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## Kennedy Library's Julia Morgan Materials Now Cataloged

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The nation's largest archives of pioneering architect Julia Morgan's materials, housed in Cal Poly's Kennedy Library, have now been cataloged for easier access by scholars and students worldwide.

It took two years to catalog the Julia Morgan Collection, which includes thousands of original architectural plans, drawings, photographs, sketchbooks, journals, correspondence and other documents chronicling Morgan's education in Paris at the turn of the century and her prolific and trailblazing career that helped open the field of architecture for women.

The Julia Morgan materials are housed in the Kennedy Library's Special Collections Department.

The cataloging project was made possible by a recent National Endowment for the Humanities grant and matching funds from the university. The \$498,000 project included a grant for \$249,000 from NEH, matched by the university using in-kind funds to provide two years of support to preserve, arrange and describe its extensive Morgan collections and to create digital guides to the collections according to national standards.

According to Project Director Nancy Loe, completion of this project and the online guides will enable the university to assist researchers interested not only in Hearst Castle, but also in Morgan's numerous other commissions and influence on architectural movements in California in the early 20th century. "The guides are exciting new tools for our department and for researchers," said Loe, head of Special Collections at Cal Poly's Kennedy Library,

The Morgan collections at Cal Poly have been used for scholarly research, lectures, monographs, biographies, children's books, local and traveling exhibitions, historic house interpretation, building restoration and documentaries on public and cable channels. The collection supported public and scholarly understanding of architecture, the built environment in California and the humanities disciplines.

The enhanced guide to the Julia Morgan Papers and several newly cataloged related collections are now available on the library's Web site at: <http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/specialcollections/>.

The finding aids have also been included in the Online Archives of California Web site at <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/institutions/ark:/13030/kt529026qp>.

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