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### *President's Message*

## **Collections and Access**

In this fiscal year-end issue of Focus we report a number of positive developments. The membership growth and heavy use of Center collections and electronic resources we experienced this year attest to the increasing value of the partnership.

New acquisitions made under the purchase proposal and shared purchase programs increased and diversified the constantly expanding corpus of resources available to scholars and researchers at Center member institutions. Maintaining a vigorous pace in cataloging and accelerating our fulfillment of ILL and document delivery requests this year, moreover, enabled us to narrow the distance between Center collections and their users.

Building upon the agenda outlined at our 2003 conference and workshop *Pre-*

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On page 1: British Prime Minister Winston Churchill inspecting the ruins of Coventry Cathedral following a November 1940 German air raid. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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*servicing America's Print Resources (PAPR)*, we expanded the Center's JSTOR print holdings and began to disseminate information on cooperative print archiving nationwide. To promote archiving on a wider basis we initiated work on auditing and certifying digital archives, under funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Certification of repositories for digital content may prove to be a way in which the Center can support members' management of resources, preservation and diversification of scholarly resources.

Development of Center collections and services is guided by the Collection and Services Advisory Panel (CSAP). This year we welcomed a new chair of CSAP, Joyce Ogburn, Director of the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah. I want to thank and acknowledge here outgoing CSAP chair, Edward Shreeves, Director of Collections and Information Resources at the University of Iowa Libraries. Ed provided exemplary leadership of CSAP during a critical period when Center services and collections were rigorously assessed and positive new directions set for the Center. The work and planning that CSAP did under Ed's leadership will inform the Center as an organization for many years to come.

—Bernard F. Reilly, Jr., President

### Center Membership

We are happy to report that Center membership grew from 187 members on July 1, 2004 to 203 members as of July 1 this year. New Voting Members include Oklahoma State University, Brigham Young University, New York Public Library, University of Connecticut, University of Montreal, and the University of South Florida. New Associate Members include the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and several libraries from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest and Minitex consortia. The Center also gained its first Global Member, the University of Hong Kong.

## Collections and Services Advisory Panel

The Collections and Services Advisory Panel (CSAP) is the Center's chief advisory body on matters involving development and service of Center collections. CSAP's role is to review, examine, and evaluate the issues related to the Center's collections and services policies, including bibliographic access, document delivery, and preservation. CSAP also makes recommendations to the Board on the drafting of specific collection development policies and service policies. CSAP also reviews and recommends the annual Center budget for library materials, including replacement.

The roster of CSAP members this year is as follows:

Joyce Ogburn  
University of Washington (Chair)

Winston Atkins  
Duke University

Richard Fyffe  
Kansas University

Dan Hazen  
Harvard University (Area Studies Council Chair, ex-officio)

Carlen Ruschoff  
University of Maryland at College Park

Cynthia Shelton  
University of California at Los Angeles

Michael Stoller  
New York University

Stephen Wiberley  
University of Illinois at Chicago

Lynn Wiley  
University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign



## Collection News

An August 1986 English-language edition of the *Beirut Times*, published in Los Angeles. From Center collections.



## International Resources

Building resources for international studies is growing in importance to Center members as universities globalize their curricula and programs. Few libraries are able to develop the collections necessary to support scholarship on all regions of the world. Most rely on the Center's deep holdings of foreign newspapers, archives, government documents, dissertations, and journals. Last year we began a series of special reports on Center resources from various parts of the world, publishing and distributing issues of this newsletter dedicated to individual regions. These special issues are available as downloadable PDFs:

- Middle East Studies—Spring 2004  
<http://www.crl.edu/PDF/pdfFocus/Spg04b.qxd.pdf>
- Africa Studies—Summer 2004  
<http://www.crl.edu/PDF/pdfFocus/Summer-04.pdf>
- Latin American Studies—Winter 2004–2005  
<http://www.crl.edu/PDF/pdfFocus/Winter2004-05.pdf>
- South Asia Studies—Spring 2005  
<http://www.crl.edu/PDF/pdfFocus/Spring05.pdf>. ❖

## 2005 Acquisitions



A detail from a 1933 chart of German military collars depicting ranks and insignias for Hitler's *Sturm Abteilung*, commonly called Storm Troopers. Image from the *Nazi Propaganda Literature in the Library of the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research* collection.

### Purchase Proposal Acquisitions

This year the Center acquired microform sets with a total list value of \$202,155. Titles acquired appear below.

Any Center member library can nominate collections to be acquired through the Purchase Proposal program. (Voting on purchase proposal acquisitions, however, is open only to Voting Members institutions.) For more information on participating in the program please contact [Mary Wilke](#), User Services Liaison. Program details and a link to the nomination form are in the [Collection Programs](#) section.

The list below includes links to the catalog records for each title.

- [Church Missionary Society Archive. Section IV: Africa Missions. Parts 16–23.](#) Adam Matthew Publications, 170 reels, \$22,100
  - Part 16: South Africa, 1836–1843, Kenya, 1841–1888, and Nyanza, 1876–1882
  - Part 17: Kenya, 1880–1934
  - Part 18: Kenya, 1880–1934
  - Part 19: Tanganyika, 1900–1934, Nyanza, 1880–1886, and Rwanda, 1933–1934
  - Part 20: Uganda, 1898–1934
  - Part 21: Kenya, 1935–1949
  - Part 22: Uganda, 1898–1934

Part 23: Uganda, Tanganyika, and Rwanda, 1935–1949

- [Conquistadors: The Struggle for Colonial Power in Latin America, 1492–1825.](#) Primary Source Microfilm/Gale Group, 105 reels, \$15,225
- [Foreign Office Files: United States of America, Series Two: Vietnam, 1959–1975; Part 4, Vietnam 1959–1963 and Part Five, Vietnam, 1964–1966.](#) Adam Matthew Publications, 69 reels total, \$10,220
- [Gay Rights Movement, Series 5–8.](#) Primary Source Microfilms/Gale Group, 575 reels, \$83,375
  - [Series 5: Gay Activism in Britain from 1958: The Hall-Carpenter Archives from the London School of Economics](#)
  - [Series 6: Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance Archives, ca. 1972–1994](#)
  - [Series 7: Lesbian Herstory Archives Subject Files](#)
  - [Series 8: Selected Periodicals from the GLBT Historical Society](#)
- [Medieval Manuscript Collection \(Lincoln Cathedral Library\). Section II, Section III reels 1, 3–4, 6–13, Section IV–VI.](#) World Microfilms, 70 reels, \$8,835
- [Nazi Propaganda Literature in the Library of the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research.](#) IDC Publishers, 185 reels, \$25,900

- *Russian Archives: The Cold War and the Central Committee. Series 3: Congresses of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, 1955–1986* (Fond 2, Opsi 1, 3, 5). Primary Source Microfilm/Gale Group, 196 reels and 701 fiche, \$30,000  
Series 3 completes the set. We already had:  
*Series 1: Department for relations with foreign communist parties (International Department of the Central Committee), 1953–1957*  
*Series 2: The General Department of the Central Committee, 1953–1966*  
*Series 4: Plenums of the Central Committee of the CPSU, 1941–1990*
- *Women, Morality and Advice Literature: Manuscripts and Rare Printed Works of Hannah More (1745–1833) and her Circle from the Clark Library, Los Angeles, Parts 1–3*. Adam Matthew Publications, 49 reels, \$6,500.

McGill University  
Michigan State University  
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill  
Northwestern University  
Vanderbilt University  
University of Washington  
Western Michigan University  
University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Yale University.

The total list value of the sets acquired through the Shared Purchase program in this fiscal year was \$97,950. Titles acquired were:

- *Archive of the Brazilian Workers' Party (Partido dos Trabalhadores Historical Archives)*. Microfilmed in São Paulo, Brazil, from originals maintained by the Fundação Perseu Abramo, Projeto Memória & História. IDC Publishers. 40 microfilm reels.
- *Government Publications Relating to the Cape Of Good Hope (South Africa), to 1910. Group II*. ProQuest. 47 microfilm reels.
- *Illustrierte Zeitung*. Leipzig, 1843–1944. Harald Fischer Verlag. 2,596 fiche. (Adds to existing Center holdings of this title.)
- *Manchester Evening News* (1917, 1919–1921). British Library. 13 microfilm reels. (Adds to existing Center holdings of this title.)
- *The Sir Winston Churchill Papers*. Primary Source Microfilm/Gale Group. 466 reels.  
*Series 1: Speeches of Resonance and Power*  
*Series 2: Official Papers of Government Departments*  
*Series 3: Official Papers: Cabinets and Committees*  
*Series 4: Personal Papers: A Family in War and Peace* ❖

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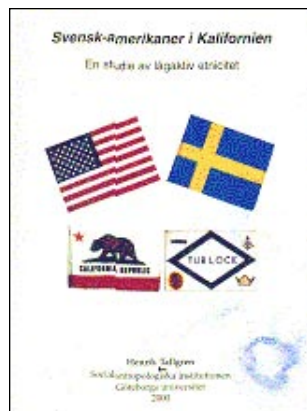
### Shared Purchase Acquisitions

Through the Shared Purchase program the Center and certain of its members pool funds to make additional major purchases each year. The program acquired eight sets of archives, newspapers, and government documents for Center collections in 2005.

We wish to thank the following Center universities, which contributed to the shared purchases:

University of California – Irvine  
University of California – Los Angeles  
University of California – San Diego  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado  
Duke University  
University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign  
University of Iowa

## Other Center Activities



The cover of a doctoral dissertation on Swedish-Americans in California awarded at Göteborgs Universitet, 2000. From Center collections.

### Cataloging News

#### *South Asian Materials*

The Center posted high production numbers this year in its cataloging. Cataloging the Center's South and Southeast Asian publications has been a priority. The coordinated effort of our Special Projects Librarian and our South and South East Asian materials cataloger has enabled the department to catalog 8,842 book and serial titles in the vernacular languages of those areas (in a total of 24 languages).

#### *Other Recent Cataloging*

From January 1 through June 15, 2005 the Center cataloged 55,926 items. This included:

- 45,761 dissertations—for a total of over 381,109 dissertations cataloged in our OPAC and in WorldCat
- 23 newspaper titles
- 566 serial titles
- 9,046 monographs

For the second consecutive year the Center contributed the higher number of original cataloging records to OCLC's WorldCat than any other organization: 63,549.

In addition, Technical Services created a five-year cataloging and processing plan for cataloging Center legacy materials and began the retrospective conversion of the Center's card catalog. Currently, the Center has approximately 925,000 records in its OPAC. The number of records has nearly doubled since 2001.

#### *Records and Analytics for Microform Sets*

*Plant Taxonomic Literature*—Analytics for this extensive microfiche collection have been completed and a total of 4,707 titles from the set cataloged.

*Bibliothek der Frauenfrage in Deutschland* is an ongoing project. Since Jan 2005, 2,769 titles were cataloged, which completes *Lieferungen* 1–10. *Lieferung* 11 will be begun this summer.

We began adding analytics for the microfilm sets, *Three Centuries of French Drama* (1600–1899) and *Nazi Propaganda Literature*. Other microform sets cataloged include:

- *Pamphlets Relating to the French Revolution of 1848*
- *The papers of Anthony Bacon at Lambeth Palace library, 1567–1603*
- *Conquistador: The Struggle for Colonial Power in Latin America, 1492–1825.*

#### *Bibliographic Records Will Be Available to Members*

Members who want to load Center records into their local catalogs will be able to obtain those records without charge. Preliminary work is underway and we expect the records to be available in Fall 2005. [Melissa Trevvett](#) can provide details.

### Access News

#### *Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan Turnaround Time*

In fiscal year 2005 (which ended June 30)

Center Access Services increased its one-day turnaround rate for OCLC loan and document delivery requests to 92 percent, an improvement over the excellent FY 2004 turnaround rate of 90 percent.

#### *Direct Borrowing*

From our experience, integration of the Center's collections with member collections is the best way to increase use of Center collections. By working with its members, the Center continues to expand opportunities for faculty and students to borrow Center materials directly. This spring the Center joined [RAPID ILL](#), offering direct borrowing of serials to 20 members. Center records are now also in Prospect, the Colorado Unified Catalog.

#### *Digital Delivery*

The Center is moving to increase digital delivery of its collections, hoping to put in place by the end of 2009 the workflows and mechanisms necessary to provide access to all Center holdings in electronic form. The [E-CRL](#) report on this endeavor is available on the Center web site.

This year, to inform our planning, we are conducting analyses of the needs and behaviors of scholar-users of Center collections. A prospectus outlining specific procedures, costs, funding plans and timetables for implementing the new activities will be submitted to the Board in February 2006. E-CRL activities will augment and support, rather than replace, Center print and microform-based acquisition and preservation programs.

## **Print and Digital Archiving**

### *Distributed Print Archiving*

It is a struggle for major academic research libraries today to maintain important printed knowledge and heritage materials while facing mounting subscription and licensing costs for electronic resources. In many instances libraries are maintaining essentially the same content in both print and electronic forms. The Center and a number of other organizations have undertaken efforts to cooperatively archive and make available print materials. Eliminating unnecessary redundancy in holdings can enable libraries to reprogram resources into other areas, such as making available unique and valuable materials and providing additional services to their local constituencies.

Prompted by discussions at its 2003 IMLS-sponsored conference *Preserving America's Print Resources (PAPR)*, the Center is now making information about some of those [cooperative archiving projects](#) available on its Web site.

### *The Center's JSTOR Print Archive*

As of June 1, 2005, the Center had assembled 20,831 titles, or 74 percent of the JSTOR titles in its [JSTOR archive](#). The Center continues to build this archive, and is now receiving regular receipts from the University of Arizona, Northwestern University, other Center members, and non-member libraries throughout the U.S.

### *Auditing and Certification of Digital Archives*

As libraries and scholars rely increasingly upon the storage and delivery of research and heritage materials in digital form, the persistence of those materials has become a matter of vital importance. Rigorous auditing and certification of digital repository systems and organizations are necessary to ensure that valuable digital resources like electronic journals, news, and other scholarly content remain accessible and functional. In March the Center was awarded a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to develop the processes and activities required to audit and certify digital archives. Reliable mechanisms for certification will enable universities, libraries, publishers, consortia, and others to protect their sizable investments in access to knowledge and heritage resources.

The [18-month project](#) began May 1, 2005 and runs through October 2006. ❖





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