

# TEMPLE UNIVERSITY: Samuel L. Paley Library

HISTORY & MAPS

## Maps...

CREATING A POLICY ADDRESSING RESEARCH NEEDS

## Mission

Map Collection Task Force was formed to address the "need of a clear framework to guide development of a map collection that reflects the needs of the Temple University community as well as the research university's responsibility to preserve and build an appropriate collection."

## Librarians

- \* Subject specialists:
  - \* Connecting faculty with the collection
  - \* Report on historical use of maps collection
- \* Government information librarian:
  - \* Manage de-selection process
  - \* Make offers to GovDocs-L
- \* Archivist:
  - \* Choose maps for the Special Collections Resource Center

## Collaboration at Temple University

### Cataloging

- \* Locating the Documents records
- \* Ensuring that the Maps records are suppressed
- \* Make sure barcoded items are deleted
- \* Link to map content retained

## Collaboration for the library's map collection.

### Geography faculty

- \* Discussing items used as a part of class exercises
- \* Selecting items to retain for class use
- \* Comment on possible print-on-demand service

## Charges...

- \* Investigate the current status of map collections at research university libraries
- \* Identify state-of-the-art thinking and practice in balancing digital and print maps.
- \* Understand and articulate the needs of Temple University researchers with respect to their need for print maps and to what extent they will continue to depend on the Libraries for access to maps

## Charges continued...

- \* Recommend a policy that will guide the current retention of print maps and future development of a map collection at Temple University Libraries
- \* Recommend to what extent it is necessary to maintain the map file cabinets on the first floor – East of Paley or in/adjacent to reference collection services in any future building

## Recommendations

- \* the paper map collection be evaluated and weeded, in consultation with faculty, according to their availability online and frequency of use, and by SCRC staff for possible inclusion in SCRC holdings.
- \* focus of a map collection policy be on digital and paper flat maps
- \* the library, in consultation with faculty, begin to collect examples of historically important maps, to support a history of cartography program
- \* the library identify a research specialty area in which to collect maps

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# Collaboration for collection access: Mapping Paley Library's map collection

