

CCDO Collection Report FY2022 UVA

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Library Renewal Project

Renaming Alderman Library

Book Move Back Project

Sustaining Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Anti-Racism initiatives

Succession planning

Staffing and Organizational Changes/Update

- Ryan Buller is the new Director of Information Services and Spaces, July 18, 2022.
- Sean Clarkson is serving as the new Director of Development for University Library, November 2021.
- Catalina Piatt-Esguerra is the inaugural Associate Dean for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility, July 18, 2022.
- Jennifer Roper was appointed as the Director of Digital Strategies & Scholarly Communications, February 2022.

IATH

The IATH (**The Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities**) is now part of UVA Libraries. This merger occurred on July 1, 2022. IATH was established by UVA in 1992 with the goal of exploring and developing information technology as a tool for scholarly humanities research and has been housed in the main library for many years. This is an important event in the history of digital humanities at UVA. This fall UVA will be celebrating 30 years of Digital Humanities at UVA, marking 1992 as the year in which IATH and the Etext Center (1992-2007) were both launched, and the year that Rare Book School came to the University of Virginia.

University Leadership Changes

Ian Baucom was appointed the new Executive Vice President and Provost, Baucom replace Liz Magill who is now serving as the 9th president of the University of Pennsylvania. Before becoming provost, Baucom served for eight years as the Buckner W. Clay Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences at the University. Baucom came to UVA after serving 17 years in Duke University’s Department of English as a professor and as the director of the John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute.

Kimberly Mayer is the next Associate Vice President for Research Development. Mayer previously served as the Associate Vice President for Research at University of Texas, Arlington. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Donna and Benjamin M. Rosen Bioengineering Center at California Institute of Technology

(CALTECH) and launched the Biotechnology Leadership Pre-doctoral T32 Training Grant Program with funding from NIH.

New Programs or Initiatives

Data Curation Network

UVA is now a member of the [Data Curation Network](#) (DCN). Through the DCN, UVA will be able to draw on the data curation and open data expertise of colleagues across other institutions, help shape the standards and best practices around FAIR and open data and share UVA expertise around data services.

Grand Challenge

The University's Great and Good [2030 Plan](#) identifies five priority focus areas for research: **Democracy, Environmental Resilience and Sustainability, Precision Medicine, the Brain and Neuroscience, and Digital Technology and Society**. The Grand Challenges Research Investments are intended to make a substantial difference through large strategic investment. The University will invest more than \$75 million in an interdisciplinary effort to pioneer life-changing advances in neuroscience while simultaneously mapping the workings of the human brain. As part of the Grand Challenge investment, the library will receive one-time funding to support Neuroscience over a five-year period.

Nau Foundation

The Nau Foundation funded the establishment of 10 new democracy professorships at UVA. The Nau Foundation's previous philanthropic commitments to the University include \$16.6 million in current and future gifts to establish and endow the John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History, a Civil War-era archives collection valued at \$13.6 million, as well as an \$11 million lead gift for the construction of Nau Hall at the South Lawn, home to the Corcoran Department of History.

UVA Innocence Project

On July 11, 2022, more than 20 years later, the Innocence Project at the University of Virginia Law School succeeded in a multiyear effort to vacate the Norfolk man's conviction. Gilbert Merritt III spent two decades incarcerated because a detective with a track record of extracting false testimony through extortion and brute force. Additional details about this exoneration are highlighted here, <https://www.law.virginia.edu/news/202207/innocence-project-wins-exoneration-another-victim-corrupt-detective>. In addition, The Innocence Project at UVA School of Law recently worked with state lawmakers to obtain [\\$6.25 million in compensation for six clients](#) pardoned over the last year. The project contributed to broader reforms on how wrongfully incarcerated defendants are compensated.

Virginia Chronicle

UVA initiated a new partnership with the [Library of Virginia](#) and their [Virginia Chronicle](#) portal with the inclusion of the local newspaper [Central Gazette \(1820-1827\)](#) to the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) partner site.

Collections

The [Main Library Renewal Project](#) is expected to be completed fall 2023. In preparation, collections personnel are coordinating and assessing collections that will return to the Main Library.

The Collections Team has created a new [Inclusive Collections](#) guide featuring databases, journals, books, streaming video, and external resources for African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian and Pacific American Studies, Disability Studies, Gender and Sexuality, and Latinx Studies.

New databases in African American studies include [Transcripts of the Malcolm X Assassination Trial](#) (Gale Archives Unbound), which sheds light on the assassination of the charismatic and controversial Muslim minister and civil rights leader; the [SNCC Digital Gateway](#), examining the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee — the only national civil rights organization of the 1960s led by young people; and [African Americans and Jim Crow: Repression and Protest, 1883-1922](#) (Readex) — 1,000 fully-searchable primary works providing critical insight into African American culture during Reconstruction and beyond.

USC Shoah Visual History Archive: Using end of year funding, the library now has a subscription to the [USC Shoah Visual History Archive](#). This archive is world's largest collection of testimonies from survivors of the Holocaust and genocide. This video collection of more than 55,000 primary source testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other crimes against humanity.

Pandemic Education Collection: University of Virginia Library is proud to establish the first Pandemic Education Collection in the country as a model for educators and libraries globally. This collection sits at the intersection of public health literacy, community advocacy, and education to meet the need from P-12 educators, counselors, caregivers, and librarians for public health education on COVID-19 safety and prevention. The collection currently contains 300+ titles and continues to grow as more books related to the pandemic and social and emotional learning are published.

[Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism](#)

Subject Access Enhancement Initiative

The Subject Access Enhancement Initiative created workflows and infrastructure for adopting local changes to LCSH headings determined to not be in alignment with our goal of a more inclusive catalog. With infrastructure in place, the team launched a form for staff to propose new or updated headings and began work to improve subject headings describing LGBTQ, Blind, Deaf, and Hard of hearing people. In the coming year, the team will begin addressing challenges with terms describing American Indian nations and tribes both local to Virginia and across the country.

VIVA (Virginia's Academic Library Consortium) Anti-Racism Webinar Series

VIVA Anti-Racism Webinar Series will host an upcoming webinar with Dr. Jerome Offord, Jr., Harvard University Library's inaugural Associate University Librarian for Antiracism, will be the keynote speaker at the fourth speaker session in the series. The session will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 1:30-2:30 pm, and the title of Dr. Offord's talk is: "Doing the Intentional Work to Recruit and Retain a Diverse Workforce. The fall session will focus on archives and special collections. Some questions this panel will explore include; how do we dismantle white supremacy in archival practice? What can we learn from, and how do we better support, community-based archives? How do we support conversations between communities and cultural heritage institutions that center indigenous and traditionally underserved community needs and perspectives? How do academic repositories create inclusive spaces for marginalized voices? What challenges do people of color face in researching in predominantly white special collections spaces?

[Notable and Newsworthy Collection Development and Acquisition Models](#)

In **2021**, George Mason University, James Madison University, Old Dominion University, William & Mary, Virginia Tech, and the University of Virginia ended their ScienceDirect Big Deal subscription. These institutions represent

six of the seven VRL (Virginia Research Libraries) members. Last calendar year, the VRL Negotiation Team negotiated terms removing CONTU from the ScienceDirect agreement. CONTU guidelines are commonly understood in the library community to be out of date and inconsistent with the spirit of Section 108. Best practices for these policies are now accepted, thanks to the ARL white paper, *Modern Interlibrary Loan Practices: Moving beyond the CONTU Guidelines*. UVA's policy is available here, <https://www.library.virginia.edu/policies/copyright-in-ill-borrowing>. This year the VRL institutions agreed to a multiyear title by title ScienceDirect subscription for calendar year 2023 and 2024.

Scholarly Communication Initiatives and Developments

ACM: Open access article processing charges for all Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) journals, magazines, and proceedings are covered by VIVA through December 31, 2024. This arrangement does not include books or book chapters.

Rockefeller University Press: Article processing charges for articles published in Rockefeller University Press (RUP) hybrid journals are covered by VIVA until December 31, 2023. Journal titles: *Journal of Cell Biology (JCB)*, *Journal of Experimental Medicine (JEM)*, and *Journal of General Physiology (JGP)*. To qualify, the article must be accepted for publication by December 31, 2023.

Wiley: Article processing charges for fully open access Wiley journals and subscription journals with an open access option (hybrid journals) are covered by VIVA until December 31, 2024.

Hyku for Consortia: UVA Library is one of four institutions selected by VIVA to participate in the Hyku for Consortia Project. This project will help develop a deeper understanding of the VIVA community repository needs and how to support an open multi-tenant repository project. Hyku for Consortia is an IMLS grant-funded project spearheaded by PALCI (Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc) and PALNI (Private Academic Library Network of Indiana) to increase the flexibility, accessibility, and usability of the multi-tenant repository platform system, Hyku.

Notable Acquisitions, Grants, Exhibits

The Gaunhailou Collection

The University of Virginia Library recently accessioned a world class collection of Chinese and East Asian books, primarily containing printed editions from 1349 to 1911. The Guanhailou Collection is comprised of more than 500 items, including rare books, ink rubbings, scrolls, wood blocks, and calligraphic material. In addition to rare materials, the collection comes with an excellent research collection (housed in the teaching collections of Rare Book School.) The collector, Soren Edgren, who is a renowned expert on bibliography of East Asian books, gathered the collection over a fifty-year timeframe and has used it for teaching printing history and the history of the book in China and East Asia. With the addition of this collection, the Library is able to now teach both printing history traditions: Gutenberg and Chinese. The Guanhailou Collection also supports collection development priorities for East Asia in circulating collections. Professor of Chinese Literature at UVA, Jack Chen said, "This is a world-class collection, and it would easily catapult UVA into the very top tier of important East Asian rare book holdings. More important, perhaps, is how this collection makes teaching book and print history of China possible.

Gregory A. Prince Collection In July 2021, UVA's University Library added the Gregory A. Prince Collection to its Special and circulating collections. Totally over 10,000 books and printed materials, the Prince Collection documents Mormonism's entire history, with particular strength in 20th Century history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With this donation, from scientist and Latter-day Saint historian Greg Prince, UVA becomes the leading site for the study of Mormonism outside of Utah. The collection features a mix of printed

ephemera, records from church-affiliated groups and organizations, materials from missions, rare books, magazines, and newsletters among other items. Writing about the Prince Collection, Kathleen Flake, UVA's Richard Lyman Bushman Professor of Mormon Studies, said. "Built over a lifetime of research in, and writing about, Mormonism, it is widely recognized as one of the finest private collections in the world. In terms of 20th-century materials, it is unique."

"The Taking of the Land," is an exhibition that challenges and counters the 400-year-old narrative that English colonists, seeking new lives in the new world, discovered land that was occupied and that the taking was righteous and justified. The exhibition features exceedingly rare and culturally significant books, maps, documents, and broadsides from the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library.

Modeling a Racial Caste System: The Algorithmic Exposure of Jim Crow Laws in Virginia

The UVA Library is launching a 16-month **Mellon Foundation**-funded project that will create a legal text collection identifying Jim Crow language in Virginia laws from 1865 to 1968. "Modeling a Racial Caste System: Algorithmic Exposure of Virginia's Jim Crow Laws" is headed by project lead and principal investigator Carmelita Pickett, University of Virginia Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Resources and Content Strategy. Amy Wharton, Director of UVA's Arthur J. Morris Law Library, is co-principal investigator. The project team includes UVA Library staff from the Scholarly Resources and Content Strategy team and Research Data Services' StatLab, UVA Law library and Legal Data Lab staff, the HathiTrust digital library, and UVA faculty.

"Modeling a Racial Caste System" is an expansion of **"On the Books: Jim Crow and the Algorithms of Resistance,"** a project of the UNC-Chapel Hill University Libraries that uses text mining and machine learning to uncover racially-based legislation in North Carolina signed into law from the Reconstruction period through the civil rights movement. The computational-based results are then reviewed for confirmation by an attorney on the project team. UVA, along with the University of South Carolina, were chosen through a competitive call for proposals to broaden "On the Books" to other states, and the UVA team will consult with UNC-Chapel Hill librarians and use the workflows, products, and machine learning techniques developed by the "On the Books" project team at UNC.

The UVA project includes well-regarded UVA scholars **Justene Hill Edwards** of the Corcoran Department of History and Law professor **Andrew Block**. "Modeling a Racial Caste System" will build on the recent research by the **Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law**. Block served as vice chair of the commission, established by Gov. Ralph Northam in 2019 with the charge to review and identify laws and regulations that facilitated racial discrimination in Virginia's Acts of Assembly and the Code of Virginia from 1900 to 1960 to determine their current impact.