

Cooperative Collection Agreement
of the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library
of the Graduate Theological Union
And
The Library of the University of California, Berkeley
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The combined collections of the libraries of the Graduate Theological Union (GTUL) and the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) provide a rich and vast resource for students and scholars of religious studies. There has been a long history of cooperation between the two institutions and their respective libraries. Heretofore this cooperation has been largely informal. Given the volume of scholarship published each year and the costs associated with purchase or access to that scholarship, the time for more formal cooperation has arrived.

This agreement recognizes the need for each institution to acquire general study, teaching, and reference resources as well as the need to develop in-depth collections in some areas of religious studies of interest to both institutions. The aim of this agreement is not to eliminate such duplication but rather to allow each institution to develop areas of particular strength, insure coverage of areas of interest to both institutions, and to coordinate the purchase of expensive materials and the management of serials collections.

What follows is the demarcation of collecting interests for religion and philosophy at both libraries arranged according to the classification system of the Library of Congress. While not a complete statement of each Library's collection development policy, it outlines each institution's primary collecting responsibility and areas of cooperative reliance between the two. That is followed by procedures through which such cooperation can be realized. Finally,

the collection development policies for both Libraries are appended which describe collecting interests in more detail.

This agreement covers only the general collections of each institution; reference, rare, and special/archival collections are not affected. There are many reasons for this. Special and archival collections often have specific charters, receive separate funding, and have different reporting structures to library/university administrations. Each institution requires a reference collection to serve the general and specialized reference needs of its constituents. Since reference collections consist of dictionaries, encyclopedias, statistical manuals, etc., each library could not offer adequate reference service unless free to develop those collections independently of one another. However, joint purchases for reference (e.g., databases licenses, expensive monographic sets) can and should be explored whenever possible.

COLLECTING RESPONSIBILITIES

General Collections

Notes: GTUL collects materials in English and Western European languages, except as noted below. UCB collects materials in all languages, except as noted below. UCB generally relies on GTUL to collect works written by and for Christian theologians and works published by Christian presses.

B-BD, BH-BJ- Philosophy

UCB has primary responsibility for collecting philosophy and will do so at the research level.

GTUL has primary responsibility for collecting Christian ethics and will do so at the research level for English-language publications.

BL – Religion, Mythology, Rationalism.

This is a broad section of the classification schedule of the Library of Congress, including religions of the world, natural theology, comparative religion, history of religion, mythology, Hinduism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Confucianism, and African religions. Consequently, neither library is able to be the primary collection for this classification range.

UCB has primary responsibility for collecting non-Christian religious traditions classed here and mythology and will do so at the research level.

GTUL has primary responsibility for collecting natural theology and science and religion and will do so at the research level.

BM - Judaism (Talmudic literature, Midrash, Cabala, Practical- Judaism, Preaching).

See also: BS (Old Testament), BT (Nag Hammadi)

UCB has primary responsibility for collecting Judaism, including works classified in the history schedule (DS). Judaism is collected at the research level in German, Hebrew, and English.

GTUL has primary responsibility for collecting materials on the Dead Sea Scrolls and will do so at the research level. However, GTUL will develop a collection in English at the study level-to include material in Western European languages as well-with emphasis on Jewish-Christian dialogue, Cabala, and theology.

BP - Islam (Muhammad. Sacred books, Islamic sociology, practice of Islam, sects. Bahatism, Theosophy, Anthroposophy)

UCB has primary responsibility for collecting Islam and will do so at the research level. The scholarly and historical aspects of Bahatism, Theosophy, and Anthroposophy are collected at the study level.

BQ - Buddhism (Religious education. antiquities, history. Buddhist literature, Tripitaka, doctrinal Buddhism, Buddhist pantheon, practice of Buddhism, folklore, missionary work, pilgrimages, schools)

UCB has primary responsibility for collecting Buddhism and will do so at the research level.

GTUL has primary responsibility for collecting Buddhism in America and materials on Buddhist-Christian dialogue at the research level in English.

BR - Christianity (Early Christian literature, Fathers of the Church, Christian antiquities, history, biography)

This is another range of the classification schedule of the Library of Congress for which neither library can be the primary collection.

Both libraries will collect at the research level. However, GTUL will be the primary collection for critical editions and translations of works of Fathers of the Church and contemporary Christianity. UCB will develop collections in Slavic languages and church history in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

BS - Biblical Studies (Versions, criticism and interpretation, Old and New Testaments, teachings of Jesus, special parts of the New Testament)

GTUL has primary responsibility for collecting Biblical studies and will do so at the research level.

UCB will develop research-level collections for Biblical studies in Middle-Eastern languages as well as archaeology.

BT - Doctrinal Theology (Christian) (Doctrine, God, Christology, Mary, creation, salvation, eschatology, apologetics. history of specific doctrines)

GTUL has primary responsibility for collecting materials in this area and will do so at the research level.

BV - Practical Theology (worship, Christian symbols. liturgy, prayer. hymnology, ecclesiastical theology, missions, evangelism, pastoral theology, preaching, practical church work, practical religion, conversion literature, asceticism, mysticism, quietism)

GTUL has primary responsibility for collecting in this area and will do so at the research level.

BX- Christian Denominations (ecumenical movement. Eastern churches. Orthodox Eastern Church, Roman Catholic Church, Protestantism)

This is another range of the classification schedule of the Library of Congress for which neither library can be the primary collection, though GTUL will strive to collect at the research level in areas which UCB will not. Given UCB's emphasis on historical materials, UCB will rely upon GTUL to collect materials on contemporary Christian denominations, especially those represented at the GTU.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Graduate Theological Union Library and the Library of the University of California, Berkeley agree to the following procedures by which to implement this agreement.

1. Selectors from the two institutions will meet at least once a year to review the effectiveness of this agreement and to keep one another apprised of collection development activities at their respective institutions.
2. Changes to the collection development policy at either institution will be communicated immediately to the other.
3. Each institution will consult with the other before purchasing individual works (in any format) or monographic sets which cost over \$500.00 (to exclude works for reference collections) in order to avoid costly duplication and to insure that works are housed at the appropriate institution.
4. Each institution will consult with the other before purchasing new serial titles in order to avoid costly duplication or before cancelling existing subscriptions in order not to deprive the other of a resource upon which they depend.
5. When collecting responsibility clearly falls to one institution, selectors at that institution will be prepared to facilitate needs of students and faculty from the other.