

## University of California Unique Collections

### **Purpose:**

The goal of Next-Generation Technical Services (NGTS) is to transform the technical services processes that acquire, describe, and preserve the wide variety of information resource types in the UC collections. The NGTS initiative presents the UC system with an unprecedented opportunity to evaluate and rethink a wide range of functions and processes.

NGTS has scoped out four broadly defined groups, of which the *UC Unique Collections*, is one, to design appropriate workflow and lifecycle models for various types of materials, and, in doing so, to redefine the Technical Services operations of our libraries. The resources included in the scope of the UC Unique Collections Team pose unique challenges to existing models for technical services operations. This team will help envision our technical services work flows and processes pertaining to unique collections in a manner that enhances the user experience and improves efficiency.

The resources included in the scope of the UC Unique Collections Team are:

- a. Special Collections
- b. Archives
- c. Theses and dissertations
- d. UC scholarship
- e. Images

### **Charge (June 22, 2009, rev. March 2010): [\[PDF\]](#)**

The Unique Collections Team is charged to develop 1-3 model lifecycle model(s). The task force is encouraged to suggest a name for each proposed model, although this is not required.

### **Expectations for each model:**

Phase 1:

July – Oct. 2009

Report due: Nov. 13, 2009

Research existing best practices and current initiatives within UC and beyond

- a. Interview stakeholders and experts
- b. Identify organizational structures
- c. Collect evidence for proposed solutions, including throughput and discovery statistics
- d. Describe when collaborative approaches to technical services ought to be considered/not considered
- e. Describe when/if a collaborative technical services approach depends upon a shared UC collections approach
- f. Consider vendor or other contracting solutions when appropriate

### **Consultation:**

The team should consult with the following authorities and groups:

- SOPAG Ad Hoc Digital Services Task Force
- Vendor services (e.g., OCLC Contract Cataloging, digitization services, etc.)
- UC eScholarship
- UC Digital Preservation Program
- UC Image Services
- Other UC and non-UC groups as appropriate

**Resources:**

Next Generation Technical Services Scope Statement

HOTS Cataloging Expertise Document (see HOTS

website: <http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/hots/>)

BSTF Report: <http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sopag/BSTF/Final.pdf>

New Approaches for System-wide Cataloging

Initiatives: <http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/hots/camcig/BrainstormingDraftForCAMCIG.pdf>

The University of California Collection: Content for the 21st Century and Beyond (forthcoming)

OCLC WebScale Management

Services: <http://www.oclc.org/productworks/webscale.htm>

Special Collections in ARL Libraries, March 2009: <http://www.arl.org/bm~doc/scwg-report.pdf>

WCL Special Collections Task Force

Report: <http://confluence.ucop.edu/download/attachments/6490377/FinalReportWCLSpecCollTaskForce.pdf?version=1>

New Partnership for Scientific Data Preservation and Publication

Systems: [http://rdd.sub.uni-goettingen.de/conferences/ipres07/presentations/iPRESS\\_2007-Zhuzhongming-et\\_al.pdf](http://rdd.sub.uni-goettingen.de/conferences/ipres07/presentations/iPRESS_2007-Zhuzhongming-et_al.pdf)

[Roy Tennant. A Bibliographic Metadata Infrastructure for the 21st Century. Library Hi Tech 22, no. 2 \(2004\): 175-181.](#)

**Limitations/Boundaries:**

The Unique Collections Team should concentrate on those resource types that present the most opportunity to develop system-wide integrated and collaborative technical services operations.

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