# Building Capacity to Support Research: the Case at UC Merced Library

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## University of California, Merced

1st American Research University in the 21 century



#### Student Enrollment 2015

• 2015 Total: 6,685

- Undergraduates: 6,237

Graduates: 448

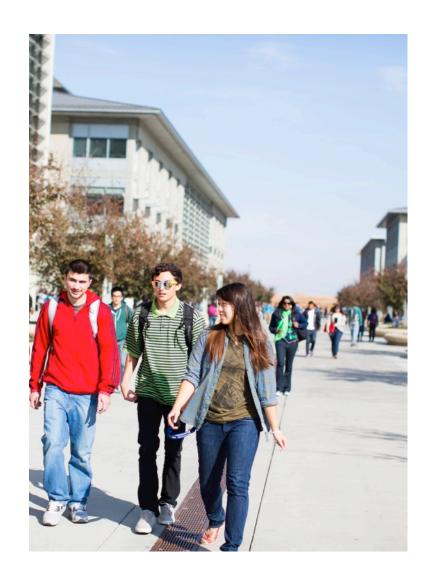
2020 plan total: 10,000

Undergraduates: 9,000

- Graduates: 1,000

Male: 48%; Female: 51.4%

Majority from California



#### **About UC Merced**

#### Hallmarks:

- Interdisciplinary innovation
- Diversity
- Sustainability
- Personal interaction

#### Milestones:

- 1988 Authorized by California Legislature
- 2004 First graduate students enrolled
- 2005 First undergraduate class enrolled

#### Three Schools

- Engineering
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

#### Sustainability – a core value at UC Merced

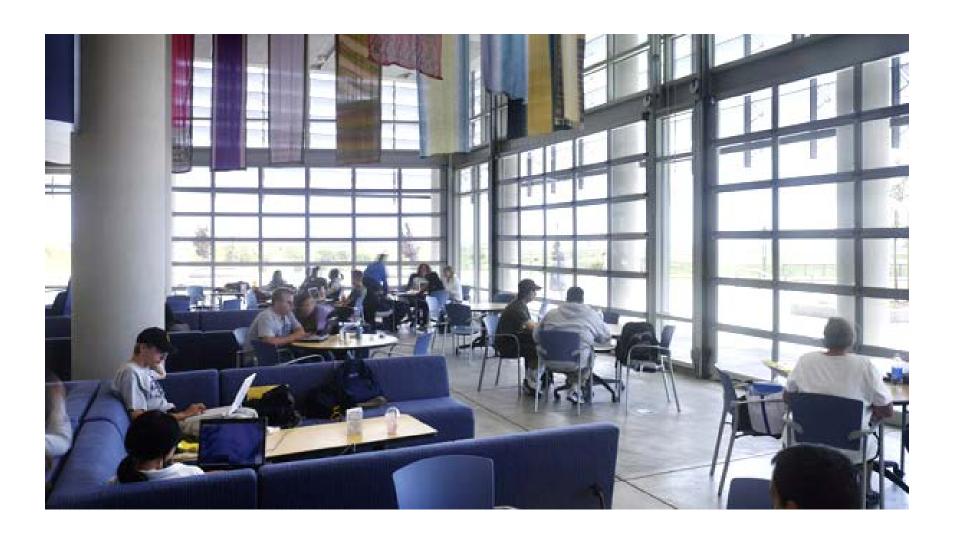


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# **UC Merced Library**



# Lantern Café – social learning



## UC Merced Expansion: Vision 2020

- Increase student population to 10,000
- Hire 140 more faculty
- \$1.3 billion project
- Add 1.2 million gross square feet of space
- Double the physical size of existing campus



# Ground Breaking October 14, 2016



### Capacity Building & Research Support

- Reclaiming space
  - More quiet study space
  - Digital Scholarship Center/Commons
    - Digital Assets
    - SpARC (Spatial Analysis Research Center)
    - Library CAVE
    - Maker Space
    - Media Center (video/film editing)
- Total space to reclaim:
   50,500 square feet



### Capacity Building & Research Support

- Workforce Planning 2020
  - 120 staff positions campus wide
  - First release Fall 2016
  - Library WFP proposal:16 staff positions (additional FTE)
    - 7 professional positions
    - 9 support staff positions
    - 11 student positions

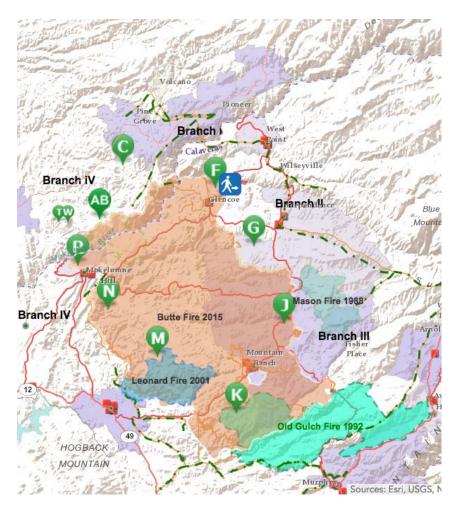
### Capacity Building & Research Support

- Workforce Planning Areas of Positions
  - Special Collections & Archives (collections)
  - Research & Instructional Services
  - Web Development
  - Digital Initiatives
  - Communications
  - Access



# Spatial Analysis & Research Center (SpARC)

- Leads faculty &
   community partner
   grants for research and
   other activities with GIS
   needs
- Supports undergraduate curriculum in geography and spatial sciences
- Transition to the Library



# Digital Assets: Campus Priorities



# Uncovering the Past & Preserving the Present



#### Providence Creek soil moisture and temperature, snow depth and air temperature

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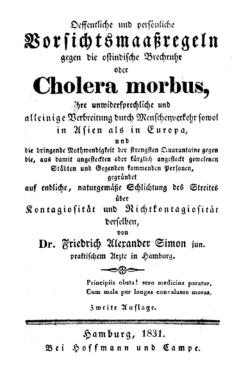
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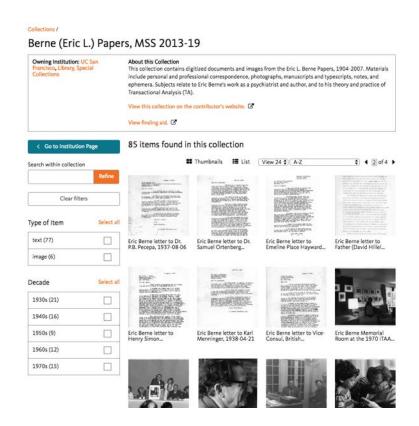
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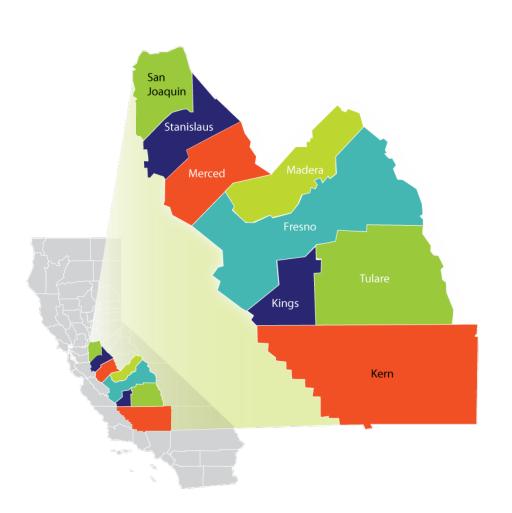
## Digitization Partnership: UCSF







## Agriculture and Place



- California: top agricultural state in the U.S., a \$50 billion/yr industry
- 4 out of 5 top CA counties in agricultural sales are in the San Joaquin Valley, including Merced
- CA produces over 400 commodities, including specialty crops not grown elsewhere

## History of Ag: Cooperative Extension



## **UC Cooperative Extension Archives**

SPECIAL WAR WORK JACKRABBIT CONTROL WORK The question of eliminating the jackrabb on from 1917 with increased vigor and of not weather came on which prevented furth this post, the Farm Bureau had killed 35 at of which 18,000 were picked up, cleane to market for food and hides, making a to ons of meat and hides which sold for \$350

hells were purchased.

- Survey
- Inventory
- Assess needs
- Process
- Digitize
- Access
- Long-term retention



Milton Miller in Tasmania during World War II, 1944

UC Cooperative extension advisor served in U.S. Subsistence Procurement Branch in Australia to improve agricultural production

# Thank you!