services Department has one pending retirement, Karen Lindvall-Larson, who has been at the library for over 30 years as the Latin American Studies Librarian. Her duties will be temporarily filled on a half time basis by another librarian.

Over the winter we relocated the map collection, moving it closer to the Data & GIS Lab. As part of this, we created a new Atlas Area, which consolidates several atlas locations into one, including those found in the SSHL Reference Collection. The new Atlas Area consists of oversized vertical and horizontal shelving, which is much better in terms of preservation and growth space.

Tracey will be purchasing ArcGIS Business Analyst Lab Pack for California (31 seats for $1500 for one year) and one floating license for remote sensing software, ENVI. Otherwise, she has purchased lot of new books, is processing Papua New Guinea data, and is in talks with the San Diego Supercomputer and a library grants person to archive endangered San Diego data.

UCSC

Having received the largest departmental cuts on campus in the past 2 years (18%), we'll only be getting a 1.9% cut to the library budget next year. We were fortunate to have a faculty committee report on next year's budget that suggested that the library had been cut enough, and should have no additional cut this year. While the library does not have an official hiring freeze, vacant positions are only filled if absolutely necessary.

The Map Room is benefitting from being part of the library's new Digital Initiatives Department, giving us access to its new large format scanner and the staff that go with it. We are starting to scan our glass slides of Sanborn maps of the Monterey Bay region, and will be making the out-of-copyright ones available online in our Content dm system. We're also beginning to scan local cadastral maps of Santa Cruz City and County. Our third project will be a set of 1948 aerial photos of Santa Cruz county. Terry & I are spending all the time we can find writing metadata records.

We have ordered a new set of aerial photographs from the USDA Aerial Photography Field Office, "quarter quad" photos of Monterey County. We've had many projects this academic year to cut collection costs, particularly cutting serials and standing orders. Currently we're reviewing serial packages (a UC-wide endeavor).

The Map Room schedule continues to be Tuesday - Thursday 1-5. Over the summer, we'll be closing the Map Room for 4 non-consecutive weeks (whenever one of us is on vacation, we'll close), plus two weeks
after summer school we'll be open by appointment only. I'll send out the schedule in another email. We've closed like this the last 2 summers, and found that as long as we give patrons lots of notice ahead of time, we don't get complaints. We expect to be writing metadata and re-organizing parts of the Map Collection during the closed times.

An overheated extension cord being used to charge power tools caused a two-alarm fire April 15 in a part of UC Santa Cruz’s McHenry Library that is under renovation. The fire was extinguished within an hour of breaking out on the second floor of the older portion of the library. However, smoke traveled to the adjacent section (the new addition) where the library’s general collections are housed, leaving a layer of soot on the books and in the miles of air ducts. The campus hired Belfor, a nationally-known library disaster mitigation company, who cleaned things up in short order - but put the cleaned books back on the shelves willy-nilly. We are now in the process of shelf-reading the entire collection, as book trucks of returned books collect everywhere. All staff members are required to report for at least 3 hours of shelf-reading next week. Because there is additional work required to repair dry wall and floors in the area of the fire, moving back into the renovated part of the building has been delayed from December until next summer.

Three weeks after the fire, we had a series of "sit-ins" by students protesting our shorter hours this year. In a more positive action, students just passed a referendum that will establish a new, temporary fee of $6.50 per student, per quarter, beginning Fall 2010 and ending Summer 2013, that will provide funds to extend library hours. 84% of the students voted for it, thanks to a strong publicity campaign by the library. I'm hoping for a more peaceful year in 2010-11!

UCSB

MIL staffing

I assumed the duties of head of the Map & Imagery Laboratory on April 1 after Mary Largaard’s retirement late last spring. MIL has 4.5 FTE permanent staff and about 1.5 FTE student assistants. This is down from historical levels, but with a number of reorganizations and the ending of grant cycles, it is difficult to determine just how far down we are.

Previously, Larry Carver was AUL for Systems, and the line between Systems and MIL was blurry at best. Apparently Larry had few day-to-day duties in MIL for a number of years, although work on MIL digital projects was primarily his responsibility. Larry's position currently has an interim and permanent replacement is on hold. In 2008 and 2009 the scanning operation of MIL was segregated into the Davidson Library’s Digitization Center which offers library-wide scanning services. Two staff (one relatively new, one pre-existing) were moved to the Systems Department with this reorganization.

MIL collections and projects

Current MIL projects include full retrocon of printed maps, collection level description and the creation of indexes for all airphoto flights, and dissection of the remaining pieces of the Alexandria Digital Library and National Geospatial Data Archive to determine which parts of the collections can be re-purposed into an active GIS data collection. Aerial photographs are still being scanned at a rate of about 1000 per month, however integration into finding aids and automated retrieval systems has been on hold for several years.
The MIL website (www.sdc.ucsb.edu) was recently fully updated in preparation for integration into the general library website and migration to a CMS. Work continues on fleshing out some additional web content.

Existing GIS data and legacy software was partially inventoried in 2009, and continued work on this inventory will hopefully seed the development of whatever comes after ADL.

A purchased collection of maps of Vietnam was recently processed. Theses collected by an Oregon State University geologist recently arrived with several hundred maps attached. And we are anticipating hosting the WAML Map Repatriation holdings beginning in early 2011 (these are the maps recovered from the Brubaker thefts a few years ago). End of the fiscal year purchases (indeed, my first purchases) included Canadian administrative and census boundaries and associated data, VMAP1 (1:250k quality) compliant data from Eastview, and a handful of paper maps.

**Library-wide staffing**

Brenda Johnson, the architect of the aforementioned MIL-Systems reorganization, moved to Indiana University starting March 1. An active search is underway.

Last year’s budget situation created a slew of vacancies in the library, including a number of positions still on hold. The hiring freeze seems flexible though—as a few jobs have been filled. I am too new to offer a comprehensive list of open/eliminated positions, but it seems to be around a dozen.

**STANFORD**

Budget: We sustained 17% cuts to our materials budget this past year. We will not sustain more budget cuts this year, but will not get any increase to cover inflation or currency changes. The endowment budgets will get cut, but I'm not sure by how much.

Staffing: We hired Patricia Carbajales as our new Geospatial Manager replacing Mindy Syfert. She is doing an excellent job and you will get to meet her on Friday. She comes to us from UCSB's planning office. As you all know, my job changed early in the new year. That has lead to a number of staffing changes. We are still trying to hire the head of the earth sciences library. The first search failed. We are rewriting the job description with a focus on hiring an environmental librarian. (Please let me know if you have ideas as to where to post besides the usual places like the Chronicle and GeoNet.) We are interviewing next week for the Science Data Librarian job with three solid candidates. The build out for the (eventual) map room is underway with two staff hires. We are interviewing this week for the Cartographic Technology Specialist and at the end of the month for the Map Curator who will run the new map room. (The CTS will report to this person who will report to me.) I expect all of these people will be in place by the end of the summer. Goodness knows where they will all sit.

Digital philanthropy program: The build out of the map digitization lab is nearly complete. The scanning rig is up and running. We are awaiting furniture and another computer. (I'll show the room to the folks from the north on Friday.) We are in the process of interviewing for a professional photographer who will run the camera. We are actively scanning the Glen McLaughlin map collection. No maps are yet online and probably will not be until the fall or in early 2011. We are working with another collector in the north bay about scanning his collection of maps and atlases. If all goes well, we will start that in the
fall. We have just started the process of identifying maps to be scanned in the lab. When it's up and running at full capacity I expect we will be able to scan between 300-600 maps per month. That's a lot of content to identify. We'll start with cataloged maps from Branner, thesis maps from the geology theses, and maps from Special Collections.

Notable gifts: We took in the Mark Boucher road map collection recently. Mark graduated from Stanford within the last 5 years and now lives on the east coast. His collection has 700 maps from around the United States and is in pristine condition. We were given some special funding to hire a hourly librarian and a student to process the collection. That should be done by the end of the summer.

Map moves: We are still sending maps to SAL3 and hope to finish moving the final maps by the end of the calendar year.

GIS update: We are expanding our GIS lab from 4 to 6 computers in the fall. Patricia has started a workshop introducing students/researchers/etc. to ArcGIS that has proven to be extremely popular. She will be training others to do these workshops freeing her up to do more advanced workshops. Our goal is to have these in place by the fall and offered on a regular basis. We are working with New York Public Library and Entropy Free to mount the Map Warper software on a server in the Stanford Humanities Lab. This will allow us to test another way (open source) to georectify maps. We will report on our results at the December meeting.

General Stanford stuff: The Physics Library closes its doors for the final time this week. Materials will move to Engineering soon and then everyone will move into the new building later this summer. Here's the page giving you all of the information including pictures and local press coverage: http://lib.stanford.edu/engineering-library/newlibrary.

UCLA

Here is our campus update; I will send responses to agenda items in a separate email. Attached are some photos of the open map stacks, our scanner (still in box) and new book trucks.

Staff (as of February 2010)

- Kris Kasianovitz, Librarian
- Jon Hargis, Cartographic and GIS Resource Specialist
- Jennifer Weintraub, Map Scanning Project
- Yoh Kawano, Campus GIS Coordinator (not part of the Library, but key personnel)

Map Website http://guides.library.ucla.edu/maps We've added more info under Sanborns and Locating Maps! Check it out!

Map Collections

We have been in our new open map stacks just over 6 months. Nothing much has changed with the open stacks – other than new casings were put over them to give a uniform look to the room.
Thanks to our LIT and Cataloging folks, the catalog records for the maps in the open stacks have a new location code: YRL A-Level Map Cases. This should be reflected in NextGen Melvyl as well.

**Cataloging Issues**

Jon and Kris meet monthly with the Cataloging and Metadata folks to keep the map cataloging flowing. We cover various issues – mainly cataloging problems we find in the drawers and un-cataloged series pre-renovation/move. Our map cataloging team consists of: Sara Layne, Louise Ratliff, Anna Avrukin, and Raphael Villena.

Jon and our map cataloging team have been working diligently each month to get various sets/series of maps cataloged. Two of note are:

**Collection of World War II cloth charts and maps** (Collection of cloth maps printed on rayon, intended to aid in the survival and escape of members of the allied forces during World War II. Collection consists primarily of U.S. maps of Eastern Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific; includes also two sheets (both sides) of a British map of Europe printed in 1943. U.S. maps prepared by the Army Map Service for the Army Air Forces and by the Navy Hydrographic Office for the Office of Naval Intelligence, Air Intelligence Group. British map believed to have been printed by John Waddington.)

**Captured Japanese maps of cities, provinces, and regions in Luzon, Philippines** (Maps issued <1938-1941> by the Japan Geographical Survey. Collection of maps captured from the Japanese military ca. 1945. Some maps show bridge types (stone, steel, wood, etc.) and road types suitable for transporting troops, field guns, and automobiles; river navigation information for steamboats or small boats; airfields; areas suitable or unsuitable for disembarkation; paratrooper drop areas; and natural resources

Both of these collections are receiving special housing and will be kept in our historical map collection closed stacks.

**Historical Atlas Survey**

This is the first of several Map and Atlas conservation/preservation projects we have going on. Kristen St. John, UCLA Library Conservation Officer, conducted a survey of 138 volumes of historical atlases, including our Blaeu and Sanborns. It took her about 5 days (3-4 hours each day). The survey tool is quite fascinating – if anyone is interested in seeing the spreadsheet let me know. Out of the 138 volumes, 34 qualify for some treatment (ranging from repair to new housings), 10 are too damaged to repair or reformat and the remainder are in pretty good shape! We are working on a project plan to get the 34 repaired. The Blaeu will prove to be a challenging conservation project.

**Map Digitization Project – 6 month pilot**
We are embarking on a digitization project with several goals in mind: assess feasibility of scanning large sections of our map collection; assess how to handle geo-coding and storing of tiled .tiffs; determine workflow and costs for handling patron map scanning requests; create and assess scanning workflow, metadata, preservation for large format materials, specifically cartographic materials.

We have purchased a 54” Contex HD Scanner with software; scanning station equipment; and are working on furniture purchases to create a workspace for large format cartographic materials.

In order to coordinate the necessary workflow and day-to-day operations, Jennifer Weintraub (see personnel notes below) came on board May 3 as our Map Digitization Project Manager.

Our goal for the next 6 months is to use the large format scanner for our historical (pre-1946) California and Los Angeles maps – well at least those that can be put through the scanner. Thanks to our student assistant we know we have 3,002 sheets that fit this criteria. We will also be scanning Keck faculty requests for their classes and research to develop and test workflows for this type of work.

**Library Personnel**

**Additions**

Todd Grappone, Chief Technology Officer and Deputy Chief Information Officer from Occidental by way of USC, is our new Associate University Librarian for Digital Initiatives and Information Technology beginning April 26, 2010. Reporting to Todd will be the Digital Library Program, Web Services, Library Information Technology (LIT), and Library Computing Services (LCS).

Tom Hyry is our new Director of Library Special Collections. His previous position was as the Head of the Manuscript Unit of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University, a position he has held since May 2006. He previously served as Head of Arrangement and Description from 2000 to 2006 and Archivist from 1997 to 2000 in the Manuscripts and Archives Department, also at Yale.

This one directly affects Maps – so I’ve included the entire bio from our UL:

“Jennifer Weintraub will join the UCLA Library as the Librarian for Digital Collection Development/Map and Cartographic Digitization Project. Reporting to Stephen Davison, Head of the Digital Library Program, Jennifer will serve as the project manager on this special project which will focus on the digitization of the UCLA Library’s map collections. Her two-year temporary appointment will be at 75 percent time and will begin on May 3. She will be working with a team from the DLP and the Collections, Research & Instructional Services (CRIS) Department as well as with other departments, groups, and individuals on the design, development, planning, and implementation of digital projects.

Jennifer comes to UCLA from Yale University Library where she is currently serving as Digital Collections Librarian working on the creation and expansion of digital collections and managing licensed electronic resources, a position she has held since August 2000. From November 2007-November 2009, she served as the Digitization Project Manager with oversight of mass digitization projects with project partners such as Microsoft and Kirtas Technologies. She worked as a Reference Librarian for
Jennifer has worked as a Teaching and Electronic Services in the Watson Library of Business and Economics at Columbia University from May 1999 to August 2000 and as a Bibliographer and Full-Text Genre Specialist in the Albert R. Mann Library at Cornell University from January 1997 to April 1999. Jennifer holds a Master of Information and Library Studies from the University of Michigan, a Bachelor’s degree in European History from the University of Chicago, and has studied French language and literature at the Universite de Paris-Sorbonne. She is active in the Library and Information Technology Association and the American Library Association.

Retirements and Resignations

- Arpie Hampartzoumian, Library Assistant for MGI, retired after 40 years!
- Norma Corral, CRIS Librarian, retiring at the end of June 2010.
- Don Sloane, Head Access Services, will be retiring at the end of July 2010.
- Marion Peters, SEL/Chemistry Librarian, will be retiring at the end of July 2010.
- Pat Hawthorne has resigned her position as Director of Library Human Resources for the UCLA Library, effective April 5.

Recruitments

As people retire and leave, positions are not automatically being filled. Only “mission critical” positions will be filled. The others are undergoing analysis to determine how to recruit.

With that said, we do have a posting for the Head of the East Asian Library [http://bit.ly/cixMdT](http://bit.ly/cixMdT)