CRL Global Resources Forum
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Keynote
Thursday, May 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
To Secure Knowledge: Social Science Partnerships for the Common Good
Alondra Nelson, President, Social Science Research Council, Professor, Columbia University, and member, CRL Board of Directors.

The distinguished author of The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation after the Genome will discuss the hazards of “the new knowledge landscape,” and roles for libraries.

Session I: The Supply Side: the New and Challenging World of Data and Documentation
Thursday, May 23, 2:30-5:00 p.m.

The Privatization of Data, Private Data, and Data Privacy   Margaret Levenstein, Director, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and Research Professor, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Researchers increasingly make use of the digital traces of human interactions with private companies, from commercial transactions to social media postings. These data raise important challenges that the research and archival communities are just beginning to address.

Access to Social Media Data: the SSRC Social Data Initiative    Jason Rhody, Social Science Research Council Program Director, Digital Culture

Twitter, FaceBook, Weibo, and other platforms are now indispensable in tracking the spread of opinion, ideologies, and disinformation in the public sphere. Unfortunately access to such data is limited to private companies, due to proprietary interests and user privacy. SSRC and FaceBook have launched the first effort to explore how these data might be opened for researchers.

Human Rights “Observatories” and Investigating the Disappeared   Barbara Frey, Director, Human Rights Program in the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

In the field of human rights scholars, jurists, citizens, and civil society itself have a shared stake in access to documentation and data. The Observatory on Disappearances and impunity in Mexico aims to increase awareness of forced disappearances in Latin America.
Reception 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Attendees are invited to a reception in the Gleacher Center, immediately following Session I.

Continental Breakfast
Friday, May 24 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Session II: The Demand Side: New and Emerging Approaches to Digital Research
Friday, May 24, 9:00-12:00 noon

**Mining Digital News for Economics and Public Policy**  
Michelle Alexopoulos, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Toronto

Pioneering the use of the digital *New York Times* and other large databases to track business cycles, and economic uncertainty, Alexopoulos will report on the special challenges posed for existing university and library infrastructure, suggesting what new tools and policies are needed.

**Detecting Political and Gender Bias in Digital Video and Audio**  
Bryce J. Dietrich, Fellow at Harvard’s Kennedy School and Asst. Professor of Social Science Informatics, University of Iowa

Using new quantitative, automated and machine-learning methods to analyze non-traditional primary sources like audio and video can reveal implicit gender and race bias in congressional debates and preferences of Justices during oral arguments at the Supreme Court.

**The Broadcast Archive as DataSet: mining the Digital Content of Public Broadcasting**  
Casey Davis Kaufman, Associate Director, WGBH Media Library and Archives

Digital content of The American Archive of Public Broadcasting, a joint project of WGBH and LC, provides a vast body of source material for social science and historical research. It is being used as a testbed by researchers at Brandeis, Dartmouth, and the University of Colorado Boulder.

Lunch (on one’s own) noon to 1:30 p.m.

Session III: The Challenges and Opportunities for Libraries
Friday, May 24, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

**Panel discussion**  
Elizabeth Foster, Social Sciences Data Librarian, University of Chicago; Darby Orcutt, Assistant Head, Collections & Research Strategy, North Carolina State University; Matthew Sheehy, University Librarian, Brandeis University.

Decision-makers and leaders from CRL libraries comment on the Forum presentations, suggesting how libraries can respond to the challenges identified in the SSRC report.

**Forum overview**  
James Simon, CRL Vice President for Collections and Services

What the presentations, conversations, and panel discussions suggest for CRL’s agenda going forward. How can CRL best support “securing knowledge” for future researchers?