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FROM THE CHAIR
Kathy Weimer, Texas A&M University

For the past three months I have spent almost every Monday at 3 p.m. on ALA Connect ‘chatting’ with the Emerging Leaders Project R. The team is composed of Meggan Smith, Nicole Stroud, Kari Kozak, and Eric Resnis. They are here in the photo below (left to right) along with Danielle Alderson, our ALA liaison, and me. The Emerging Leaders have a team nickname ‘Team ReMAP’ and are working on a marketing plan for us. A major part of their project is a member survey. Soon you will be receiving an email asking for your participation in the survey. Share your thoughts and help plan for future of our round table.

Our preliminary schedule for Annual is now on our Web page under ‘meetings.’ As soon as the rooms are assigned we will fill that in. Save Sunday evening, June 27th for our Anniversary dinner. I hope everyone has made their hotel and flight plans. June will be here soon!

Kathy Weimer
ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT
Tammy Wong, Library of Congress

ALCTS CCS/MAGERT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group
Sunday, January 17, 2010

The regular ALCTS CCS/MAGERT Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group meeting was canceled for this Midwinter Meeting, and instead attendees were encouraged to attend the SACO-at-Large meeting.

Only the portions of this meeting pertaining to cartographic materials cataloging are included in this report. For the complete summary of the SACO-at-Large meeting, please refer to:

http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/archive/SACOAtLarge10m.html

Paige Andrew’s Online Map Cataloging Web site Presentation

Paige Andrew, Maps Cataloging Librarian at the Pennsylvania State University (PSU), presented the contents of an “under-construction” Web site on map cataloging that will serve both as a reference site and eventually an online course. The Web site is hosted on a PSU Libraries server and will be opened to the public when Paige is ready to release a first iteration in the near future. This Web site will introduce users to the basics of map cataloging through the use of text, map images as illustrations of points, and brief audio-visual “how to” clips. It will also provide lists of—and links to—tools to help in the creation of accurate and high quality bibliographic records for sheet maps.

The impetus for the creation of the Web site comes from Paige’s recently-completed term on the PCC’s Standing Committee on Training (PCC SCT). He was invited to join the PCC SCT in 2006 in large part because the committee needed someone to provide an online training presence for cartographic materials. PCC SCT members in recent years have created Web sites and online courses for things such as MeSH headings and learning to create series titles, and participated in joint PCC/ALCTS programs and online training efforts in fulfillment of its charge to “identify the need for training programs, workshops, and institutes aimed at developing cataloging skills that support the Program goals for both new participants and for continuing education and shall identify, develop as necessary, and promote the distribution of easy-to-use documentation in support of Program goals.” Paige has brought together 15 years of training experience in providing traditional face-to-face map cataloging workshops, and an extensive collection of hard copy instructional materials, many of which are revised and rewritten for an online environment. The Web site is a work in progress that will add one more cataloger’s training initiative to the PCC SCT’s ongoing efforts.
The Web site is organized by areas of the bibliographic record: title(s), mathematical data, physical description, subject access and classification, fixed fields and notes. Other topics include subject analysis and the treatment of facsimiles, photocopies, and reprints.

This reference Web site includes a Toolbox for map cataloging, providing an extensive and current list of reference sources and tools in paper and electronic form. The list includes individual online cataloging tools, and links to discipline-based Web sites (e.g., ones for scale, understanding latitude and longitude, etc.) that facilitates the descriptive cataloging process. Also included are special dictionaries, reference atlases, and sources for geographic names.

**Examples of URL's to Sites:**

SUNY Buffalo Map Collection Web site  
http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/cat/map_cat_tools.html

Maps and Geography Round Table (MAGERT)  
*How to Get Help from Colleagues*  
http://news.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rt/maps/askmap.cfm

Western Association of Map Libraries  
*Map Librarians’ Toolbox*  
http://www.waml.org/maptools.html

Kyle Banerjee’s Cataloging Calculator  
http://calculate.alptown.com

Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives  
*Cataloging Toolkit*  
http://www.acmla.org/toolkit.html

There are plans to include instructional video clips of measuring maps, using the Natural Scale Indicator to determine scale when it is only provided in “bar” or “graphic” form, recording geographic coordinates in the 034 and 255 fields in proper formats, and building a Library of Congress G-classification number.

Paige is also scanning a host of his teaching maps that are used in his map cataloging workshops. The Web site will include a visual reference guide by using examples of maps in whole or in part (e.g., a 1770 facsimile map of Pennsylvania, an image of a bar scale from a particular map, and images of map panels to show where panel titles are derived from). Separate pages of map images will be established for showing different types of relief, and comparing/contrasting map types (topographic versus pictorial versus satellite image, etc.). Various bibliographic record examples will be provided to supplement instructional material when appropriate.

The Web site is ideal for novice or inexperienced map catalogers and library staff.
who only deal peripherally with maps. The Web site will also be useful to catalogers of other formats who might not have formal training in map cataloging, and who are now asked to handle cartographic materials. Advanced map catalogers will find some of the resources helpful in their day-to-day cataloging activities.

The online map cataloging course portion of the Web site is a work in progress. The initial reference-based Web site will be usable as a reference site and will be launched by the end of the year.

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**Cartographic Materials Genre/Form Subject Headings Project**

Janis Young, Library of Congress, Policy and Standards Division, was present to discuss genre/form projects currently underway, including the status of the cartographic materials genre/form subject headings project. An oral report was not given because of time constraints. However, the following section on the cartographic genre/form headings project from Janis’ update document is included here:

In June 2009 PSD posted a paper discussing the pros and cons of simplifying form subdivisions used for cartographic materials. Those subdivisions consisting of an adjective and the word “maps” would be revised to remove the adjective (e.g., –Maps, Comparative would become –Maps). The specific type of map would then be brought out with the genre/form heading. The comments were
generally positive, but there were concerns related to the limited search and display capabilities of many current ILS’s; the need to undertake extensive bibliographic maintenance; and the need to implement the new genre/form headings before, or coincident with, the revised subdivisions. PSD has decided to follow through with the proposal presented in the paper, in the belief that the concerns are short term (i.e., search and display capabilities and file maintenance) or could be remedied. With regard to the latter, PSD will not revise the existing form subdivisions until the genre/form headings are in place.

PSD is currently making genre/form proposals for cartographic materials, and will also create proposals to revise existing topical headings to bring headings into natural language order where necessary. It expects to approve the first group of cartographic genre/form headings in late spring or early summer 2010.

**CORRECTION:**

**MAGERT Cataloging and Classification Committee (CCC) Minutes, 2010 ALA Midwinter, Boston**

There are few corrections to the MAGERT CCC minutes that were published in February 2010 base line:

Under item #4 in the paragraph “to attend the SACO at large meeting...”; the name of the group is “SACO-at-Large” and thus this should read “to attend the SACO-at-Large meeting...”

Under New Business and the announcement for the upcoming ALCTS Preconference on cataloging cartographic materials, Mary’s former title needs to be changed from “(Formerly, Head Map Library)” to “(formerly Head, Map & Imagery Library)”

On page 15: currently it says “Paige Andrew served on the committee that developed the core record for cartographic materials...” and this should read “Paige Andrew chaired the committee that developed the PCC BIBCO Core Level Record for Cartographic Materials...”

The next paragraph reads, “Susan asked us to it take a look at the standard record for printed monographs.” Because there was a formal standard set in place by PCC in Dec. 2009, this should read “Susan asked us to take a look at the BIBCO Standard Record for Printed Books.”

Also, in the header for this section, the words “cartographic materials” should be capitalized, as this is the formal name of the committee.

Tammy Wong, *Cataloging Editor*
Over the past six weeks or so, I have been working on requests for a variety of themes. During these searches, I managed to hit the veins of gold under the Web-layers of maps that aren’t so useful. Some of these I have incorporated into the column this month. Others are items that I found interesting, useful, or important enough to keep in mind for the future.

I concentrated on electronic maps this time; next time I will have a more rounded listing of new maps, atlases, and books, as I usually have. I have already prepared, but will save for next time, materials relating to water and soil resources world-wide (one related topic will be worth waiting to read).

News

Lasers Shine Light on Detailed Mapping
(See Geographical article: http://www.geographical.co.uk/Magazine/Worldwatch/Lasers_-_Dec_09.html)

The Ordnance Survey (UK) has created an “incredibly detailed three-dimensional map of Bournemouth that the organisation says could revolutionise personal navigation, tourism and planning.” As part of a trial project, 700 million individual laser beams were shone on the town from vans and aircraft, to create an extremely detailed collection of spatial data that can be used to make both flat maps and a three-dimensional map that can be used for personal navigation.

Bournemouth is now the best-mapped place on the planet. Such accurate maps can be used for a variety of purposes, including: emergency services, “...allowing teams to accurately visualise the scene of a serious incident before arrival. They would have foreknowledge of points of access, be able to see any obstructions and know the size and shape of any buildings involved.”
This system is expected to become practical within the next five years. Read the OS announcement, with 3D samples: http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/media/news/2009/october/futuremap.html.

See the 2D portion of the test project at the Explore Ordnance Survey site: http://explore.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/os_routes/show/167. (Also go to the main EOS page to view a detailed map of the UK: http://explore.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/).

If this isn’t enough, OS also has their own YouTube portal: http://www.youtube.com/OSMapping.

Map

Scale 1:16,700,00 (appears as supplement in Canadian Geographic (Dec. 2009).

A satellite view of North America, this map is shaded with various colors to show general land features for the entire continent (excluding Central America). Each land cover type is keyed to a legend and is easy to visualize separate types. Included among the land cover types are “Barren land,” “Urban and built-up” land, and others. The urban concentrations add to this map by showing the amount of space taken up by population congestion.

The map relates to the multi-government North American Land Change Monitoring System (NALCMS), which tracks land cover changes, and which is useful for promoting better “understanding of significant continental-scale environmental issues.” More information can be obtained by visiting the Commission for Environmental Cooperations (CEC) Web site: www.cec.org/naatlas/nalcms.

On the verso is a map “Wildlife Migrations of North America” that shows major bird flyways. Also on this side are ancillary maps showing specific bird and animal species: Arctic tern, blackpoll warbler, monarch butterfly, humpback whale, salmon, caribou, and antelope migration paths.

The map is nicely-colored and provides short descriptions of each featured species and its migration habits. Text on both sides of the map is in English and French. The “migrations” map is good for a simple view of migrations across North America, but differs little from other maps of this type.

The primary value of the sheet is the land cover side. It would be useful for any age, providing a nice visual representation for displays relating to the environment. For student use, this would help them to see how North American space is arranged.

For more information on this map and topic, visit the Canadian Geographic Web base line 31(2): 10
Web sites and Resources

246 kottke.org Posts About Maps
http://kottke.org/tag/maps

Want some map curiosities, or “hard to categorize” maps to examine? Looking for the unique and unusual in your cartographic life? Visit this blog, and you won’t be disappointed.

A typical example is for those who still like paper over e-maps. The “Zoomable paper map of London” (http://kottke.org/10/01/zoomable-paper-map-of-london) is what you’ve been wanting. (View and purchase at http://www.thezoomablemap.com/buy-london-map.html).

http://anhngu.tumblr.com/post/206517754

More interesting cartograms, these focus on population in relation to geo-spatial location. “The map of the world has been redrawn in a new atlas which uses population rather than land mass to illustrate the size and shape of each country. Researchers from the University of Sheffield created the online atlas of 2000.”
For more cartograms, remember to visit the WorldMapper Web site: http://www.worldmapper.org/countrycartograms.

**Legal Systems of the World**

A nice visual world map showing the different legal systems by country (e.g., Civil Law, Religious Law, etc.). It is a simple visualization useful for a spot in a presentation or paper on the subject. It was presented on the blog of Thomas P.M. Barnett (http://thomaspmbarnett.com/weblog/).

**Emergence of Modern Global Community**
[http://personal.georgiasouthern.edu/~batchelo/History1112SylSp08.htm](http://personal.georgiasouthern.edu/~batchelo/History1112SylSp08.htm)

This is a page that is a history course resource guide, but it has identified links to a variety of maps on many topics (e.g., Songhai Empire map: [http://www.metmuseum.org/TOAH/HD/sghi/hd_sghi.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/TOAH/HD/sghi/hd_sghi.htm)). The maps are mostly located in museum or university Web sites. Using the course page, you may search (find “map”) for specific historic and other maps.

The maps are useful for high school through adult learner and are mostly general; however, included on many of the pages is additional text on the themes displayed.
World “Tag Cloud” Map

You are familiar with “tag clouds” as used in searching for data. This map is a tag cloud “look-alike” that makes a nice graphic. From the blog Kelso’s Corner: Blogging at KelsoCartography (http://kelsocartography.com/blog/?tag=tag-cloud). Visit the main site to see other visualizations of data as applied to the spatial form.

Great Map blog
This is a project to create “Non-Geo” Graphical Information Systems, “with a particular focus on mapping knowledge domains. I’m interested in creating visualizations of ‘ideas’ that do not necessarily have a geo basis to them.” —blog page.

Proof that maps are not always limited to geo-spatial data, this is an abstract approach to mapping something really different. An example of the artist’s concept is shown here: http://www.1-900-870-6235.com/eLearning/DiscoveryEmail.htm.

The blog is deceptive in that it appears to be simply someone’s attempts to be creative; however, reading down the page, one can find a variety of map-related links that may be of interest, or at least may demonstrate concepts that might be useful.

I won’t try to classify this in regard to audience, except to say that art, literature, and other visual artists may find this interesting for their work.

**Religion Maps of the World**
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Religion_maps_of_the_world

Much more concrete for mappers, this page has links to world maps that show the distribution of major religions and some ‘sect’ types. These maps would be helpful for grade school through adult learner, who needs simple views of the data. The variety is very good here and the maps are consistent enough that one may make comparison studies of general data.

Many other maps showing religion are available on the Internet, including this one: http://www.maporama.com/maps/world/map_world_religions.gif.

**Mapping Globalization Project**
https://qed.princeton.edu/index.php/MG

This is a site devoted to the topic of globalization. Its intent is to “make empirical work on globalization as widely accessible as possible.” The growing Web site includes resources that are useful for students, instructors, and researchers.

Materials and data are from reliable sources, with emphasis on raw data and in the visualization of such data, including maps and animations. Global change is shown for many themes, including: historical, trade, migration, transportation, communication, empires, and other topics.

This site is actually a wiki in disguise, and is a joint effort of Princeton and the University of Washington, for use in their courses. Data and resources are very good, and sources are provided to original data.
Mapping Globalization is a great site for high school through adult learner, offering in-depth materials on world globalization that would be useful for history, political science, anthropology, human geography, world economics, and other related fields.

![Map of World History Time Periods](image)

**Interlinked Climate & Energy Challenges**

[http://colli239.fts.educ.msu.edu/tag/flooding/](http://colli239.fts.educ.msu.edu/tag/flooding/)

This Web site “is a non-profit, university-based research project that addresses global challenges and sustainability in an interconnected, complex world.” Main topics covered are: biodiversity, climate change, eco-migrations, economy, energy, food, health, hunger, population growth, poverty, security, sustainability, transportation, urbanization, and water stress.

Included on the site are images, text, maps, and other data from all forms of media: articles, podcasts, blogs, press releases, institutional reports, testimonies, encyclopedias, books, and documentaries. The data is made searchable, and all are linked to original sources to make citing and research more thorough.

The nature of the database is to provide easy access to specific data bits, to make the topical data more accessible, as well as visual. Users are encouraged to use this content to further promote and describe the global challenges.

The site is rich in maps and spatial imagery and provides data that can be used by students at all levels, and by instructors wanting to teach the various topics covered on this Web site. Along with *Mapping Globalization* (above), this site may be an essential link for a variety of users.
Flood Maps on your Web site
http://flood.firetree.net/

This site will answer that question “where should we buy that shoreline property when we retire?” You will understand what it does when you try it. You can view any region of the world and see what will happen if the ocean level increases by 1 meter intervals, up to 14 m.

The map runs off of Google Maps, so you can use the familiar “map” “satellite” “hybrid” views and zoom in or out. This map would be useful for all ages and for anyone wanting to easily show potential damage from climate changes that would affect ocean levels.

…and here's a Big Tip: don’t consider buying land in the Netherlands!

Noise Mapping England
http://services.defra.gov.uk/wps/portal/noise

Pollution and the impact of modern life on our environment takes on many forms. This site covers one that is often overlooked on a larger scale. “The noise maps on this site have been produced by Defra to meet the requirements of the Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006, and are intended to inform the production of noise action plans for large urban areas, major transport sources, and significant industrial sites in England.” —Web site.

The maps provide visual views of all aspects of noise, from production, effect on the environment, and the effects of exposure to harmful levels of noise. Data for
maps can be viewed by type (e.g., road noise), location, and other features. The interface is a standard GIS allowing the basic tools for finding and displaying data for specific locales.

This site offers research and visual materials of use to college and research-level studies, but can also be helpful to high school students or professional planners needing data on noise pollution and its effect on the environment.

**ASTER Global Digital Elevation Map**
http://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/gdem.asp

Japan’s Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER), which is attached to NASA’s Terra satellite has been used to produce the Global Digital Elevation Map (GDEM). This incredible topographic map of the world was made from 1.3 million individual satellite images covering 99 per cent of the Earth’s surface. Coverage includes Earth's land surface between 83°N and 83°S latitudes. The GDEM is produced with 30 meter postings, and is formatted in 1 x 1 degree tiles as GeoTIFF files and is available for download from NASA’s EOS data archive http://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/gdem-wist.asp.

A small sample map of the world is available and may be more than some people will need. The main images will be very useful to cartographers, environmental researchers, and those in other earth sciences. It is suitable for college-level and professional users, but is also fascinating for anyone wishing to see detailed views of the world.

**Maps on Stamps**
http://www.danstopicals.com/map1index.htm

This Web site is by someone who collects postage stamps with cartographic themes. Included are stamps showing instruments of navigation, map projections, mapping, and other themes.

He also mentions the Carto-Philatelic Society, which has compiled a check list of 15,000+ maps on stamps. Visit the Carto-Philatelic Society http://www.mapson-stamps.com/index.html, or the Map Stamp Study Group (http://mapstamp.org/index.html).
Maps of Afghanistan

The following Web sites contain sizeable collections of maps on Afghanistan, covering a wide assortment of topics and themes. All are suitable collections that would be useful for anyone from grade school through adult learner.

**Afghanistan Information Management Services (AIMS)**
http://www.aims.org.af/

“The AIMS project is building information management capacity in government and delivers information management services to organisations across Afghanistan. AIMS seeks to build appropriate skills in government to manage information management systems. AIMS seeks to exit from information system activities once capability exists within government to manage line activities with the specific information systems concerned.” —Web site.

Within this Web site are a large collection of maps and GIS data that are available for viewing or download: http://www.aims.org.af/root.aspx?seckeyz=39. Included are topographic, planimetric, and other maps, grouped by topic, such as urban, district, province, or country maps. One of the series of maps covers the entire country in 65 sheets (scale: 1:300,000), showing roads and infrastructure and major rivers (http://www.aims.org.af/sroots.aspx?seckeys=125). These are titled “topographic maps without background” meaning they are really planimetric. The images are pdf and can be enlarged significantly to view details.

In addition, there is a section on the site for the GIS Users Community (GUC) in Afghanistan (http://www.aims.org.af/sroots.aspx?seckeys=70) that provides data and contacts for GIS projects in the country.

For studies of Afghanistan or for detailed maps to use for historical, political science, or other research, this is a great site to keep in mind.

**Afghanistan Maps**
http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/afghanistan/maps-people.htm

GlobalSecurity is an organization that provides country-specific data for political/military regions of the world. This page is devoted to Afghanistan with maps of all types.

**Afghanistan Maps**
http://www.afghaneic.org/maps.php

This collection provides detailed maps of the country, with an emphasis on energy production. The Afghan Energy Information Center (AEIC) is “the central repository and distributor of the most accurate, reliable, and unbiased energy data, information, and analysis in Afghanistan.” —Web site. Included are maps and
GIS showing power production sites, natural resources, river basins, political, and other topics. They may be downloaded as needed.

**Political map of Afghanistan and Pakistan**

This map and others of the region, are described and posted on the Mapsorama blog-site. While you are there, take a look around, as this blog contains loads of maps, map concepts, and links to even more maps.

**Earth Snapshot: Indus River**

Satellite imagery offers the chance to view an area without political boundaries. This is important when studying a region through history, or for showing the region free of human elements.

This page is great for Afghan/Pakistan regional coverage. An even greater use of the Web site is:

**Earth Snapshot: a Daily View of the Planet**

Use this Web site to find locations of current events, such as disasters, or for viewing any place in the world. A new feature is “Mosaics,” where you can see the world-view at high resolution:

“In this section you can find mosaics generated by MOSRI, a Real Time Mosaic generation system. Images are published as soon as products covering new time periods are processed, or when certain time series focusing on a specific area of the Earth are requested by users. The mosaics are categorized by mission (Envisat, Alos, Terra, Aqua, Metop, etc.) and by sensor (Asar, Meris, Modis, etc.).”—Mosaics page.

Available are high-resolution satellite images of the world, including a full mosaic of the Earth that can be panned and zoomed.

Earth Snapshot is a great site for anyone wishing to see the world from a unique perspective. It is easy to navigate and the imagery is spectacular.

**Maps of South Asia (and beyond)**

This is a nice collection of South and Southwest Asian maps compiled by Frances Pritchett, Professor of Modern Indic Languages at Columbia University. It
contains images of maps from earliest through more current, including political, geologic, historic, and other themes. Included too are maps of Afghanistan.

It was designed for use by college students, and is also useful for high school through adult learner.

**Persian Gulf Region Maps** (Gulf/2000 Project, Columbia University)  

For maps of the Persian Gulf and countries surrounding it, this Web site offers a great collection of maps, on a variety of topics, and includes links to additional collections of related maps. Though land-locked, Afghanistan has an effect on this region.

“The Gulf/2000 Project was created in 1993 as a service to scholars, government officials, business people, journalists and other specialists who have a professional association with the Persian Gulf and Gulf studies.” —Web site.

**Conclusion**

Enjoy the spring, and keep on mapping.—DJB 🌷
The ALA Map and Geography Round Table invites you to attend...

GIS in EVERY Library: Making it Happen

ALA Annual Conference – Washington, DC
Saturday June 26, 2010
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Would you like to incorporate GIS into your library’s services but don’t know where or how to start? Are you interested in GIS but afraid it may not be within your library’s scope or budget? Join an interactive panel presentation and discussion on how geographic information systems (GIS) have been implemented in three distinct settings: an academic library just starting a GIS program, an academic library with an established GIS program, and GIS services offered for public libraries. Our panelists will discuss how GIS services originated in their institutions, describe their service models including staffing, facilities, reference services, data storage, and instruction, and provide examples of how their users have embraced GIS in a library setting. Please join us to discover how to make GIS happen in EVERY library, including YOURS!

Our panelists:

Frank Donnelly: Geospatial Data Librarian, Newman Library, Baruch College CUNY

Christie Koontz, PhD: Director, GeoLib, Florida State University, College of Communication and Information

Chris Miller: Assistant Professor of Library Science and Geographic Information Systems Specialist, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

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