

## Heads of Special Collections -- HOSC

Minutes for Conference Call, May 9, 2011, 10:30-12:00 noon

Attending: Christine Bunting (SC), Lynda Claassen (SD), Melissa Conway (R), Charles Faulhaber (B), Tom Hyry (LA), Michelle Light (I), Daryl Morrison (D), David Tambo (UCSB), Adrian Turner (DSC)

1. UC's Next General Technical Services initiative and what it means to Special Collections. How and when Special Collections on the different campuses will adopt the CDL hosted version of Archivists Tool Kit? (Tambo)

- 22 institutions currently using CDL hosted version of the Archivist's Toolkit.
- CDL is watching the Archon/AT merger. Asking to be Alpha tester to see if multi-institution hosting would work.
- Can CDL support moving the data from locally hosted to CDL hosted? Yes. Migration scenario: there would be a MySQL dump and CDL would load and rebuild database for a campus.
- CDL has not imported all institutions' finding aids into AT either. This could be a big job, depending on how structured data is.
- Question asked: Is AT simply a processing tool? Participants gave examples for how they used AT for more, e.g. accessioning, reports, etc.
- Question asked: Are we making information about unprocessed materials available? UCSD, UCSB, UCI are. Is there a security risk? Most agreed, probably not.

Side note:

- Next Gen Melvyl. Do we have any representation on committees looking at how display Special Collections materials? Not known.
- ILL of Special Collections may come up again. We need to take a stand on not allowing manuscript collections to be ILL'd. There was a "disaster" pilot project before. Question asked: Can we look to digitizing as an alternative?

2. Follow-up on legacy print finding aid conversion survey and potential project (searchable PDF inventories in OAC) (Turner)

- Adrian will repost survey asking for estimates for how many print-only finding aids could be scanned to create searchable PDFs. CDL trying to get NHPRC funding for this.

3. HOSC/CDL endorsement of OCLC's "Well-Intentioned Practice for Putting Digitized Collections of Unpublished Materials Online"

(<http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/rights/practice.pdf>) (Turner)

- OCLC maintains list of institutional support. Adrian will send out email about this.
- There was tentative agreement.

4. Piracy of digital content (Faulhaber)

- A company in India is taking oral histories from Bancroft and selling them through Amazon. These are copyrighted.

- Other digitized 19th century photographs from Bancroft are being sold on Ebay with a company's watermark. Bancroft put up high enough quality images for them to reproduce and sell. Bancroft is claiming they have property rights, even though they are in public domain.
- Bancroft's Counsel is reviewing both issues.
- UCR has had people pirate content in fanzines.
- UCSB having similar situations with sound recordings and artwork from multicultural archive. UCSB involved in cease and desist actions. It is difficult to protect sound files.
- Question asked: Is it worth it to pursue people who pirate content once we put it out there on the web? How do you find out about it?
  - At Bancroft, it was reported. They are considering their own digital watermarks, but it would add about \$1 image per cost. Or they will put up lower resolution images. Bancroft is losing money as a result of these violations.
  - UCR will continue digitizing to promote access.
  - UC Davis claims rights to Eastman images, but people still reproducing them from other secondary sources. Not doing anything about it.
- Question: If the images are in the public domain, do you have any claim for how they are used?
- Most agreed that we should continue to digitize and make materials available as much as possible. Not clear how to react when users do not use materials properly. Suggestion to not put up most special material.

#### 5. Campus round robin

- UCB: This is Charles' last meeting. A faculty member most likely will replace him as head of the Bancroft. The archives and library of the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life will be made available through the Bancroft Library. They will take possession of a new museum facility in August.
- UCD: Participated on a panel about the environmental collections CLIR project at the Society of California Archivists meeting. A new, important wine collection is coming in, and news will break soon. Received \$100,000 gift for Special Collections. Are seeking ways to transform box lists and MARC records into "good enough" finding aids for OAC.
- UCSC: Received the papers of attorney John Thorne. Still are working on the Grateful Dead archive. They have scanned about 20,000 items, brought on web programmer, and using Omeka for social networking. Also moving this summer.
- UCI: Michelle was formally named the Head of Special Collections, Archives, and Digital Scholarship. Lorelei Tanji has been named the Interim University Librarian. Currently recruiting a full-time, permanent archivist. Recently received large gift that will allow UCI to hire a temporary archivist devoted to processing regional history collections.
- UCLA: Lots of human resources work: reclassifying staff and two recruitments for librarians almost complete. First floor renovation is 99% done. Have a new collection of cuneiform tablets.
- UCR: Eaton conference now established for every other year. Partnering with Science Fiction Research Association. Put up a permanent Tuskegee Airmen exhibition.
- UCSB: Denise Stevens will be new UL in July. The Special Collections will be in the new addition, and starting this summer they will move out of existing building for 3.5 years. NEH grant renewed for online interactive discography with Victor recordings. National Jukebox project will be available to public soon, collaboration with Library of Congress for putting 78 rpm online. Got millions of hits when put cylinders online. David Seubert will be acting head when David Tambo retires.

- o UCSD: Made available the Herman Bacca papers, a Chicano activist collection. Are asking for \$100,000 from NHPRC to digitize. Sending first shipment of books and pamphlets to Google for digitization, starting with Spanish Civil War collection. When they sent shelf list to Google, Google sent back list of 30,000 books that were unique to them, and another 35,000 books that they hadn't digitized yet. UCSD can reject anything before sending out if too fragile. Google set up a Special Collections process. UMich has already done this. Materials are only out of building for 2 weeks at a time. Being shipped out to Mountain View. Also, Libraries at UCSD are beginning to close due to budget cuts.

6. Next Chair of UCHOSC: Daryl as of July 1.

- o Who can take over email list?

7. Next meeting: October 10, 10:30-12

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