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What the heck does she do all day over in Philosophy Hall???

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A bit about me (professionally)

Lib Systems and IT

ALA Key Principles of Government Information

- **Access to government information is a public right that must not be restricted by administrative barriers, geography, ability to pay, or format.**
- The government has a responsibility to collect, maintain, and disseminate information to the public.
- **Government information regardless of form or format should be disseminated in a manner that promotes its usefulness to the public.**
- **Depository library programs must be preserved** to provide equitable, no-fee access to government information for the public.
- **The cost of collecting, collating, storing, disseminating, and providing for permanent public access to government information should be supported by appropriation of public funds.**
- The role of private publishers should complement government responsibilities in the collection, storage, and dissemination of public information. **Private sector involvement does not relieve the government of its information responsibilities.**
- Government information policy must ensure the integrity of public information.
- It is essential to safeguard the **right of the government information user to privacy and confidentiality.**
- Government has an obligation to preserve public information from all eras of the country's history, regardless of form or format.
- Government has a responsibility to provide a comprehensive cumulative catalog of government information regardless of form or format.
- **Copyright or copyright-like restrictions should not be applied to government information.**

Raganathan's Laws of Library Science

1. Books are for use.
2. Books are for all; or, Every reader their book.
3. Every book its reader.
4. Save the time of the reader.
5. A library is a growing organism.

Crawford & Gorman

1. Libraries serve humanity.
2. Respect all forms by which knowledge is communicated.
3. Use technology intelligently to enhance service.
4. Protect free access to knowledge.
5. Honor the past and create the future.

Noruzi's Application of Ranganathan's Laws to the Web

1. Web resources are for use.
2. Every user his or her web resource.
3. Every web resource its user.
4. Save the time of the user.
5. The Web is a growing organism.

We are a team.

We all bring something important to the table.

We respect and learn from each other's similarities and differences.

Does the team (staff & students) feel:

- Accepted
- Seen
- Recognized
- Valued
- Supported
- Encouraged

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice:

The library "as place" should reflect back the diversity of the student, staff, and faculty in such a way that says this is your space, you belong here.

The library "as collections" should represent the breadth and depth of scholarly discourse, seeking to include and uplift the voices, ideas, writings, viewpoints of those communities who have been systematically marginalized.

- Who's voice and viewpoint is not included or being reflected?
- What assumptions am I making about an individual or group of people - and where did those assumptions come from?
- Am I acting with implicit bias? Am I acting with explicit bias? How has dominant US settler colonial culture influenced my language, my understanding of the world, and the ways I react?
- Do my actions and words cultivate mutual respect and uplift the people I interact with?
- Do I (or others in the group) have access to information, resources, etc. that gives us an unfair advantage over others in the group?
- Are we all working with the same set of assumptions and understanding?

InfoStudies 298 Course: Data Management and Practice, Part I and 2 (2010-2011)

Professional Development

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Brief Bio

UC Irvine Library (1994 - 1999)

- *Student assistant → Library Assistant → Library School*

University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign MLIS (2000-2001)

- *Graduate Assistant in Gov Docs, City Planning & Landscape Architecture, Digitized and Indexed UI chancellor records*
- *GATT Digital Archive Project (student scanner in Geneva!!)*

UCLA Young Research Library (2001 - 2011)

- *State, Local Government Information, Public Policy, Urban Planning, Geography Librarian*
- *E-Resources and website management, Gov Info team lead, Information Literacy Program*

Stanford Libraries (2011 - 2022)

- *State, Local, and International Government Information Librarian*
- *Social Sciences Resources Group Head*
- *Data contracts (CoreLogic) and data management*
- *Digitization Projects, web archiving, born digital collection*
- *Civic Engagement (Stanford Votes, BeWell Local Gov workshops for campus staff)*

UC/Stanford GILs (government information librarians)

Brief Bio (back in the UCs!)

UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies Library, (Aug 2022 - current)

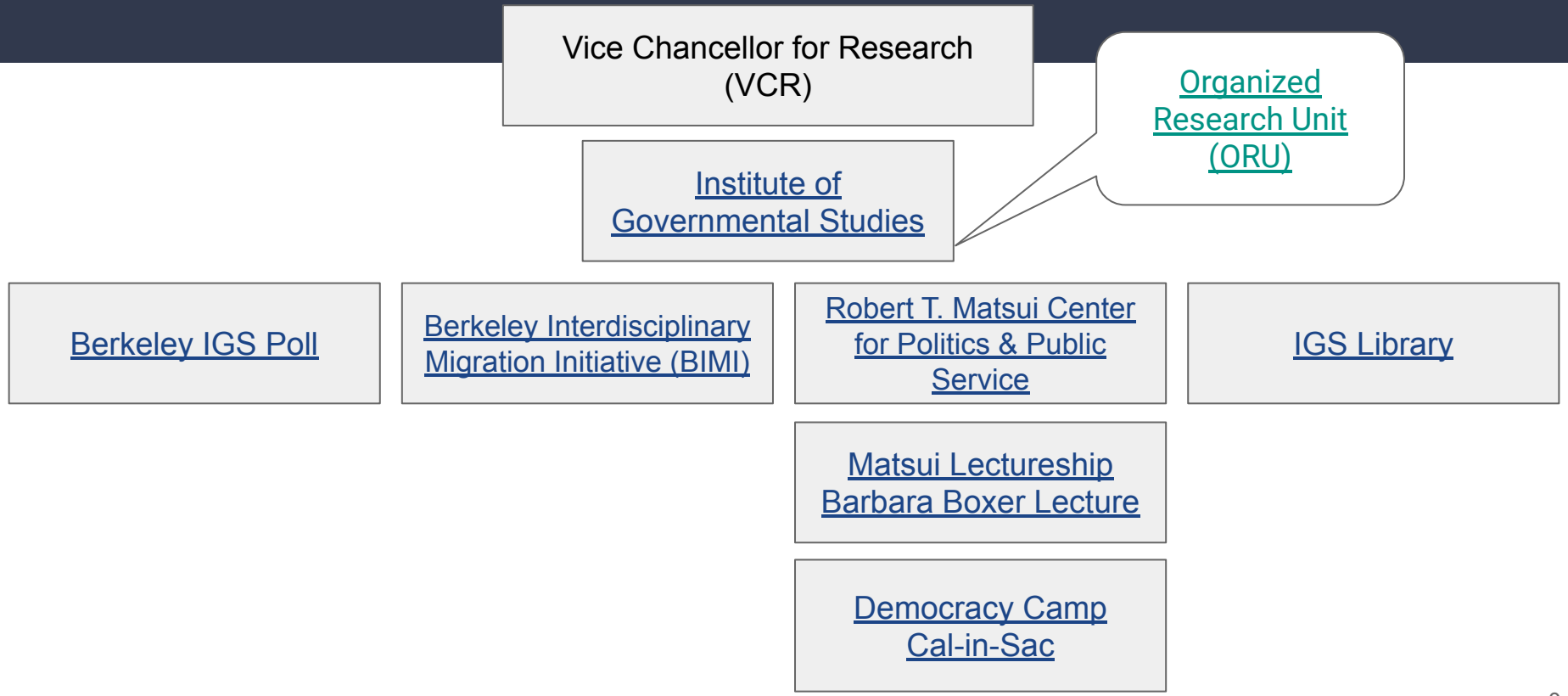
Director

- Team/bridge building, staff development, encouragement, and support (post-COVID shutdown)
- Advocate for IGSL staff and resources
- Budget and Finances
- Strategic Planning
- Policy development and revision
- Contracts and licenses
- Digitization Projects
- Project curator: digitization, born digital
- Infrastructure, equipment procurement
- IT and Tech development and support
- Facilities management
- Manager's training and development

Librarian

- Collection development, curator (born digital, digitization)
- Research support
- Instruction and workshops to campus classes and groups
- Establishing IGSL as the collection hub for CA local government information
- Instructor SJSU INFO 221-10 Government Information Sources (Fall Semesters)
- LAUC and LAUC-B member
- UC AFT Local 17 union member
- Provide backup for IGSL staff as needed
- Website and LibGuides

IGS Organization



Mission Statements

The Institute of Governmental Studies stands at the forefront of research, teaching and service in California and American politics and policy.

Interdisciplinary and non-partisan, we foster thoughtful discussions of issues across party lines that focus on solutions – not just problems.

We engage faculty, research and political practitioners to make a difference in discourse, and in practice.

Our mission is anchored by a belief in the transformational power of public service.

The mission of the IGS Library is:

to support the research activities of the Institute and the affiliated campus community by serving as a repository for specialized and unique materials, and by acting as an information center to advance the interdisciplinary research in American politics and public policy;

to enhance the institute's use of information technology in ways that promote scholarly communication;

to act as a depository for California local government documents, as mandated by Section 50110 of the state of California Government Code.

IGS Library

Soup to nuts, specialized library

Building/facilities management

Technical Services

- Acquisitions
- Cataloging/metadata
- Physical prep, conservation, preservation
- Records Management

Circulation and Access Services

- Student assistants
- Stacks management

Collection Development and Management

Reference, Instruction, Outreach

Exhibits and events

HR and personnel management

IT - Computers and networking

Assist the Institute as needed with events, logistics, etc.

TALAG - The Affiliated Libraries and Archives Group

MOU with UCB Main Library covers use, support with ILS, NRLF

About the IGS Library

Mission & Brief History of the Institute & Library

Collections

- Historical or Pre-1975
  - Not in UC Library Search!
  - Use the Subject Catalog (in print or online)
  - Contact IGSL to work with you
- Post-1975 - 2008 (Monographs, Serials)
- 2008 - Current (Monos, Serials)
- CA Local Documents
  - Municipal Codes
- CA Statewide Ballot Measures
- Special Collections

Hours: M thru F 9am to 5pm (closed for events, classes)

Staff: 4.25 FTE + 5 student assistants (1.25 FTE)

L to R: Robert Toyama (Cataloger), Paul King (Library Supervisor), Kris Kasianovitz (Library Director),Kathryn Stine (Digitization Project Planner) and Jordan Gerner (Circulation Supervisor and Copy Cataloger)

For Research Assistance, contact
IGS-L email - igsl@berkeley.edu

Read The Library Corner (TLC) in the IGS Newsletter for more information.

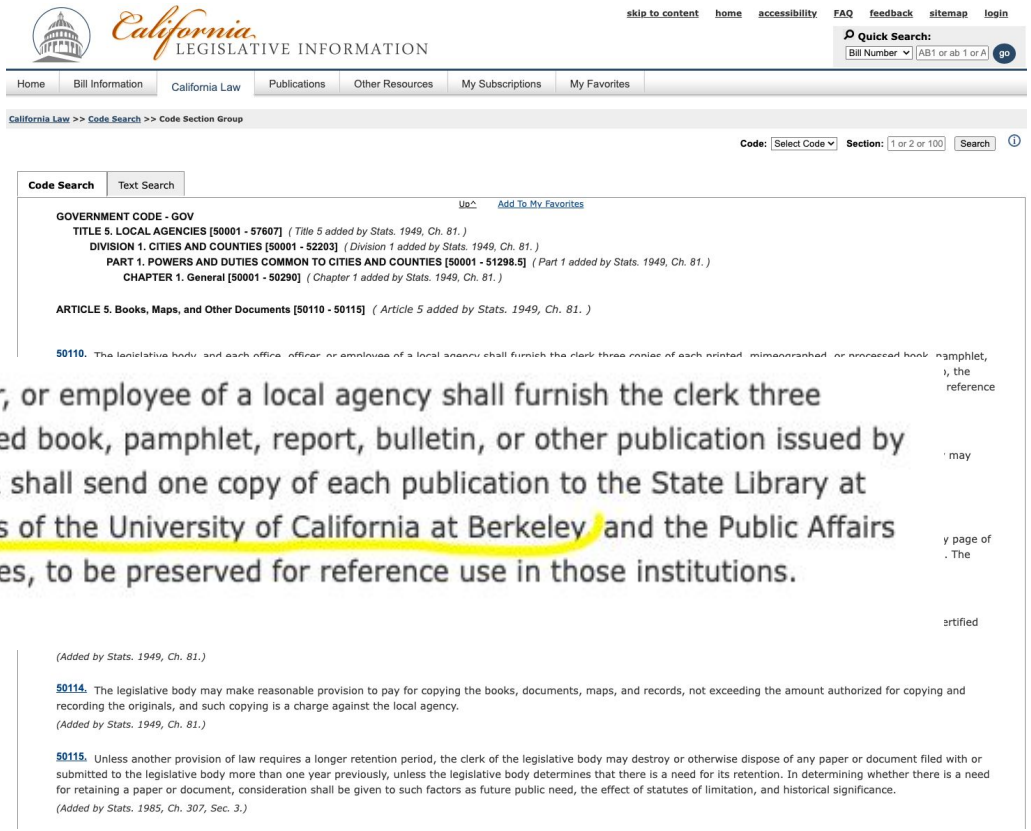
Institute of Governmental Studies Library

Topical coverage and strengths

IGSL → think Local!
IGSL → your local spot for Voting and Election resources

- American Politics
- Voting and Elections
- Public Service
- Public Opinion
- Government Information (local & state)
- Nongovernmental Organizations (local)
- Governance and public policy (local & state)
- [Canadian Studies]

IGSL is CA Local Depository Library per CA Gov Code § 50110



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ARTICLE 5. Books, Maps, and Other Documents [50110 - 50115] (Article 5 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81.)

50110. The legislative body, and each office, officer, or employee of a local agency shall furnish the clerk three copies of each printed, mimeographed, or processed book, pamphlet, report, bulletin, or other publication issued by them at the expense of the local agency. The clerk shall send one copy of each publication to the State Library at Sacramento, the Institute of Governmental Studies of the University of California at Berkeley and the Public Affairs Service of the University of California at Los Angeles, to be preserved for reference use in those institutions.

(Amended by Stats. 1974, Ch. 544.)

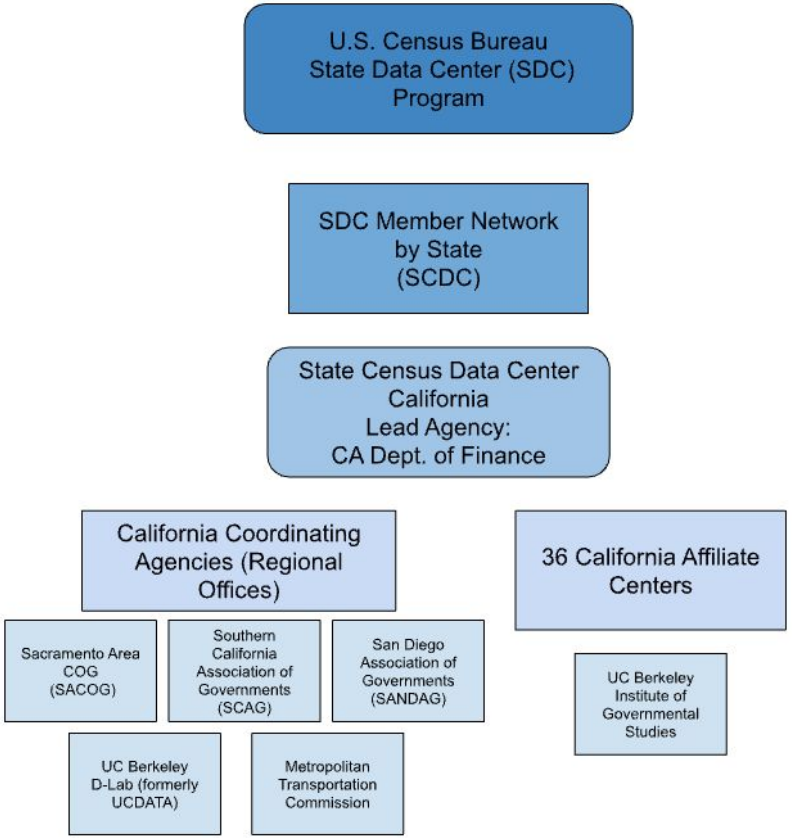
(Added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81.)

50114. The legislative body may make reasonable provision to pay for copying the books, documents, maps, and records, not exceeding the amount authorized for copying and recording the originals, and such copying is a charge against the local agency.

(Added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81.)

50115. Unless another provision of law requires a longer retention period, the clerk of the legislative body may destroy or otherwise dispose of any paper or document filed with or submitted to the legislative body more than one year previously, unless the legislative body determines that there is a need for its retention. In determining whether there is a need for retaining a paper or document, consideration shall be given to such factors as future public need, the effect of statutes of limitation, and historical significance.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 307, Sec. 3.)



IGSL is a CA State Census Data Center Affiliate!

The Campus Gov Info Ecosystem

Jurisdiction	Program Name	Who at UCB
International	United Nations Depository Programme	UCB Doe Library, Jim Church
U.S. Federal	Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)	UCB Doe Library, Jesse Silva CA State Library is our Regional
California State	Library Distribution Act, CalDocs Depository	UCB Doe Library, Jim Church
California Local	Local Government Depository	UCB IGS Library, Kris Kasianovitz
California Regional	*Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)*	*Defunct;* UCB IGSL

Year 1 and Year 2 Accomplishments in a nutshell

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Balance digitization initiative with the ongoing operational needs and priorities of running the IGS Library.

My onboarding and getting up to speed, lay of the land

Post-COVID shut-down clean-up and re-opening

Review, revise, and maintain operations, policies, procedures

Build the IGSL Team!!! (onboarding, training, upskilling)

IGS and IGSL Team Coalescence

Establish and furnish library & digitization work spaces

Election Efforts (Proposition Guides, Workshops)

Cal-in-Sac workshops, instruction

Preservation and Conservation Training (Participated in the CSL/NEDCC Ready or Not Program

Collaboration with BIMI Cultures in Community Program to bring a new mural into the library

Library exhibits to complement IGS Lecture Series

Lots of learning & laughter!!!!!!!

80% of our work, training, and attention

Digitization Projects

- Vision
- Leadership
- Experience
- Coordination
- Support
- Create agency for staff

- Gale Digitization Project - Environmental History
  - Project began in 2022; scanning began in Jan 2023
  - Items from our pre-1975 collection
  - State and local gov't (other than CA), NGOs on wildlife, fish, water, pollution.
  - Completed Dec 2023! UCB has access to the collection: https://link.gale.com/apps/ENVH?u=igsl

- Local Government Information Digitization & Digital Collection Program (aka LoCAL Dig Project) is underway
  - 2 Annual Reports + FY 25 Budget Change Proposal Submitted to CA State Library
  - Vendor selection, sole source justification, contracts
  - Trello Boards for Project Management
    - Pre-Dig Prep
    - Dig Process (production workflow)

"A Publicly Accessible, Freely Available, Archived and Preserved for the long-term Digital Collection of CA Local Government Information that will bring about positive policy change for CA communities."

Thank You!

Questions, Comments?

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