Overview:  The International and Area Studies Department is comprised of 10 librarians and four staff who are responsible for the collecting publication from all parts of the world except for East Asia, the United States and Canada, and Great Britain. Foreign government documents are also selected by members of the department. In addition several librarians have subject responsibilities: Linguistics and Economics. Three public service units plus an additional services area are managed by the member so IAS. They are the South/Southeast Asia Library, the Newspaper/Microform Unit, and the Current Periodicals Collection in the Heys Reading Room. Members of the department contribute to public service activities which include: coverage at the Doe & Moffitt References Desks, On-line Reference services, and the Research Advisory Service. Two staff members retired during this period and due to the Library’s fiscal difficulties have not as yet been replaced.

Highlights:

Jim Church assumed responsibility for the selection of Economics and organized the transfer of the Economics collection from the Long Business Library to the Doe Library and the Northern Regional Library Facility.

Virginia Shih curated the exhibit “The Power of Patterns: Double Ikat for Textile Exchange in India and Indonesia”

The Newspaper Microfilm Unit updated records for retention decisions in consultation with IAS selectors.

The Newspaper Microfilm Unit completed a project to organize the Newsprint shelves and bundled a number of backfiles. These bundles will be a future preservation project since they cannot be shipped and stored at NRLF.

Committee assignments: list incomplete

James Spohrer chaired the Millennium tracking/tracing working group
Jason Schultz was a member and is currently chairing the FSM Educational Programs committee
Claude Potts and James Church were members of the Review Shelves Task Force
Virginia Shih is a member of CAPA
Claude Potts was a member of the New Processes Working Group (Feb. 2009-Oct. 2009)
Collection development & management function leader w/Elizabeth Byrne

Personnel:

Giulia Sacco Trujillo retired in March 2009
Victoria Jourdan announced her retirement (effective October 2009)