The Libraries of Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley have a long history of cooperative collection building and sharing. Library specialists in many fields have maintained informal agreements for sharing collection development responsibilities for more than thirty years, and an agreement for reciprocal borrowing and expedited delivery of materials for graduate students and faculty has also been in place for many decades. Library users on both campuses have benefitted from these arrangements and the collections of both institutions have been significantly shaped by the cooperative reliances which have emerged over the years.

The present documents build upon this successful model to formalize and augment cooperative collecting in the following twenty-one academic disciplines and publication categories:

- African Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Economics
- Education
- English and American Literature
- French
- Germanic Studies
- Italian Studies
- International Government Documents
- Judaica/Hebraica
- Korean Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistics
- Medieval Studies
- Music
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Slavic Studies
- South Asian Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies

Additional agreements in other fields are anticipated in the coming months.

The goal of these cooperative agreements is to enable both institutions to provide access for their users to broader and deeper collections of materials in the fields covered. Under the terms of these agreements, Berkeley and Stanford will each continue to build their collections to reflect local needs and historical collecting strengths, but we will now have
formal mechanism to charge one partner to collect in greater depth in specific fields and subfields which are ancillary for the other partner. In this way, each institution can devote more resources and efforts to building holdings in its areas of greatest strength, while relying upon the partner to build similarly strong collections in its own areas of concentration. Users at both institutions will thus have access to a wider range of materials than would otherwise be possible. Users will also benefit over time from the consistency in collecting policies which these agreements seek to engender; each Library accepts responsibility to collect at specific levels of inclusion in the covered disciplines, and to notify the partner institution in a timely way if fiscal considerations require changes to those commitments. Provision is also made in these agreements for regular consultation between the collection specialists of Berkeley and Stanford, and for revision of these documents as needed to reflect changes in the collecting strategy of either partner.

In signing these agreements, the Libraries of Stanford and Berkeley reaffirm their historical commitment to close cooperation in building research collections of unparalleled quality for the benefit of researchers on both campuses.

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