Minutes
University of California / Stanford Map and Geospatial Libraries Group (UCSMGLG)
Zoom online meeting
Dec 15, 2016

Attendance
Berkeley: Brian Quigley, Susan Powell
Davis: Darryl Morrison, Dawn Collings
Los Angeles: Louise Ratliff, Maria Jankowska
Merced:
Riverside: Janet Reyes
San Diego: Michael Smith
Santa Barbara: Jon Jablonski (convener), Tom Brittnacher (note taker)
Santa Cruz:
Stanford:
CSU Northridge: Chris Salvano
Visitors:
Regrets: Julie Sweetkind-Singer, Salim Mohammed, Andy Rutkowski, Julia Gelfand

The agenda was approved.
Minutes from May 26th, 2016 were not discussed.

Announcements

None.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Jon will reach out to the CSUs and WAML for potential new members.
No action. Carry forward.

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**EV GeoCloud uploading data - report by Susan Powell**

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Susan volunteered to work on a schedule of prices with Peter from EV.
No action. Carry forward.

**ACTION ITEM:** Susan will work on a schedule of prices with Peter from EV.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jon will ask around about a consortial approach for paying for uploading a set.

Susan is now the resource liaison for EastView.

**MAPVAULT:** Susan will take a straw poll to determine who is interested in MapVault. Is this an important resource for libraries to acquire? It is less expensive to spend money on MapVault than to spend the money on the datasets themselves.
Are the MapVault holdings of value? Susan is interested in the Digital Topographic map sets. UCB may have the physical maps but not the digitized versions. UCSB has the Soviet versions of DRGs. Jon thinks that MapVault mostly has Soviet materials.

UCSB would like to make the Soviet maps available online because we've determined to the best of our ability that they are in the public domain. However, there might be some licensing issues with putting EastView products online. But there is no paperwork to determine this. EastView lost all of their sales records prior to 2012, and Jon hasn’t found any record of the transactions in his files.

UCR and UCLA didn’t see any content that they were interested in. Maria noted that half of the files that were sent were not good.

Stanford has an approval plan for EastView - talk to Julie to see what they acquire. Berkeley has approval plan too.

Sanborn maps - report by Chris Salvano

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Chris will check the links.
Done. This refers to the Historic Map Works online - those links did not automatically get transferred to the spreadsheet.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Julia and Chris and Susan will explore the union list data issues, and contact Phil Hoehn about updates.
Done. Susan contacted Phil. He’s on board with sending Susan an email with updates. The HTML page is officially frozen. Updates for California should be added directly into the spreadsheet online. Updates for other states should be sent to Susan.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Tom volunteered to use OpenRefine to clean up the data.
Done. California dataset was cleaned up. We will hold off on cleaning up other states until we have a better idea about how the online union list will look.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Susan will contact UCB library systems office about migrating the spreadsheet to the web.
Done.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Dawn Collings will work with Chris and Jon to gather and compile additions.
Done. UC Davis holdings have been updated in the master list.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Jon agreed to explore linking index sheets to individual pages, and find a standard for marking up scanned images.
Jon didn’t find anything about standards for marking up scanned images. Just making shapefiles at this point.

Chris: The LA index map project is going well. The sheet maps have been uploaded to Box, including Compton. We also located a Compton map from the 1920s. The historical map will be used to give context for that era. Interested in superfund sites.
Jon: We have put contemporary environmental remediation information behind the photos for that area.

Have everyone’s holdings been added to the spreadsheet?
- Davis is done.
- Berkeley is still working on updating our holdings.
- Santa Barbara is done.
- Riverside has microform only.
- Irvine may have some from the city of Orange that are not on the list - but we’re not sure.
- UCLA - Andy is working on this still.
- Northridge - Everything in LA County is in the spreadsheet. Some oil maps were added. May not have the people power to check every single sheet, but it was agreed that if Chris is confident with his list, then there is no need to manually verify the inventory. He will go ahead and update everything else in the spreadsheet.

**ACTION ITEM:** Susan will do a survey of each campus to see where everyone is in updating the spreadsheet.

Susan - when we get to the point of writing grants, we can determine if we need to do additional inventory work first, or whether we should put that as part of the project.

It was clarified that we are developing a proof of concept web interface that we can shop around.

Chris - does the LC project just announced affect our project at all?
Louise - we felt that we had a reasonably complete set. It’s important for us to digitize our own holdings and retain control over access to our collection.
Susan - it isn’t clear yet whether the LC maps will be downloadable and at what resolution they will be scanned.
Our labor efforts and collaboration should be put towards the Northridge collection, which should get the materials out there faster. We still have a desire to have a complete digital corpus. And there is still an argument for grant funding that could open up a new world of Sanborn research.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Send revisions to Mike by July 10.  
Done.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Jon will send the conspectus as a Word document to the group for editing.  
Done.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Re-send a letter to DOC about campus-specific collecting of maps and data.  
Let’s finish the conspectus work first so that we can tell people what we are doing.  
Thanks to Julia for keeping this an issue. We’re not collecting as a system like we used to, and we need to express to the system that we aren’t, but we want to ensure that we are adequately collecting as a state.

We have divided up Santa Cruz’s responsibility. Santa Barbara now collects Kern, Monterey and San Benito Counties.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jon will update the map on the LibGuide, which is outdated.

Brian - it would be nice to confirm what each campus has collected historically as well as what they are actively collecting now.

**ACTION ITEM:** Continue to edit the conspectus to reflect what we are actively collecting, as well as what we should be collecting going forward. New deadline: by next meeting in February.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEM: Kim and Susan can design a template for providing consistent metadata for county datasets.  
No work on this has been done. Tom offered to share his workflows and documentation with the group so we can design the template.

**ACTION ITEM:** Tom will share his ISO metadata workflows and documentation.

**Other topics:**

**ACTION ITEM:** Jon will schedule the next meeting for February.
Campus Round Robin

UC Berkeley
In staffing news, this week we completed interviews for our Map Metadata & Curatorial Assistant position (Brion Baer’s old job, now a permanent position). We had several good candidates, and hope to make an offer soon.

Collection development has taken a bit of a backseat this fall as I've focused more energy on developing new workshops and revising older ones to incorporate more active learning components (particularly with classes that use the physical map collection).

We've had our 30" digital globe for a little less than 6 months now, and continue to explore its uses. Instructors used it with about a dozen classes this fall. Samantha Teplitzky (the Earth and Physical Sciences Librarian) and I presented a poster on it at the American Geophysical Union conference earlier this week, and would like to do assessment on its impact on student learning.

Last but not least, Brian Quigley received the 2016 Distinguished Librarian Award from LAUC-B! You can read about the award here: http://news.lib.berkeley.edu/2016/11/23/celebrating-their-service-susan-edwards-and-brian-quigley-win-2016-distinguished-librarian-award/

UC Davis
The Associate Director of the Data Management Program has been interviewing for a GIS Data Director. The position to assist researchers with their GIS data.

The Map Department will be doing a pilot project to barcode maps.

FYI--I will be in the car on my cell phone for the meeting, so hope I can keep connections. Dawn Collings, Library Assistant will also be on the phone.

UCLA:
At UCLA, our current AUL for Collections and Technical Services is Sharon Farb. Here is the first part of the announcement that we received from Ginny Steel about the change:

"I am pleased to announce that we have concluded the search for a new AUL for Special Collections and International Studies. Sharon Farb will switch portfolios and will move into the new AUL for Special Collections and International Studies position, taking only her legal and policy responsibilities from her current portfolio. Early in 2017 we will launch a recruitment for an AUL to take on Sharon’s existing responsibilities for collection management and scholarly communication."

UC Riverside:
Janet Reyes joined the UCR staff on August 1, 2016 as the Geospatial Information Librarian. Margarita Yonezawa continues to serve as the Map Collection Assistant. Since becoming a librarian, Janet has attended the WAML meeting and a data visualization workshop at CSU Long Beach, both in September.
She has also visited Mike Smith at UCSD and Maria Jankowska, Louise Ratliff and Andy Rutkowski at UCLA.

Regarding geospatial-related activities at UCR, maps and other items from the Water Resources Collection continue to be processed for possible integration in the Map Collection. The library now coordinates a monthly Geospatial/GIS brown bag gathering that launched in October. Attendees include faculty, researchers, campus operations staff, and the GIS Program Coordinator at UCR Extension. Key concerns of the group are expanding the course offerings in GIS, the need for a GIS lab, and sharing geospatial resources. A Geospatial mailing list has also been established. GIS Day was observed with a poster display in the library through much of the month of November.

In library news, Dani Cook joined the library staff in the spring as the Director of Teaching & Learning. Interviews are currently being held for the Director of Research Services. Ann Frenkel now serves as Deputy University Librarian as well as AUL for Research and Instructional Services. Noah Geraci recently joined the staff as Digital Assets Metadata Librarian. Julie Mason, the Patent and Trademark Resource Center Librarian, left UCR in October to join the Silicon Valley US Patent and Trademark Office.

UCR’s Fall 2016 enrollment approached a total of 23,000 students, about 1,500 more than the previous year. The university also hired a record number (132) of new faculty members this year.

We just added PolicyMap to our offerings.

**UC San Diego:**
We’ve started a 3rd search for a GIS Librarian and applications close in early January. So far, there are three good looking candidates. Keeping all digits crossed. The ad just went out this week for a Scholarly Communications Librarian. This is a new position. Also currently advertised is Assistant Program Director and Head of Books and Serials Metadata. Humanities Librarian closed in October and they should be getting close to the interview stage.

The overhaul of the library’s Data and GIS Lab should be almost completed this week with the installation of new computers and laptops. We spent all of fall quarter hiring and training new students to work in the lab. With 6 total students we aim to have coverage 9am-6pm Mon-Fri beginning in January. We experienced much more foot traffic after the new furniture was installed and as staff presence increased during the fall quarter. Recently purchased for the library under my prevue is a new HP Z5400 42 inch plotter/scanner. It makes nice prints!

The library is about to begin the Geisel Library Revitalization Project, which will overhaul and remodel the Geisel Building's 1st, 2nd, and 8th floors. This is expected to last 2+ years until completion. This may affect the Data and GIS Lab and map collection space.

**UC Santa Barbara:**
The big news was just announced today.
I will be assuming the role of Director, Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory on a permanent basis, and the Collab will become the official home of spatial data services alongside our suite of other digital scholarship services. One MIL staff member will be reassigned as the spatial data services specialist.

Two MIL staff will be re-assigned to our Content Management Services department (cataloging) in an effort to accelerate our description efforts.

One staff member will be re-assigned to Special Research Collections to provide end-user access services to analog materials.

The Collaboratory and I will report up through the AUL for Outreach and Academic Collaborations. I will have a dotted-line to the Head of Special as curator for cartographic collections.

There are other changes afoot as we proceed with a Library-wide workforce needs assessment.

We're making nice progress on a grant-funded, outsourced scanning project for two collections of oblique aerials. That project is slated to end in July.

In anticipation of completing a multi-year weed and shift, we are starting up workflows to create sheet-level metadata for large map sets.

Tom Brittnacher may wish to add some additional UCSB news.

From Tom: I just wanted to add to Jon's update that the sheet-level metadata for large map sets is mostly for the preparation of scanned sheet maps and indexes for ingest into our repository, ADRL. Scanned maps will be the next format to be incorporated into ADRL (within the next few months), followed by GIS data.

I will be overseeing the work of the two MIL staff members reassigned to CMS (I'm in the CMS department). And I will be continuing my work with our nascent data curation services program.

We're also hosting a California Data Librarians meeting at UCSB Library March 13-14. If you are involved with data services or data curation services and are interested in attending, please let me know and I can keep you in the loop. When our website goes live I can send you the link so you can check it out to see if you might be interested in attending.

UC Santa Cruz
We are continuing with our Maps project.

We finished the inventory for maps housed in Special Collections, then promptly discovered another substantial pocket of maps that need to be checked. It looks like most of them will not be added to Special Collections or the S&E self-serve collection, so don’t be too surprised to see future lists of maps that we will make available to UC’s (then the wider maps community in CA and beyond). They are not
depository maps, looks like a lot of National Geographic titles. I'm also sending a shipment of atlases to NRLF (not Spec Coll NRLF).

We just finished interviews for the new Head of RSS (my department). This person will report to Kerry Scott, our AUL of Collections and Services. We had a really strong pool and hope to make an offer soon.