

# The Re-immergence of Cartographic and GIS Services at the University of Pittsburgh Library, 2017-2022

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Scholarly interest in mapping and GIS is both increasing and broadening. Coming from a university with solid traditions in cartography and GIS, I was interested to observe what the situation was at the University of Pittsburgh when I accepted a position there two years ago. As seen from two documents produced by the University Library System, the importance of these trends was recognized in the annual fiscal year plan by chartering in 2016 a project team to produce a report with recommendations for the development of spatial services in order to promote the ULS' role as a campus hub for geospatial data activity and expertise.

In the proposed presentation, I will explore and review the main strategic areas identified by the project team, and some specific actions I undertook based on the report's recommendations.

I will also describe several faculty projects that needed extensive cartographic assistance, most notably the interactive map I created for the Mapping Religious Pittsburgh project and original maps created for a published article and a book by Patrick Manning, Past President of the American Historical Association, as well as a map portal for an online database of Chinese village gazetteer and several more.

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