INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Expanding Access to Scholarly Content via International Partnership

The library has been fostering close partnerships with a number of prominent research libraries in China and Taiwan, such as the libraries of Tsinghua University, Peking University, Renmin University, China Agricultural University, Chinese Academy of Sciences, National Taiwan University, and National Central Library of Republic of China. We purposefully selected these partners because they have some of the richest physical and digital collections that support Cornell’s teaching and research. Another example of engagement is a new program the Library is implementing in support of the Cornell China and Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS) seniors who spend their fall semester at Peking University. Some past students reported that they felt somewhat lost when conducting research there. Starting this semester, the subject experts of the Peking University Library will provide research support sessions customized for the CAPS students, focusing on the specific research areas they identify. CUL will provide reciprocal support should the Peking University sends its students to Cornell.

Extending the Life of Collections to Benefit Scholars Around the World

With funding from the Henry Luce Foundation, the library's Department of Preservation has been conducting a program to train Chinese library staff on the preservation of print collections published between 1911-1949. The staff are from the libraries of Tsinghua University, Peking University, Renmin University, and the China Agricultural University with whom we have been building a close relationship. The training will enable our Chinese partners to extend the life of collections, thus benefiting scholars around the world.

Strengthening Korean Studies

The Library is working closely with Prof. Hirokazu Miyazaki, Director of East Asia Programs, on his priority to strengthen Cornell's Korean Studies program. Banking on our deep collaboration with the Columbia University Library known as 2CUL, we will look into formalizing a 2CUL Korean Studies support model in the near future.

Providing Agriculture & Life Sciences Journals to Developing World

AGORA (Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture) www.aginternetwork.org is a program that provides online access to a comprehensive collection of agriculture and life sciences journals for low income developing countries. It is part of a broader effort called Research4Life www.research4life.org, a multi-discipline (health, agriculture, environment and patents/intellectual property) journal access program of the UN agencies, including WHO, FAO, UNEP, and WIPO. Since 2003 Mann Library has been the key
university partner with FAO in the development, implementation and operation of AGORA. Another related project is TEEAL (The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library) www.teeal.org<http://www.teeal.org>, which is an offline (no Internet access required) digital library of over 275 key agricultural research journals available to a set of low income eligible countries in the developing world. Mann Library has produced TEEAL since 1999 with over 375 installations around the world.

_African Centre for Crop Improvement and West African Centre for Crop Improvement_

Mann Library collaborates with CALS international programs to provide information literacy training, library research consultations, and document delivery support to Plant Breeding PhD student in these two programs located in S. Africa and Ghana, respectively.

_VIVO: Connecting Research and Scholars Locally & Globally_

VIVO is an open source application that enables the discovery of research and scholarship across disciplines at a particular institution. Also, the system allows the discovery of research and scholarship across institutions and facilitates international scholarship through identification of potential partners and experts. It has been implemented by more than a dozen countries and the community continues to grow.

_2CUL: Building Collections through Cornell-Columbia Partnership_

Through the Cornell and Columbia university libraries partnership, we have established subject domains for collaborative collection development activities initially focusing on area studies (global resources). The first formal collaboration was in the area of Slavic and Eastern European Studies in which we have one subject special who is employed jointly by Cornell and Columbia to develop the collaborative collection and avoid duplication in order to expand the breadth and depth of the collection. We also now have similar arrangements in place for Southeast Asian Studies and Latin American and Iberian Studies. One subject expert manages the resources, builds the collections and serves as the information expert to both the Cornell and Columbia communities.

_Preserving the Liberian Law_

For the past eight years, the Law Library has been working with the Konvitz Archive, which contains Liberian laws dating back to the founding of the country. During the civil wars in Liberia, most law library collections in Liberia were destroyed, leaving the country with no record of its legal history or the present law code. The digitization projects and research support services brought the Law Library’s Liberian collection worldwide attention and the Law Library became the source for Liberian law for the United Nations Mission in Liberian, U.S. State department officials in Monrovia, as well as individual practitioners and citizens in need of Liberian law. More recently, ABA ROLI with advice from Cornell University Law Library and the Pacific Legal Information Institute developed the first iteration of functional requirements for LiberLII. http://www.liberlii.org/
International Labour Organization (ILO) Library

The Catherwood Library is building on its partnership with the ILO Library, another leading library on the world of work. In 2013–14, we are planning a staff exchange to promote knowledge sharing, collaborative collection development, digital project best practices, and service excellence. The Catherwood Library is already an ILO Depository Library, which has benefitted researchers at Cornell and beyond. As teaching and research related to global work continues to expand, we are looking forward to growing the relationship with the ILO beyond this depository program.

CUL Staff Participation in International Initiatives

Mann Library has an active agenda building and fostering international collaborations. Some recent examples include: Jim Morris-Knower served as co-instructor for a week-long scientific writing and research seminar for PhD plant breeding students at the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement; Joy Paulson, Jim Morris-Knower and Mary Ochs conducted a workshop for librarians at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, India; and Joy Paulson co-taught an Information Literacy workshop at Jimma University as part of the TEEAL www.teeal.org outreach and training program funded under a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The long range education plan for Myanmar calls for transforming libraries into electronic information centers in order to establish the Myanmar Electronic Information Network. In support of this goal, a Cornell team, consisting of Anne Kenney, Chris Manly, Kizer Walker, and Kornelia Tancheva are carrying out a feasibility study to identify the prerequisites for ensuring electronic access to scholarly resources across the sciences, social sciences, and humanities to support teaching, research, and learning at the University of Yangon and other Myanmar university libraries.

Oya Rieger is the only US member of two European initiatives that aim to create a sustainability model for open access research publications and data in Europe. The projects are funded by the European Commission and aim to support the implementation of open access to research articles in Europe by building and enhancing existing European scientific information infrastructures (digital and human network).

SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

Signale: Modern German Letters, Cultures, and Thought

The Library is partnering with the Cornell University Press and the College of Arts and Sciences in an initiative to transform and sustain book publishing in the interdisciplinary field of German Studies. The book series, Signale: Modern German Letters, Cultures, and Thought, appears in electronic and print-on-demand formats. At a time when market pressures make it difficult for presses to publish books in relatively small humanistic fields like German Studies, the goal of Signale is to preserve and expand the space for book publishing in the field and to provide a
model for other disciplines. The Library works closely with Professor Peter Hohendahl (German Studies and Comparative Literature, Emeritus) and a board of five senior faculty members representing four academic departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. Kizer Walker, Director of Collections in the Library and PhD in German Studies from Cornell, serves as the managing editor for Signale.

*Project Euclid*

CUL continues its successful partnership with Duke University Press in the operation of Project Euclid, a publishing initiated effort to advance scholarly communication in the field of theoretical and applied mathematics and statistics. Begun in 2000, Project Euclid's goals were not only to increase the amount of scholarship available to researchers, but to demonstrate that not-for-profit, academically-owned initiatives could provide viable alternatives to commercial publishers. Project Euclid, the publishing services initiative cooperated by CUL and Duke University Press, is financially stable and continues to grow. Sales to content on Project Euclid have steadily increased, with revenue doubling since 2009 and now topping $1 million. Currently, 70% of the 1.5 million pages of literature distributed by Project Euclid is openly accessible.

*arXiv*

One of the strategic goals of the library has been engaging in partnerships to develop and implement sustainable economic models to support digital repositories and other Cornell-sponsored scholarly communication venues of high value for researchers. In support of this vision, we have developed a sustainability model for arXiv.org, a communications tool of critical importance to scientists worldwide in the areas of physics, mathematics, computer science, quantitative biology, quantitative finance, and statistics. arXiv has been largely financed by the CUL since 2001. This effort aims to reduce arXiv's financial burden and dependence on a single institution, instead creating a broad-based, community-supported resource. An integral part of the sustainability model is the formation of advisory groups composed of scientists and library representatives to provide input for the Library in running the service and planning its future.