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UNITED NATIONS DEPOSITORY

As Mississippi's first United Nations Depository, MSU Libraries is now listed among over 400 other depository libraries in 144 countries. The UN documents are housed in the Mitchell Memorial Library's Government Documents Department. Users can access the United Nations printed documents during regular Library hours.

MSU Libraries was granted United Nations "full depository status with an electronic component" in July of 2001. This means that Mitchell Memorial Library now receives all United Nations documents and materials in either paper or electronic format that depositories are allowed to receive [no restricted documents, conference papers (distributed to conference participants only), some working papers, promotional items, etc.]. Access to UN documentation (with comprehensive coverage beginning in 1993 and selected earlier coverage) and UN Resolutions (including the official records version of resolutions of the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council and Trusteeship Council since 1946) is offered through the main database, Official Document System (ODS).

Holdings within the Documents Area are available to patrons during all Library hours. Microfiche readers/printers and CD-ROM computers are located in the Area for patron use. Documents, with some exceptions, are circulated to the general public. Titles not available in this Depository Collection may be accessible via the Official Document System database or requested through the Library's Access Services.

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UNITED STATES DOCUMENT COLLETIONS

A United States Government document or publication is defined as any printed or processed book, paper, periodical, pamphlet, map, microform, or electronic product prepared and published at public expense by the United States Congress or by any of the Executive Departments, independent agencies, or judicial bodies of the U.S. Government. Government publications may be divided into three categories:

- (1) Congressional documents, which relate to the work or proceedings of Congress, such as the Congressional Record and the U.S. Serial Set.
- (2) Judicial documents, which consist of court decisions published by the United States judicial system, such as U. S. Court Reports and Court of Claims Reports.
- (3) Executive documents, which are published by Executive Departments (Health and Human Services, Treasury, etc.) and independent agencies (Federal Election Commission, etc.). These documents comprise the majority of the Library's document collection.

To locate a document, find the SuDoc number using an index or database and then check the Online Catalog for holdings and location information if the document was published in or after

1997. Not all documents received prior to 1997 are in the Online Catalog so be sure to ask a librarian for assistance in locating older materials. Titles not in the collection may be requested via interlibrary loan.

The United States Government Documents Depository of Mississippi State University has served the university and public communities since 1907, when the land grant Mississippi A & M College was granted depository status to collect U.S. Government publications that supported both the college curriculum and the business and industrial interests of the area. The present selective depository collects on an extensive basis, receiving over ninety-five percent of the documents series offered by the U.S. Government Printing Office Federal Depository Library Program.

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CONGRESSIONAL AND POLITICAL RESEARCH

The Congressional and Political Research Center of Mississippi State University was founded on November 12, 1999. The Center is located on the first floor, northeast corner, of Mitchell Memorial Library, to the right of the Hardy Street entrance.

The purpose of the Center is to provide access to U. S. Congressional collections, papers of Mississippi legislators and other state offices, and local materials of various kinds. These materials were donated to the Center by the individuals whose public service careers they reflect. Oral histories, extensive photograph collections and memorabilia enhance the collections. Finding aids and digitized samples of the collections are available on the Center website. The materials cannot be checked out, but qualified researchers may use them on site.

Other information available includes issues of We the People, an occasional newsletter that documents Center activities, the programs of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government, and the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service. Results of some of the projects developed in cooperation with the Institute of Government are available on the website. These cooperative efforts are continuing and outreach programs are a top priority.

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JOHN C. STENNIS INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT

Although often referred to as Mississippi's think tank, the John C. Stennis Institute of Government is much more. If the legislature needs a definitive study on the effects of a change in state law, a municipal government desires a salary survey, or an association of government officials requests training on the latest legal issues, the Institute responds with its wide variety of resources.

The Institute is often called on to provide technical assistance and consultation to local governments and community leaders regarding economic and community development matters. Foundations look to Stennis for quality research and study of public policy issues. And the Institute has on staff trained facilitators who can lead community groups through discursive discourse on topics ranging from local issues of genuine public conflict, to land use planning initiatives, to community capacity building, to more ethereal discussions about confidence in government, electing or appointing judges, amendments in ethics legislation and the like. Based at Mississippi's land grant university, the Institute also focuses on students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences who seek careers in public service.

Taken directly from <http://www.msgovt.org>.

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER

The Social Science Research Center (SSRC) was established at Mississippi State University in 1950 to promote, enhance and facilitate social science research and related scholarly activities. The Center is organized with university-wide responsibilities and reports to the Vice President for Research and the Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine. The Center offers a superior research environment with an impressive array of research opportunities and options, state-of-the-art facilities, laboratories, and support units that enhance and expand both the scope and quality of social science research. The SSRC fosters a rigorous and independent research environment to ensure objective, relevant and unbiased analyses.

The Social Science Research Center is committed to conducting objective, rigorous and unbiased research on social, economic, political, human resource, and social-environmental problems facing the state, nation and world; to providing a support system for the university to plan, develop, secure funding for, and conduct social research on problems of interest to the scientific community and to consumers of research findings; to maintaining a mechanism whereby existing social science research capabilities in the university can be matched with funding sources; to contributing to the university's graduate and undergraduate program by involving students in research projects through assistantships and other work arrangements; and to offering a vehicle for unique social research and public service programs that do not fit more traditional academic structures. The Center also recognizes as part of its mission the importance of combining the expertise and capacities of multiple institutions, disciplines and professions in addressing complex problems. The Center seeks to develop perspectives and approaches that lead to effective cooperative investigations. The SSRC follows the land grant tradition by serving Mississippi and the nation through research, education and public service.

Taken directly from <http://www.ssrc.msstate.edu>.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER

The Sustainable Energy Research Center (SERC) was established in January 2006 at Mississippi State University (MSU) through funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). SERC was formed to create an infrastructure for coordinated interdisciplinary collaboration at MSU in the development of environmentally and economically sustainable energy sources specific to the Southeastern United States. SERC serves as a conduit for the development of integrated research and educational programs at MSU. The Center is also a catalyst for forging partnerships between academia, business, and the U.S. government.

Taken directly from <http://www.serc.msstate.edu/index.html>.

GEOSYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Geosystems Research Institute at Mississippi State University is active in providing capabilities in remote sensing computational technologies, visualization techniques, natural resource management, and the transition of these into operational agency research, planning, and decision-support programs. With its multi-disciplinary team of researchers and educators, the GRI has developed nationally recognized research strengths, with strong relationships and inherent respect from state, regional and national agencies and business entities. The Geosystems Research Institute brings together faculty from 22 departments within 7 colleges within MSU. The GRI also collaborates with many businesses, community colleges, governmental agencies, and economic development organizations.

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