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The Swarthmore College Library is establishing a sister relationship with the University of Ghana, Legon. The College has had a relationship with the International Center for African Music and Dance (ICAMD) at the University of Ghana through its academic program in the Department of Dance since 1995. In the summer of 1999, Peggy Seiden, College Librarian, went to visit the University of Ghana with Sharon Friedler, Professor in the Department of Dance. Since their return, Seiden and Friedler have collaborated on a proposal to fund a project on the documentation of ethnographic dance. The ICAMD at the University of Ghana possesses an archive of valuable material on African dance, but lacks the funding to fully document the resources for the sake of both access and preservation. Peggy Seiden and Sharon Friedler's proposal involves two approaches. One will focus on the development of complete documentary records for video and film currently housed by the ICAMD. The other will concentrate on the production of such material in the field and the factors/proscriptions which field workers should consider in their recordings.