

Just in case or just in time?

Time to assess area studies print collections in research libraries

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What is Area Studies?

Area Studies at UCLA

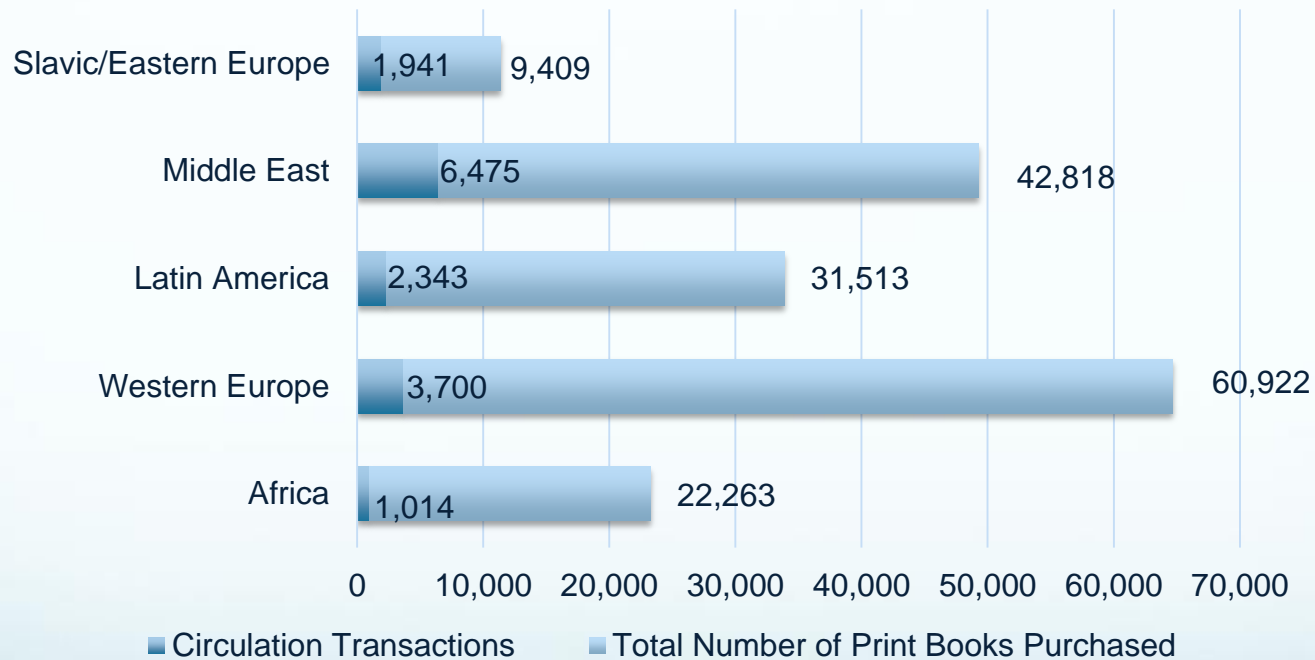
- Middle East, Slavic/East European Studies, Latin America, Africa, Western Europe, East Asia, South and Southeast Asia

Print monographs assessment is global with these exceptions:

- East Asian vernacular language materials
- English languages materials published in UK, US and Australia purchased from mainstream vendors (YBP, Coutts/ProQuest)
- South and Southeast Asia (acquired through a different method, e.g. LC Cooperative Acquisitions Program)

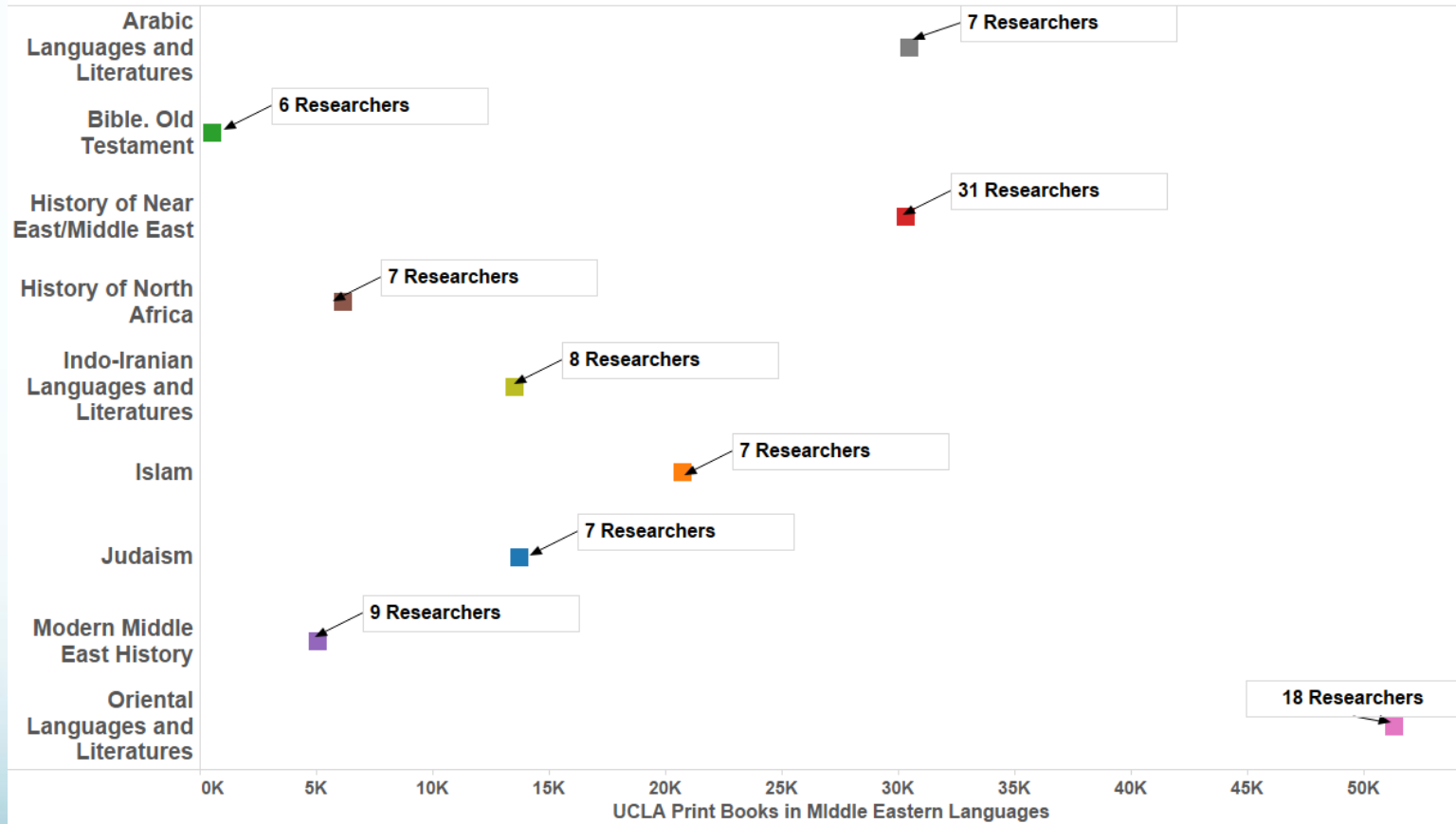
Circulation Statistics

Area Studies Print Acquisitions and Circulation Transactions from 2006-2015



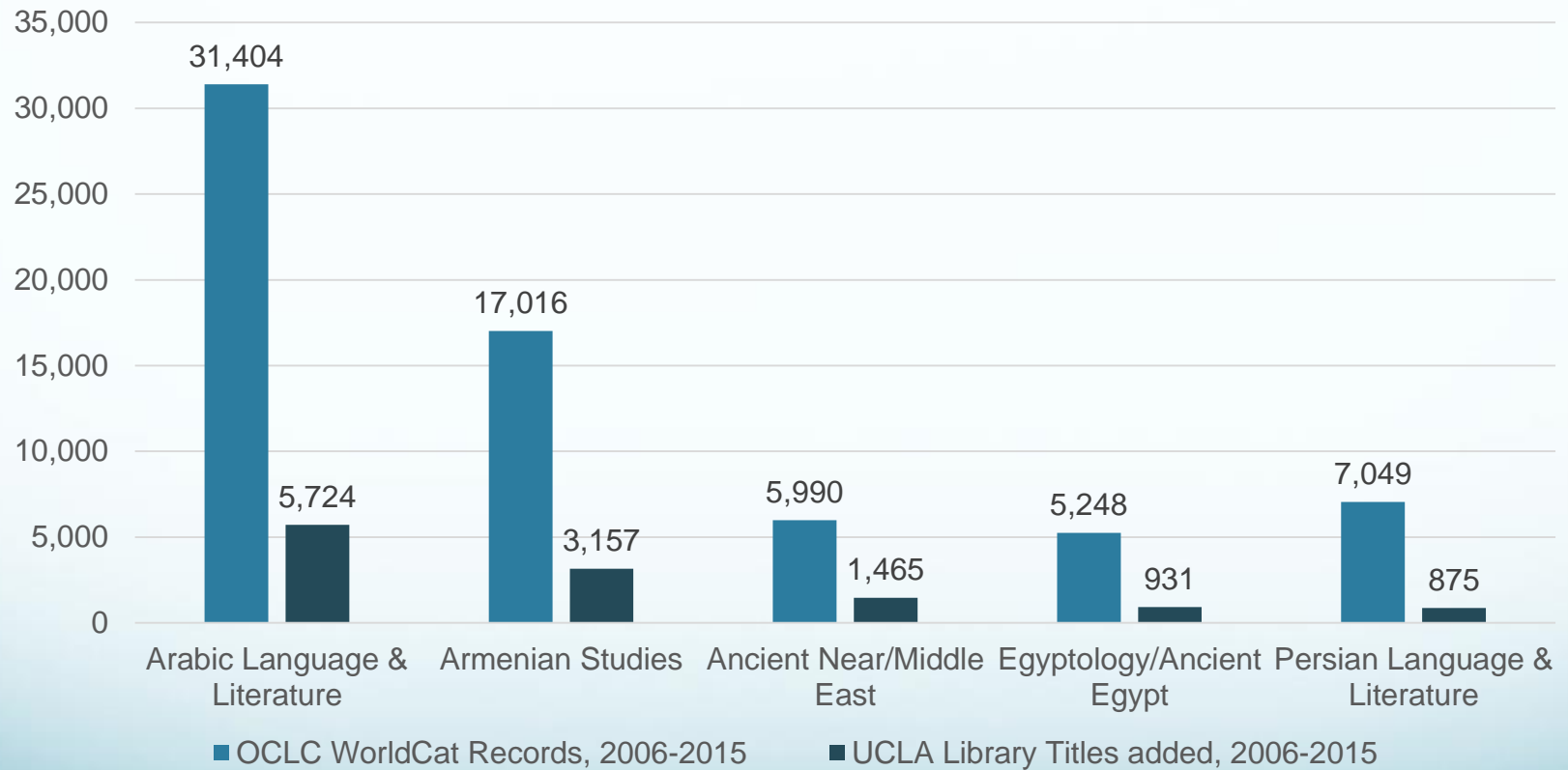
Collection Support for Research

Collection Support for Faculty and Graduate Student Areas of Research Interest in Middle Eastern Studies



Keyword Searching: Does It Tell the Whole Story?

Five Most Common Research Areas



What We Learned/Future Goals

- Assessment is not one dimensional
 - Collection data is messy
 - Combination of search methods needed
 - Class numbers, subject headings, keywords
 - Circulation statistics provide an indication of how well we are serving our faculty and graduate students
- Need help from other departments to get accurate data
 - Local practices in tech services need to align with assessment activities to capture relevant data
- Future goals:
 - Focus on Interlibrary Loan statistics for lending and borrowing
 - Better tracking for non-standard acquisitions (LC Coop, gifts)
 - Utilizing OCLC Collection Analyzer

Questions?

Thank you!