Workshop on the Politics of Digital Initiatives Concerning Africa
University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
Illini Union, Room 404
August 4-5, 2006

Friday, August 4

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and Tea
9:00 – 9:15 Welcome by Jean Allman, Director, UIUC Center for African Studies
9:30 – 10:00 Opening Remarks, Premesh Lalu, University of the Western Cape, History Dept.
10:00 – 10:30 Comments and Discussion
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 12:15 Panel 1: The Expropriation of African Resources
   Facilitator: Ed Miner
   Peter Limb, Michigan State University, Africana Bibliographer
   Michele Pickover, Univ. of Witwatersrand, Curator of Manuscripts, Historical Papers
   David Easterbrook, Northwestern University, Herskovits Library of African Studies
12:15 – 1:30 Lunch at Illini Union – Rm # 217
1:30 – 3:00 Panel 2: The Role of Donor Agencies in the Conception and Implementation of Projects
   Facilitator: Barbara Ford
   Andrea Johnson, Carnegie Corporation of New York
   Raoul Davion, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
   Susan Schnuer, UIUC Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
3:00 – 3:15 Break
3:15 – 4:45 Panel 3: Free and Universal Access to Information
   Facilitator: Marieta Harper
   Barbara Ford, UIUC Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
   Cliff Missen, University of Iowa, WiderNet Project
   James Simon, Center for Research Libraries, Director of International Resources
7:30 -- Dinner at Basmati Indian Cuisine, 302 S. First St.
Saturday, August 5

8:30 – 9:00  Coffee and Tea

9:00 – 10:30  Panel 4: Partnerships Between U.S. and African Institutions
Facilitator: Peter Limb
Christopher Saunders, University of Cape Town, History Department
Ed Miner, University of Iowa, International Studies Bibliographer
Tom Nygren, Aluka Project

10:30 – 10:45  Break

Facilitator: Cliff Missen
Premesh Lalu, University of the Western Cape, History Dept.
Marieta Harper, Africa Area Specialist, Library of Congress
Al Kagan, UIUC African Studies Bibliographer

12:15 – 2:00  Lunch at Bread Company (backroom), 706 S. Goodwin St.

2:00 – 3:00  Summary of Issues – David Easterbrook, and General Discussion

3:00 – 3:15  Break

3:15 – 4:15  Adoption of Guidelines or Core Principles

7:30 --  Dinner at Al Kagan’s home, 310 W. Hill St., #1E, Champaign