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Brian E. C. Schottlaender, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Technical Services at the University of California, Los Angeles, has been appointed University Librarian at the University of California, San Diego. He will assume his new duties in September 1999.

As University Librarian, Schottlaender will head a system of seven separate UCSD libraries, including those at UCSD Medical Center and Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Beginning with 35,000 books in 1960, the UCSD Libraries now hold more than 2 million volumes. The Libraries' collections provide vital support for the more than 1,500 sponsored research projects at UCSD and meet the instructional needs of a university with more than 30 Ph.D. programs.

Schottlaender, 46, has been UCLA's Associate University Librarian for Collections and Technical Services since 1993 with administrative responsibility for five departments, a branch library and three program areas with operating budgets totaling $5 million. He has administered a collections budget surpassing $9 million and has coordinated the UCLA Library's government- funded grants initiatives. He joined UCLA's library system in 1984 after working in the libraries of the University of Arizona (1981-1984) and Indiana University (1980-1981).

Schottlaender comes to UCSD with a national reputation for pioneering work in digital library access. He has been a key player in the establishment of the California Digital Library (CDL) of the University of California, a collaborative effort of the nine UC campuses that houses systems supporting the University's shared online collections. He serves as Senior Associate to CDL's University Librarian and is responsible for primary content development, with particular emphasis on the Online Archive of California.

An alumnus of Indiana University (M.L.S., 1980) and the University of Texas at Austin (B.A. ampla cum laude in German literature, 1974), Schottlaender serves on editorial and review boards of The Journal of Internet Cataloging and the National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Preservation and Access.

Schottlaender succeeds Gerald R. Lowell, who left UCSD in November to head the UC Berkeley Library.

"We are delighted that Brian has accepted this appointment," said UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes. "As a long-time UC colleague, Brian has impressed us with his commitment to library excellence, and we are confident that his expertise and leadership skills will ensure a bright future for our university libraries."

Schottlaender said, "I am very much looking forward to joining the UCSD Libraries. I know that your superb staff, excellent collection resources, and strong technical infrastructure will, together, make the continued development of outstanding library services a real pleasure."

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