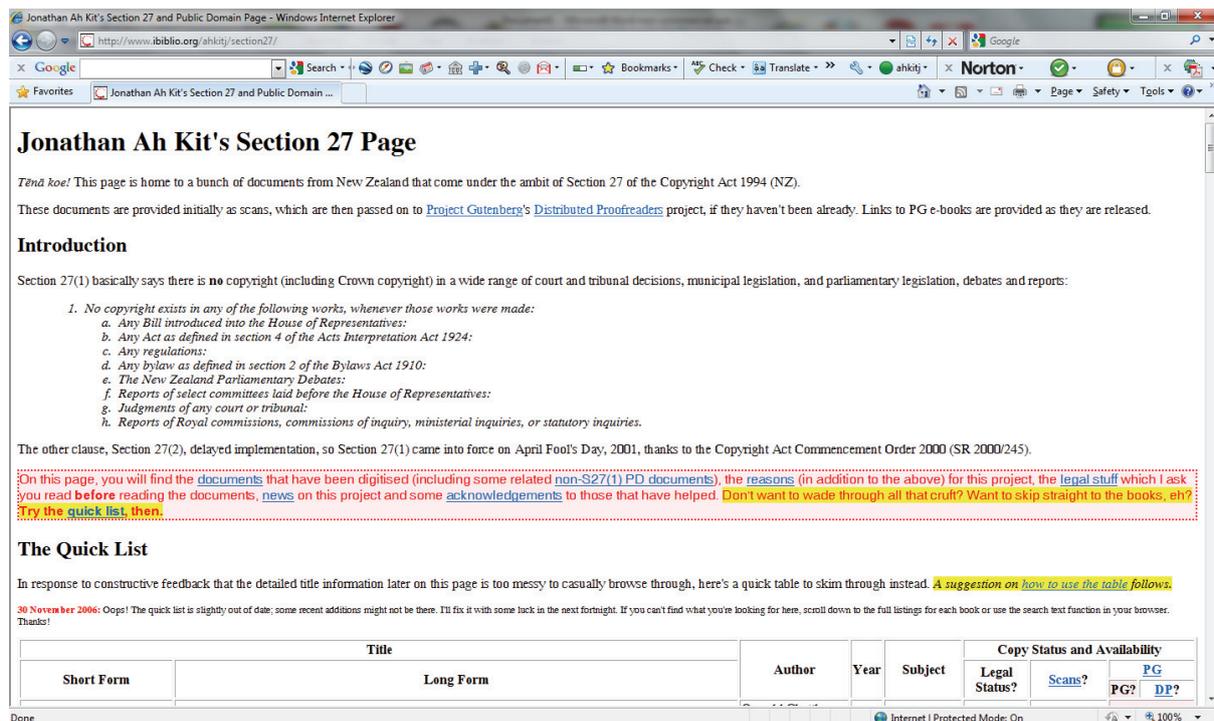


Jonathan Ah Kit – Work Examples

Section 27(1) website

- **URL:** <http://www.metalab.unc.edu/ahkitj/section27/>
- **Subject:** digitized historic books on public health
- **Involvement:** 2001 to present, as content creator and webmaster



Nature: The original objective of this website was to provide online copies of several committee reports from what is now the New Zealand Parliament, beginning with the *Report of the Special Committee on Moral Delinquency in Children and Adolescents (AJHR, 1954, Volume IV, H-47)*, commonly known as the *Mazengarb Report*. This was initially a volunteer endeavor until it became a focus for a possible Master of Arts or Bachelor of Arts with Honors thesis at my undergraduate college.

The site was originally used to post scans that I made of this and similar committee reports, which I then handed on to Project Gutenberg's Distributed Proofreaders (PGDP) program (<http://www.pgdp.net/>). For some of the titles I also coordinated their optical character recognition (OCR), proofreading, and HTML making processes. I then posted links to PGDP's final work, in addition to the posted scans.

Changes: Over time, I branched in to other, related, books that were not committee reports, such as *Ettie Rout's Safe Marriage (1922)*. In addition, I also took in scans of books unrelated to health, some of which were provided by other PGDP users. Of particular historic importance was Project Gutenberg's first book in the Māori language, a 1907 book on the Hinemoa legend.

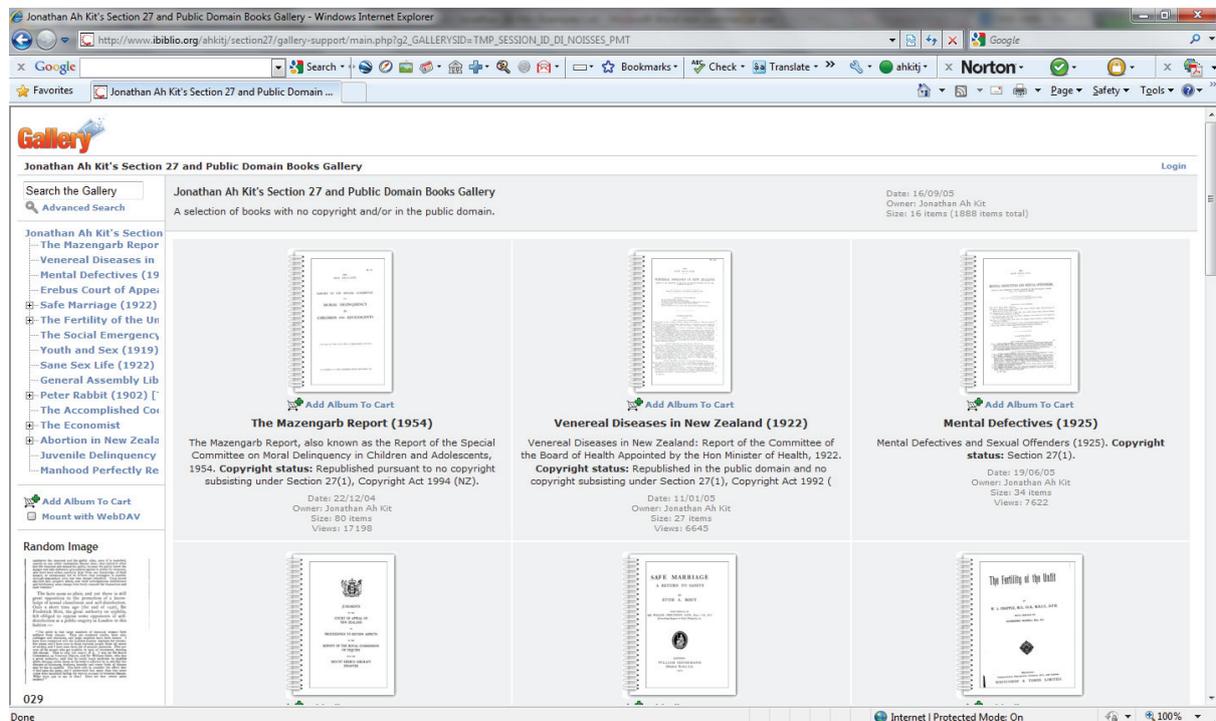
The site's design was extremely simplified, based on discussions with a lecturer in the history department at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, where she was using the *Mazengarb Report* as one of the readings for a 200-level course. She indicated that the design was very usable and requested that I focus on content, rather than layout and design.

Awards: Honors that this site, and its related PGDP efforts, have received included:

- being hosted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's *ibiblio* service (<http://www.ibiblio.org/>);
- a mention in one of New Zealand's top-circulating newsweeklies, *The Listener* (http://www.listener.co.nz/issue/3455/columnists/6632/get_it_together.html) by the blogger Russell Brown in his print column, *Wide Area News*;
- and no less than five mentions by Brown in his blog *Hard News*, which resides on the New Zealand top 10 website *Public Address* (<http://www.publicaddress.net/>). Brown particularly singled out the website as an example of individualized grassroots efforts on historic digital preservation that, in his opinion, should be funded by the New Zealand government.

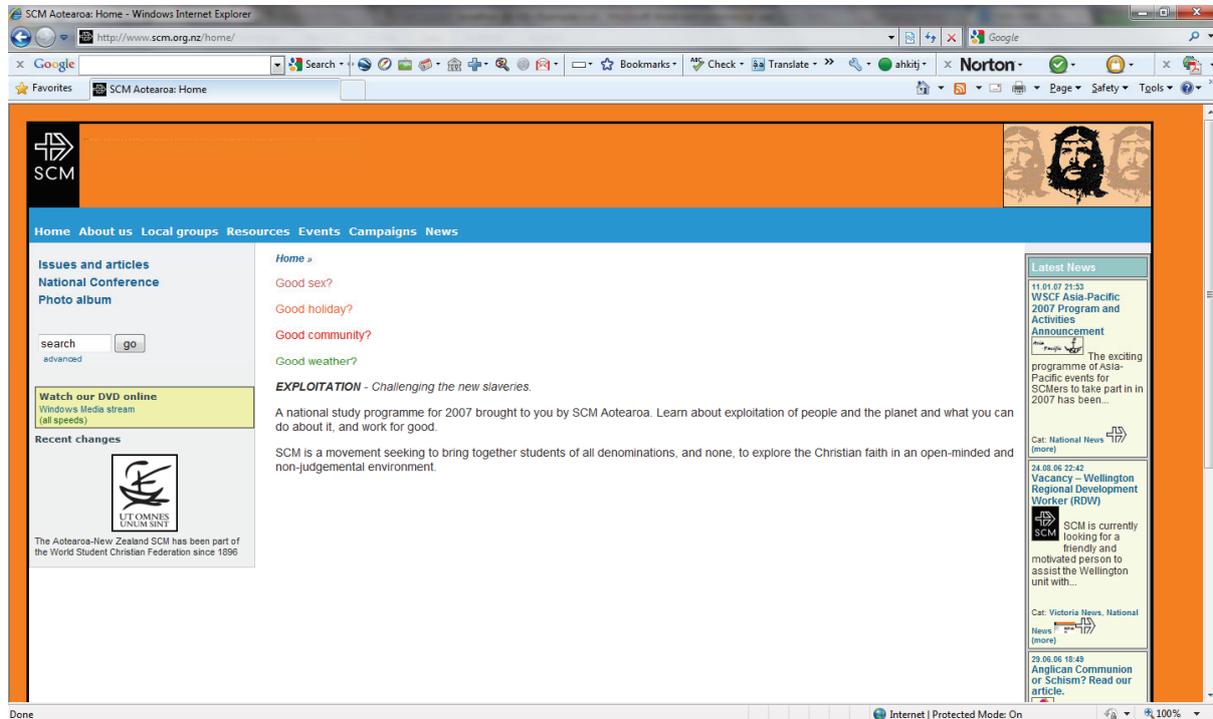
A companion blog, *The Power House* (<http://www.ibiblio.org/ahkitj/diaries/thepowerhouse/>), is both a personal and academic blog, which for the latter announces changes to the site. This blog has been mentioned in both print and online by the *New Zealand Herald* as a blog to watch (http://www.nzherald.co.nz/technology/news/article.cfm?c_id=5&objectid=3579823).

Future plans: Planned changes to the site include making all books currently posted available in printable PDF files and downloadable ZIP and TAR.GZ files, to increase accessibility to the scans, and to reduce the workload required to keep up with the demands of its hosting provider to stay up to date with their terms of service.



Student Christian Movement Aotearoa Inc (SCMA) website

- **URL:** <http://www.scm.org.nz/>
- **Subject:** website for a small national campus-based charity
- **Involvement:** 2004 to present, as content manager, webmaster, and postmaster



Nature: SCMA, the New Zealand member of the World Student Christian Federation Asia-Pacific Region (WSCF AP), had a web presence for some years that included significant amounts of existing content. In 2004, in addition to reopening and subsequently managing the organization's on-campus office at Victoria University of Wellington, I was asked to maintain the content on the website. This included posting content as requested by both the national office and members at other campuses. Layout and design responsibilities were specifically excluded at the time.

Changes: As my strengths are in content management, I was asked to assist a redesign team of two other people to help migrate the <http://www.scm.org.nz/> website's content management system (CMS) from Microsoft Office FrontPage Extensions to TYPO3 (<http://www.typo3.com/>). My primary task was to migrate as much content as possible from the FrontPage-based version of the site to the TYPO3 version. As I was the most frequent user of the new CMS, the other two members of the redesign team had me author the first section of a manual (<http://www.scm.org.nz/go/46>) for other members of SCMA to edit the website on their own, without my intervention.

New content: The highlight of my involvement was sourcing back issues of WSCF AP's magazines and pamphlets, as well as a promotional video they made to use with funding requests. Both were digitized on CD-ROM and DVD-Video by the Filipino member of WSCF AP. With permissions in hand, I was able to make all of this content available online, increasing knowledge of the organization.

Additionally, in related effort, I digitized with permission SCMA's centennial history, making it available on both Google Books (<http://print.google.co.nz/print?isbn=0473060760>) and Windows Live Search Books (site no longer available) as another publicity initiative for SCMA and WSCF AP.