

## Announcing the Retirement of Michele Morgan

### Description

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that Michele Morgan, Appraisal and Accessioning Archivist in Bancroft Technical Services, will be retiring from UC Berkeley. Her last day on campus will be April 19, 2024.

Michele has been an important part of The Bancroft Library for over 23 years, beginning in 2000 as a student employee (Cal Alum), returning temporarily as a processing archivist in 2002, and officially joining the Library in March of 2006 to help expedite the accessioning of our incoming archival collections, including the 2006 delivery of The San Francisco Examiner collections, which included over 3 million photographic negatives, almost 1 million photoprints, 132 cartons of manuscript records, and 700 boxes of microfiche. After receiving her MLIS in 2010, Michele led the team that processed the Examiner photographic prints, making 1,075 cartons of photographs available for researchers at the Bancroft Library. In 2012 she returned to the Accessioning Unit and, since 2019, has provided key leadership in this area as the Head of the Accessioning and Intake unit which is responsible for archival appraisal, accessioning, and intake of large and complex special collections, including manuscript, pictorial, and bibliographic materials.

Michele has worked closely with curators and donors to do the critical work of gaining initial physical and intellectual control over special collections as they come into the Library. She has often worked offsite, assisting curators in donor homes, faculty or organization offices, and large and small storage locations across the state. Michele has also helped to coordinate collection moves and manage space allocations for storage of rare and unique collections on campus, at NRLF, and at our offsite facility in Richmond. She also worked closely with our Head of Archival Processing to direct or “triage” incoming materials to appropriate cataloging and processing workflows, taking on small processing projects as part of her work.

Michele will be retiring with over 23 years of service to the University and the profession in groups such as CAPA, LAUC-B, and the Society of California Archivists. Michele helped to found the Digital Archives News Group, a discussion group that arose out of the Bancroft Born Digital Archives program, which reached staff across campus and beyond. She also participated in the Breath of Life programs hosted by The Bancroft Library to help revitalize Indigenous California languages.

In retirement, Michele plans to travel the United States with her wonderful dog, Ocho, while working or volunteering at the national parks.

*Edited excerpt of email Mary Elings sent to library staff*

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