Major Accomplishments

- Area Studies collections and services
- Growing impact of Global Studies including new major
- Formation of new International and Area Studies Library
- Success of Slavic reference service and expansion into Turkish, Persian, Arabic, etc.
- Experimentation with different models for area studies subject specialists
- Mortenson Center grants and programs supported by Carnegie, Gates, IMLS, McArthur
- Renewal of Title VI centers
- International collaborations with campus and other libraries and organizations
Impact

• International collections and reference support local faculty and students, visiting and international researchers
• Strength and reputation of collections draws visiting scholars from around the world
• Mortenson programs have worldwide impact on library leadership and services development as well as on Illinois libraries
• UIUC library global reputation and work on networks, standards, best practices, research, and in international organizations and activities
Opportunities

• Increasing demands for IAS services including international reference, focused collection development, subject specialists, programs and outreach, undergraduates
• Opportunities for digital collection building and collaboration
• Expanding collaboration with other U.S. and international libraries and with Mortenson Center visitors and programs
• Developing strategic partnerships to support library’s strategic plan and success of IAS and Mortenson Center
• UIUC strategic focus on international issues
1. Expand and develop programs and services in collaboration with library and campus units that define IAS as center of excellence and nexus for collegial networking to support teaching and research across campus. Metric – expanded focused international involvement with greater impact on librarianship, research, service and library and campus priorities

2. Expand IAS international reference to focus on campus priorities such as Brazil and China. Metric – expanded reference service, greater use of materials and services, availability of needed expertise

3. Pursue library collection and service strategy coordinated with other research libraries perhaps through CIC and develop international partnerships that support library and campus strategic priorities. Metric – more cooperation with other research libraries to meet user needs and focused partnerships that support library and campus priorities
Resources Needed for Initiatives

1. Expand current position(s) or develop new position(s) to support IAS program and service initiatives. Library/IT fee could be used for expanded IAS services.

2. Hire graduate students or other staff to assist in expanded reference service and assign Brazil, China and other campus priorities to specific librarians.

3. Ask new IAS head to develop collection and service strategy in collaboration with others and ask IAS head and Mortenson Center to work on strategy for partnerships.
Impact

1. Increased cooperation by library faculty on librarianship, research, service, and library and campus priorities, more undergraduates using IAS, higher visibility of IAS services and programs

2. Increased support of campus international initiatives such as Lemann Institute of Brazilian Studies and increased reference service in new language areas

3. Additional cooperative agreements to deliver more coverage of collections and services and partnerships that support the development and implementation of library and campus priorities
Task Force Questions and Discussion