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President's Message



Dear CALA Colleagues,

Greetings from Houston, TX! It is my privilege to be the 2021-2022 President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). The past few years were full of challenges, adjusting professional and personal lives throughout the pandemic, and dealing with the outbreak of racism especially targeted for Asians. CALA has shown its resilience and adaptation with the support of its members and leaders. I feel great honor to be on this journey with you all. Let me take this opportunity to tell you more about myself and my leadership philosophy. Like many of you, I took several detours before landing in library school. I earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Communications before earning my degree in Library Science. I started my career in public services in academic libraries, as instruction librarian, subject librarian, and later on data librarian. Recently, I have taken a new position as a collections analytics coordinator. My leadership philosophy is to maximize the strength of everyone and empower team members to achieve personal and group excellence. Throughout my career, I have benefited greatly from professional development opportunities and collaboration with colleagues. Therefore, in my presidency I have set up two priorities. One is leadership training and career development, and the other is committee communication and succession planning. I have appointed a leadership development task force to investigate various leadership training opportunities and recommend procedures for CALA to support its members to apply. I am also facilitating communications among committees for better collaboration and encouraging documentation for committee transitions moving forward. I would love to get to know more of you, either online or in person when we are able to gather again at conferences. Thank you for the opportunity to let me serve CALA and I look forward to working with you all to make CALA not only a professional organization, but also a "home organization" for all members.

Wenli Gao

CALA President 2021-2022

Announcements

CALA NE Chapter Call for Contributions

Greetings CALA Members,

CALA Northeast Chapter is the largest chapter with over 80 registered members. In this new “[Online Showcase](#)”, we want to highlight what our members worked on in the past year and a half.

We recognize that the past year and a half has been challenging for everyone due to the pandemic, however there must be some positive aspects as well. Therefore, we want you to take this moment to think about how your 2020-2021 year has been and submit an article about it. **What was noteworthy for you in 2020-2021?**

Here are some suggestions:

- A paragraph reflecting on what was noteworthy for you, with an image
- A recipe of what you’ve cooked that brought comfort to you
- A valuable piece of advice or lesson you picked up when attending a webinar
- A LibGuide, or any instructional materials you’ve created
- A poster for an event you were involved in with photographs/screenshots
- Any other work you would like to share

We will continue to review and accept submissions until June 30, 2022. We definitely want to hear from you! Email us with your submission at calane2010@gmail.com.

P/S: For your older scholarly works and educational materials, CALASYS is ideal for adding your works! You can [create a CALASYS account](#) and [start depositing](#). Do review the [CALASYS Self-Contribution Training Slides](#) beforehand.

Sincerely,

Your CALA NE Officers

Alvina Lai

Cindy Li

Edward Junhao Lim

Announcements

Check Out CALA's Membership Directory!

Are you looking for collaborators for a project? Are you seeking potential peer reviewers for your promotion and tenure case? Do you want to network with CALA members in your area? If yes, check out the CALA membership directory! You can look up members by job category or by CALA chapters they belong to.

Follow the steps below to access the directory:

1. Visit the CALA website at <https://www.cala-web.org/>
2. Look for the Membership box on the left-hand side of the page, then click on the "Directory (login required)" link.
3. Click on the Login button shown below, and login with your username and password to get to the Intranet page.
4. On the Intranet page, click on the "Directory" button in the top panel.



Membership

- Why Join CALA?
- About Membership
- **Directory (login required)**
- Join or Renew (login required for renewal)
- Organization
- Update Profile (login required)
- Volunteer

Annual CALA Canada Meeting

Submitted by webteam3 on Wed, 11/10/2021 - 11:06



Ads Post Services

- Jobline and Ads (new)
- Advertising Ordering (new)
- Guideline for Advertising (New channels added besides website: social media and Newsletter)
- Library Job Lists from Other Sources

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Invitation to Join CALA's Social Media Channels

Dear CALA members and friends,

The CALA Social Media Committee would like to invite you to join CALA's various social media channels for discussions and information sharing. Detailed information to access these channels is attached. To contribute news, you can post directly (when applicable), or send a message to our group email at smedia@cala-web.org.

CALA Social Media
Chinese American Librarians Association

Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/CALA-Chinese-American-Librarians-Association-281336511932864/>
Member & Friends Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/423045741400053>

Twitter
<https://www.twitter.com/CALANational>

Youtube
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel>

LinkedIn
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12047408/>

WeChat
Join by invitation

CALA Social Media Committee
smedia@cala-web.org

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CALA's Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/CALA-Chinese-American-Librarians-Association-281336511932864>

CALA Members & Friends" Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/423045741400053>

CALA LinkedIn Group

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12047408>

You can also submit videos via the submission form at:

CALA YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel>

Please submit videos via the submission form. A link can also be found on the CALA website:

<https://www.cala-web.org/cala-youtube/about>

CALA WeChat

Please email smedia@cala-web.org to be added to the WeChat space.

CALA Twitter

<https://www.twitter.com/CALANational>

Log into Twitter or create an account if you don't have one. Search for @CALANational in the app or visit <https://www.twitter.com/CALANational>. Click the "Follow" button to subscribe to our Twitter feed and to keep up with the latest news, events, and other discussions. For more information on the different channels and general guidelines for posting, please refer to our downloadable CALA Social Media flyer (shown above).

Thank you for your interest and participation!

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Announcements

Call for Open Contribution to CALASYS

Dear colleagues,

The CALASYS Committee implemented Self-Contribution for the CALA's Academic Resource & Repository System (CALASYS, <https://ir.cala-web.org/>) this spring, and welcomes your continuing contribution! Anyone who's interested in adding their original scholarly works and other documents to CALASYS can create an account and start depositing. Please read the [How to Contribute](#) page and review [CALASYS Self-Contribution Training Slides](#) before registering for an account. You're also welcome to check out the [CALASYS YouTube video](#). The Committee would be happy to provide training sessions online per request.

By opening CALASYS to all, each contributing individual, committee, and chapter will be able to deposit works and documents. You can also be the manager of your collection after going through training with the Committee. It is hoped that CALASYS will continue to grow at a faster pace and in a more inclusive direction.

CALASYS hosts scholarly works and educational materials from our members, the Chinese American Librarians as well as educators and professionals in the LIS field. It also archives CALA's official documents, CALA and its Chapters' conference materials, and Chinese cultural heritage collections. Currently, 34 collections have been created for individuals, and over 30 collections have been created for CALA Archives and Chapter collections. In total over 500 items have been added to CALASYS' open and private collections. As of November 1, 2021, it reached 589833 views for this year.

CALASYS accepts clear copyright full text as well as bibliographies. By submitting your work, you grant CALASYS non-exclusive rights to distribute your submission ("the Work") over the Internet. The original copyright holder of the work will retain the copyright. The contributions could be, but not limited to:

1. Scholarly publications (journal articles, books, book chapters, etc. Abstracts with bibliographic information or access links are welcome).
2. Educational/instructional and training materials (presentation files, audio/video materials for workshops/training, curriculum designs, syllabus of LIS courses, guides, reports, datasets, etc.)
3. CALA's official documents, CALA Chapters' conference, training, and other event materials.
4. Other collections and materials on Chinese-American librarianship, Chinese cultural heritage, and Chinese studies.

Please contact the CALASYS Committee at calasys@cala-web.org if you need more information or have any questions. Thank you for your participation, enthusiasm, and support!

Sincerely,

The CALASYS Committee

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Awards

Best Service Award

Dear CALA Members:

Approved by the CALA Executive Committee and the CALA Board of Directors, the CALA Best Service Subcommittee is pleased to announce that **Mr. Michael Bailou Huang** is selected as the recipient for the 2021 CALA Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Michael Bailou Huang, life member of CALA, currently works as the Director of Global Library Initiatives at the Health Sciences Library of Stony Brook University Libraries.

Mr. Huang has been dedicated to Chinese-American librarianship throughout his career. He has committed himself to the growth and presence of CALA as a strong ethnic professional association through many years of his ardent services and contributions. He consistently contributed his experience and expertise in enhancing U.S.-China library collaborations and the relationship between CALA and other library organizations.

Mr. Huang is an outstanding leader and organizer and has played many important roles in library organizations at the local, state, national and international levels. He has chaired many committees and taken numerous key member positions for CALA and other library organizations since he entered the profession, such as:

- CALA Board of Directors, (2018-2021)
- President-- CALA Northeast Chapter (2014-2015)
- Co-chair-- CALA International Relations Committee (2011-2021) and Membership Committee (2014-2015); Organization Committee, International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries, Beijing, China, (October 2011)
- Chair-- On Subject Librarian Services, the International Conference on the Development of Subject Librarianship and Personal Librarianship, Beijing, China, (October, 2018); Chair on Concurrent Session V: User Services, the 3rd Shanghai International Library Forum, Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China, (August, 2006)
- Representative to the Library Society of China (2011-2020)
- Delegation Leader to 3rd Shanghai International Library Forum, Shanghai, China, August, (2006)
- Organizer and chair for eight Global Library Initiatives Lectures.

Mr. Huang's prolific publications, numerous presentations, dedicated research and teaching endeavors recapitulate his contributions to Chinese-American Librarianship, cultural diversity and continuing education. As a dedicated library professional, Mr. Huang has been recognized locally, nationally and internationally and received countless awards and honors for his commitment to excellence in the profession, including many times of the President's Award for Excellence in Team Achievement, Office of the President, Stony Brook University, and three time of the CALA President Recognition Award (2013, 2018, 2020).

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Awards

Outstanding Library Leadership Award

Dear CALA Members:

Approved by the CALA Executive Committee and the CALA Board of Directors, the CALA Best Service Award Subcommittee is pleased to announce that **Ms. Ying Zhang**, life member of CALA, is selected as the recipient of the 2021 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung! Ms. Ying Zhang currently works as the Interim Associate Director, Division of Collections Services & Resource Management at the University of Central Florida Libraries.

Ms. Ying Zhang has been dedicated to Chinese-American librarianship since she started her career in the profession. Ms. Ying Zhang is a distinguished CALA leader who has committed herself to the growth and integrity of CALA as a strong ethnic professional association through her many years of passionate services and dedications. Ms. Ying Zhang was appreciated by the CALA general members for her leadership and diligent work in building a strong relationship between CALA and its global partners, as well as strengthening their alliance with other ALA-affiliated ethnic caucuses on advocacy for diversity, equity, and inclusiveness in librarianship. Moreover, Ms. Ying Zhang has also been commended for her commitment to services that were member-focused, professional and of empowerment during her tenure as CALA President 2018-2019, Southeast Chapter President 2013-2014, and Florida Chapter President 2002-2003. Ms. Ying Zhang is an outstanding leader and has played many leadership roles in organizations locally, nationally and internationally in addition to many committees she has chaired and numerous key member positions she has taken on including:

- CALA President, (2018-2019); Vice-President/President-Elect, (2016-2018)
- CALA Executive Board member (2002-2005, 2015-2018)
- President-- CALA Southeast Chapter (2013-2014)
- President-- Florida Chapter (2002-2004)
- Co-Chair -- Membership Committee (2016-2017); Constitution and Bylaws Committee (2015-2016); Chair --Collection Advisory Committee, Council of State University Libraries (CSUL), Florida, 2005-2020.
- Liaison to IFLA, ALA, JCLC (2018-2019)
- Organizer & leader for the 9th Yunnan Sino-American Forum on Library Practice, Yunnan, China, July, 2019.
- Organizer of the 6th North America China Conference, 2018.

Ms. Ying Zhang is very active in scholarship and presentations. She has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and given talks locally, nationally and internationally, covering a wide range of topics including Chinese-American librarianship, cultural diversity, leadership, and library education. As a dedicated library professional, Ms. Zhang was selected and awarded the “Excellence of Librarianship Award” in 2011 by the University of Central Florida Libraries. As a distinguished leader, Ms. Zhang has been recognized and awarded the “CALA President’s Recognition Award” three times in 2020, 2018 and 2016.

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Conference Reports & Programming

CALA Presidential Program and Poster Session

By Vincci Kwong

In June 2021, the CALA Annual Conference & Local Arrangement Committee hosted three different programs during the ALA Virtual. The CALA Presidential Program was titled “Libraries as Catalysts for Serving Diverse Communities,” and presented by two panelists, Ozioma Aloziem and Christina Gola. The program was well-received, with over 200 people attending the program. Recording of the program is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QH_ZJWjSLn0.

This year, 16 librarians presented their posters at the CALA Poster Session. The posters cover a variety of topics, and the attendees were active in participating in the poster session via Q&A. To view the posters, visit <https://ir.cala-web.org/items/browse?collection=110>.

Last but not least, the committee hosted a film screening discussion for the film *Far East Deep South*, which was followed by a networking event. Attendees interacted with the film producers of the *Far East Deep South*, and had a great time learning about the production of the film. During the networking event, CALA members met each other virtually via Zoom. The attendees made new connections, and shared their experience regarding work, culture and life.

Visiting Scholar Programming at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI)

By Shuyi Liu

On July 30, 2021, through the Visiting Scholar Program at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Dr. Jiuming Ji, a Research Librarian from East China University of Science and Technology Library gave a talk titled “Libraries COVID Responses in China” via Zoom. Back in March, Lindsay King, the Associate Director for Access and Research Services of Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library at the Yale University Library, gave a presentation on “Staying Open and Staying Safe: COVID-19 and The Yale Library”. These online scholarly activities were organized by the IFSI International Programs. The most recent event was held on October 7. The Adult Services Manager, Tricia Duzan and the Reference Librarian, Eva Liu, from Champaign Public Library gave a talk on the topic of public library user services and how to promote library services during COVID pandemic. 51 participants attended this event via Zoom. Since April 2020, IFSI International Programs has organized 29 online activities with a total of 826 participants.

The Visiting Scholar Program has accepted the application of three scholars from China since August this year during the pandemic. They all arrived in Champaign, Illinois safely.



Conference Reports & Programming

CALA Southwest and Southeast Chapters Joint Online Conference

By Anna Xiong & Jianying Shou

The CALA Southeast and Southwest Chapters Joint Online Conference was held successfully on May 7, 2021, 12-2:30pm Central Time. Thanks to the Conference Planning Committee of both CALA Southwest Chapter chaired by Anna Xiong from Rice University and Southeast Chapter chaired by Jianying Shou from Duke University.

The conference started with an enthusiastic opening remark delivered by CALA President Hong Yao. It was followed by four presentations mainly focusing on the challenges librarians encountered during the Covid pandemic. Each presentation was limited to 15-25 minutes and was followed by a 30 -minute question and answer (Q & A) session at the end of the four presentations.

The four presentation are:

1. “Usability Study for TDR” by Zhihong Xu, Associate Professor/Data Management Librarian at Texas A&M University Libraries
2. “Just Keep Trying: Experiments in Outreach and Engagement During a Pandemic” by Zackary Chance Medlin, Learning & Student Engagement Librarian at Texas A&M University Libraries
3. “Improvisation in Improbable Times: Pivoting to a Tele-Reference Service Model “ by Sandy Avila, Science Librarian; Richard Harrison, Subject Librarian; Sarah Norris, Scholarly Communication Librarian; Min Tong, Business Librarian, University of Central Florida Libraries
4. “Civic Engagement during the Pandemic” by Jian Anna Xiong, Government Information Coordinator; Amanda Thomas, User Experience/Public Services Librarian, Rice University

The presentations were very engaging and people actively participated in the Q & A session. The presenters had their presentation recorded and were encouraged to upload their presentations to CALA’s online repository “CALASYS.” The joint conference has drawn over 30 attendants of CALA members and non-members. In order to continue promoting CALA and the CALA Southwest and Southeast Chapters, at the end of the Conference, the Vice Presidents/incoming Presidents were invited to give a brief self-introduction and the background information of the Chapters they represented. The conference achieved the goal of providing a platform for librarians, especially Chinese American librarians, to demonstrate their efforts at improving the library services to users by sharing their stories and their contributions to the library community.

Conference Reports & Programming

2021 Open Education Conference (#OpenEd21)

by **Bonnie L. Fong**

With CALA's generosity, I was able to attend the 2021 Open Education Conference for the first time this October. The conference was completely online, consisting of live sessions, pre-recorded sessions where presenters were there to answer questions from the audience, and social activities. "Making Open for All" was the theme this year and the variety of sessions reflected this.

The opening keynote focused on trauma-informed pedagogy. Dr. Imad discussed personal, collective, and intergenerational trauma – from racism, erasure, poverty, colonialism, wars, mass shootings, and more. Members of the audience also shared how the COVID-19 pandemic has been a traumatic experience. Of Dr. Imad's 10 tips for trauma-informed care, #5 – "empower people through knowledge, voice, and choice" – resonated most with me as it concerns open education.

Sessions about diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice in open education were of great interest to me. "Institutional Transformation Towards OER: Community of Practice, Diversity Assessment, and Policy" was about Towson University's OER initiative and the presenters shared the cultural relevancy checklist that is part of its assessment. "Zoom In: A Faculty Panel on Creating Renewable Assignments Using Lambert's Social Justice Framework" featured faculty in the New England Board of Higher Education's Community of Practice that implemented open pedagogy, where faculty created renewable assignments and tried to engage students in more authentic, culturally relevant teaching and learning experiences.

There were a number of sessions on open pedagogy. In "Building Digital Editions for and with Students" and "Technology, OER, and Open Pedagogy: Diverse Voices of the Past & Present" faculty shared the tools they and their students used (e.g., Etherpad, Omeka, Pressbooks, Scalar, WordPress, and learning management systems) to revise and remix openly licensed/public domain materials in order to enhance them with documents, images, etc.

Since I am a science librarian, I also attended a number of sessions related to the sciences. I learned that the free online course management system, MyOpenMath, includes homework assignments for chemistry (as well as content for math, physics, and astronomy). I also learned that faculty at Georgia Southern University utilized LibGuides to post their OER textbooks for the organic chemistry and organic chemistry laboratory courses.

For further professional development in open education, there are the ACRL Off-Roadshow for OER & Affordability, OEN Certificate in OER Librarianship, and SPARC Open Education Leadership Program (per "Professional Development for Open Education Leaders: A Community Dialogue").

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“America Reads Constitution” Online Program - 2021 Rice University Fondren Library U.S. Constitution Day Celebration

by Anna Xiong

2021 is the 234th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. To celebrate, Anna Xiong, Immediate Past President of CALA Southwest Chapter and Government Information Coordinator of Kelley Center for Government Information, Data and Geospatial Services of Fondren Library at Rice University initiated and led a special virtual recording project called "America Reads Constitution", which was inspired by the tradition of the US House of Representatives, where members read the Constitution on site every year on the Constitution Day since 2011, (House Reading of the Constitution) and by similar practice of the National Constitution Center (American Epic: Reading the U.S. Constitution).

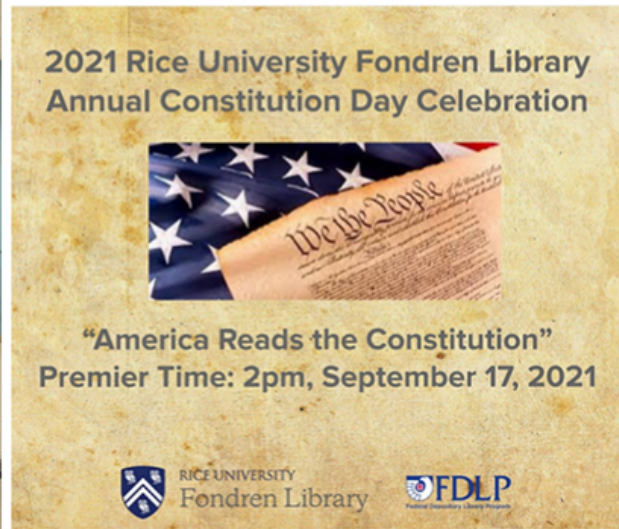
The final recording was premiered over YouTube at 2 p.m. CDT, on September 17 to the public with the goal of encouraging everyone to read one of the most important US founding documents from start to finish, from “We the People” to the final words of the 27th Amendment. Regardless of people’s age, ethnicity, gender, political view or social and economic status, everyone was welcome to read together.

The special recording project was widely supported by passionate volunteer readers from both Rice University and the local Houston community: from middle schoolers, to retired elderly; men and women, people from different racial and ethnic backgrounds, from University administrators to faculty, staff, and students; people all joined in. Fondren Library’s C-MAC Committee and Digital Media Center helped with promotion and provided the technical support. Kelley Center student Lucy Hernandez and a junior volunteer from Houston’s Bellaire High School Joshua Cheng helped with editing the video. Joshua Cheng is a talented young pianist and a passionate congressional debater. He played “America the Beautiful” before the reading started, which added a beautiful musical touch to the recording.

Here is the link to the "America Reads Constitution" recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxw7MQASv6Y>, which is added to Rice University Fondren Library's YouTube channel. It lasted about 1 hour 15 min. The collaborative work was a great civic engagement outreach and promotion experience for both Kelley Center and the community. The project has received a lot of great comments and was not possible without all the support received.

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The celebration event has also a smaller scale on-site component. This year Kelly Center has purchased a copy of the U.S. Constitution with the amendments, which has the height of a real person. People can read and take pictures with it. Next to it the library has set up a self-service table, where the staff prepared a few pages of vintage effects, ancient looking paper for library visitors to have a fun, symbolic experience of signing the Constitution with the founding fathers. At the table, the visitors could also get free-to-take pocket constitutions and information sheets about voter registration and election, which is an important human right protected by the Constitution. In the basement near Kelley Center, the staff also have set up three on site exhibits to educate the library visitors about the voting act, related research resources, and the history of the constitutional amendments on voting and election. Below is a photo collage showing the onsite and virtual event.



Member News

A Reflection Piece As a Member of CALA and REFORMA

By Raymond Pun, Vice President of CALA 2021-2022

At the request of the co-editor, I wanted to share a bit about my experiences as a life member of CALA and REFORMA - The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking. I think back about collaborations with REFORMA Chapters such as Bibliotecas Para La Gente (BPLG) in the Bay Area, CA, and REFORMA del Valle Central (RDCV).



Photo Caption: A photo of all speakers in 2018 in Fresno, CA

In 2018, I collaborated with RDCV members Sandra Rios Balderrama and Yer Vang to co-organize an event to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and library workers in the Central Valley. In Fresno, we had a great event where educators, poets, library workers, and community members participated and shared stories about their encounters and interactions with libraries and in the field at large. It was truly a memorable conference because it brought together so many people to celebrate and uplift one another's work and experience.

In 2019, building on that work, I was the Northern CA Chapter President of CALA and co-organized another meeting featuring members such as BPLG President Esmeraldera Casas and many CALA members in the region. In the Bay Area, we organized this one day meeting to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage and also to hear from library leaders such as former CALA President Haipeng Li and REFORMA President Sandra Rios Balderrama. It gave us a chance to share stories, to network and to bring our national associations together.

I continue to serve on both associations and continue to advance the values of equity, diversity, inclusion, in our profession. Organizing these meetings and bringing so many colleagues and friends together have been such an experience. Immediate Past President of APALA (Asian Pacific American Librarians Association) Candice Mack to highlight our work in telling stories in the profession. I learned a lot as a member of both associations as well as other ones. I highly encourage CALA members to collaborate with REFORMA members in many projects and programs going ahead! Now I am working closely with CALA and APALA leaders to launch a new program funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) called "Path to Leadership" where we will convene virtually to learn from one another and find opportunities to support leadership development for Asian Pacific American library workers. It's quite an exciting opportunity! We'll be sharing more about our research and outcomes shortly!

Member News

Dr. Dave Xueliang Wang Publishes New Book “*China and the Founding of the United States: The Influence of Traditional Chinese Civilization*”

By Fu Zhuo

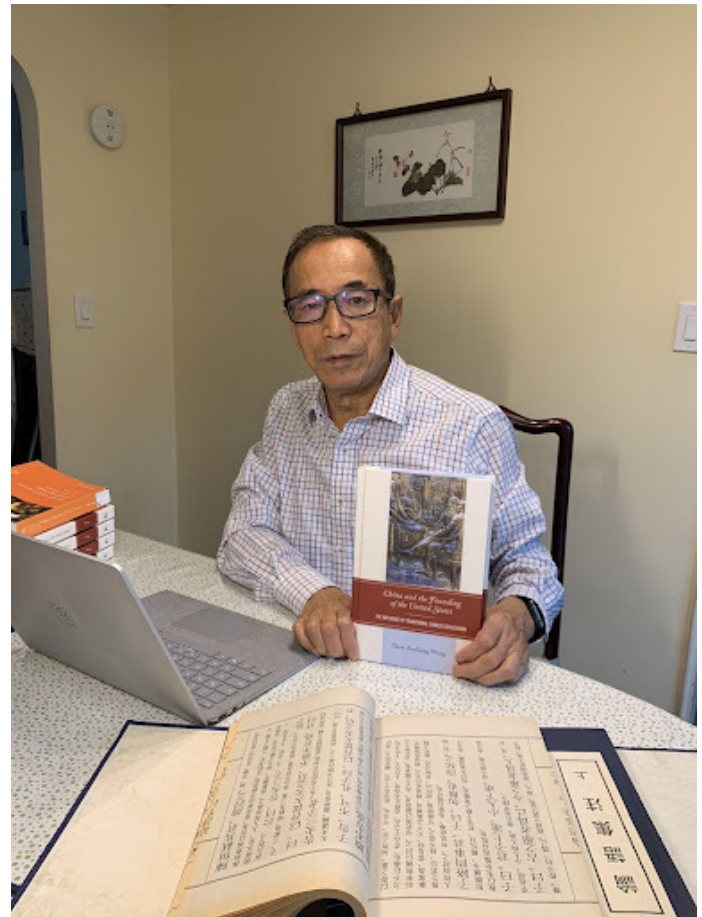
Dr. Dave Xueliang Wang, Manager of Queens Public Library at Laurelton and Adjunct Professor at St. John's University, recently published his longtime research in a new book titled “*China and the Founding of the United States: The Influence of Traditional Chinese Civilization*”.

As its title indicates, the book presents examples of how the U.S. Founding Fathers were influenced and inspired by Chinese agriculture, architecture, and philosophy. His unique perspectives separate the book from the European aristocratic traditions.

The book has been widely promoted by publishers and collected by libraries around the world, including the Library of Congress from the United States.

Congratulations to Dr. Wang on his outstanding research and contribution to China-American relationships.

Why wait to get a copy for your library?



Member News

Dr. Shali Zhang Was Selected as ALA's Newest Endowment Trustee

by Sally Tseng



Hearty congratulations to Dr. Shali Zhang, a CALA life member, on being selected as the ALA's newest Endowment Trustee! We are very proud of you!

Dr. Shali Zhang, Dean of Libraries at Auburn University in Alabama, was selected by the ALA Executive Board during the ALA 2021 Virtual Annual Conference as one of seven ALA Endowment Trustees. Dr. Zhang has already started her three-year term in this role. The ALA Endowment Trustees are charged with managing the ALA Endowment Fund with the responsibility for acting on behalf of the Executive Board, within the established policies, procedures, and guidelines according to the ALA Endowment Trustees Investment Policy.

In addition, the ALA Endowment Trustees have the authority to hold, invest, reinvest, and disburse endowment funds and otherwise deal with endowment funds in accordance with such directions as may be given them by the Executive Board of the Association.

A full ALA press release is available at:

<https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2021/09/ala-announces-new-endowment-trustees>.

As Dean of Auburn University Libraries, a member of Association of Research Libraries, Dr. Zhang provides leadership for the Libraries' strategic priorities that support Auburn University's teaching, learning, and research endeavors. Dr. Zhang previously served as the library dean at the University of Montana, a flagship institution in the state. Dr. Zhang is an ALA life member, and a life member of APALA, Black Caucus of ALA, CALA, and REFORMA.

Dr. Zhang was the CALA President (2008-2009) and elected two terms to the CALA Board of Directors (2001-2007), (2013-2016). Among her many services roles with CALA, Dr. Zhang chaired or/and served on CALA 2020 Strategic Plan Task Force, Awards Committee, Presidential Initiatives, Strategic Planning Task Force, Nominating Committee, Publications Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, International Relations Committee, Scholarship Committee, etc. Since CALA joined IFLA as a national association member in 2012, Dr. Zhang has served the CALA presidents in assisting CALA's participations in IFLA annual conferences, officer elections, and other logistics.

Dr. Zhang's contributions to library and information science profession are recognized through ALA International Relations Committee's John Ames Humphrey/OCLC/Forest Press Award, ALA International Relations Round Table's "Notable IRRT Member" recognition, JCLC Distinguished Services Award, CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung, CALA Presidential Recognition Award, and CALA Distinguished Service Award.

"It is a great honor in serving as the ALA's Endowment Trustee. The professional library associations like ALA, CALA, and others have been key supporters throughout my professional growth. I am very grateful for the confidence from the colleagues who nominated me to this position and for the ALA Executive Board's selection. It is a new opportunity to learn from others and to make positive contributions," Said Dr. Zhang.

Member News

Janet Tom Appointed to the Advisory Board for Connecting Communities Digital Initiative (CCDI) at the Library of Congress

Janet Tom was appointed to the first advisory board for [Connecting Communities Digital Initiative \(CCDI\)](#), a new digitization project from the Library of Congress in September!

"The Connecting Communities Digital Initiative will ultimately sponsor digital projects and partnerships aimed at amplifying the stories of Black, Indigenous, Hispanic, Asian American/Pacific Islander and other communities of color whose stories have too often been undertold in our nation's history and in the Library's collections."

Congratulations to Janet!

Read the full press release from Sept. 9, 2021 from the Library of Congress.

Blog Posting: <https://blogs.loc.gov/ofthepeople/category/connecting-communities-digital-initiative/>

An Overview of the CCDI: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45nKCkV9S2I>



Wenxian Zhang Presented at “La perception de la Chine dans la caricature occidentale et l'influence de cette dernière sur la caricature chinoise”

by Wenxian Zhang, Head of Archives & Special Collections, Rollins College.

Wenxian Zhang, CALA life member and Head of Archives & Special Collections at Olin Library, Rollins College, recently attended the academic conference on “La perception de la Chine dans la caricature occidentale et l'influence de cette dernière sur la caricature chinoise” held at the University of Western Brittany in Brest, France, and made a scholarly presentation on “*Strangers & far way places: The Visualization of the Chinese People and Culture in the Early U.S. Print Media.*”

Member News

Reflections of Serving as a CALA Member

by Esther Medina De Leon

Working with CALA and the members within has been one of the most insightful and rewarding experiences I've had within the realm of "service" in national librarianship. I have been a member of CALA since 2018 and have volunteered to serve on several committees. I partake in most webinars and trainings that are shared on the CALA listserv. I also share these opportunities with my colleagues, even though they may tire of my many emails. I've served in the following capacities in CALA: as committee member to the Best Book Award Subcommittee, the Social Media Subcommittee, and The Newsletter Subcommittee. Most recently I am the editor of the CALA newsletter, having served as a layout editor in the past.

The Best Book Award Subcommittee was most challenging since I do not read nor speak the language. As much as I watch Kdramas and Cdramas, sadly, I have only picked up a few phrases. I did my best to find online text for the title and translate what I could. I found that doing it this way, did not provide the ambiance in which the book was written. I did, however, contribute in other ways such as reviewing books that were written in English, or ones that I found English counterparts. During my term with this committee, the following books were chosen for the May 2019 award: [The Shadow in the Moon](#) by Christina Matula and [Front Desk](#) by Kelly Yang.

With the Social Media Subcommittee I contributed to soliciting participation from CALA members to social media outlets such as Facebook, WeChat, LinkedIn, and YouTube. During 2019, the Social Media Subcommittee worked with the CALA Web Committee to add videos to the YouTube channel. I contributed by creating a form in which members could easily submit their videos. Along with Sai Deng and Jeannie Chen, a poster presentation was created and presented at ALA in Summer of 2019, entitled "Supporting Access and Community-Building: The CALA Social Media Tag Library."

The Newsletter Subcommittee was where I found my niche. Although I didn't have a lot of experience in creating a whole newsletter or being a layout editor, I found that utilizing what I already knew from creating flyers and other print materials for other organizations, aided me in working to piece together the newsletter. I contributed as layout editor, as co-editor, and now am honored that I serve as editor. Since my start I have helped to produce and publish 5 issues from Fall 2019 until Fall 2021. As co-editor I helped to submit Newsletter Subcommittee's annual report indulging in setting some goals for the committee. As editor I have made it a goal to contribute to documenting workflows, sample call outs, as well as any reports that may be written.

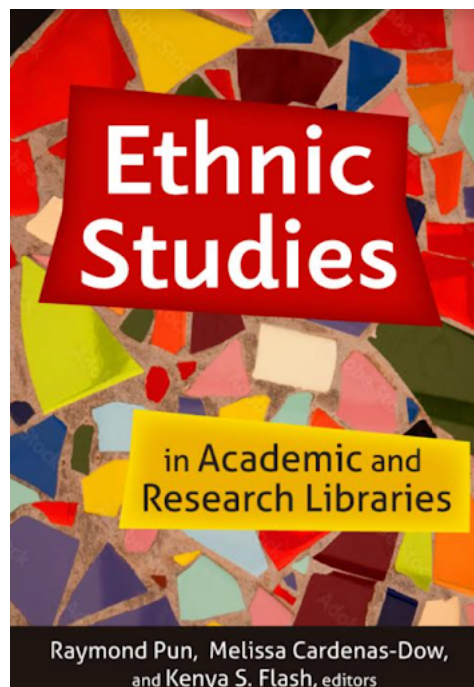
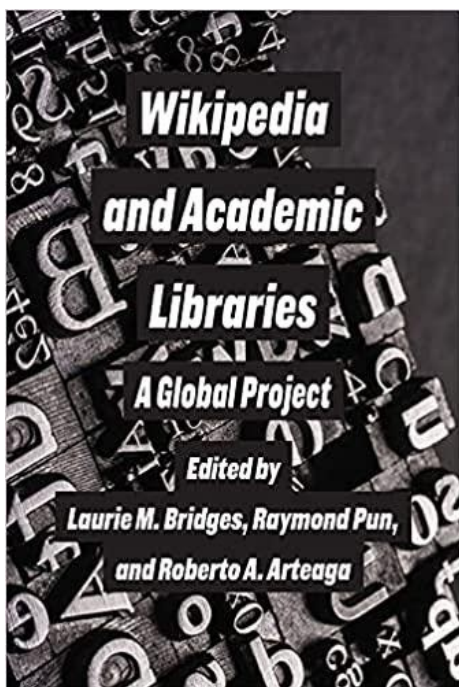
I've enjoyed my time as a member in CALA. When I attend these workshops, webinars, trainings, and conferences, and my committee meetings, I always feel welcomed and acknowledged and that I am a part of something bigger.

Member News

Raymond Pun Has Co-Edited Two New Books

By Raymond Pun

Along with Laurie Bridges and Roberto Arteaga, Ray co-edited a new book called *Wikipedia and Academic Libraries: A Global Project*. It was published by Maize Books, an imprint of Michigan Publishing back in September 2021. This edited book brings global voices together on Wikipedia as an academic resource and engagement for academic libraries. Contributors include academic library workers from Canada, Mexico, Hong Kong, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Ireland and Brazil. It is published in [open access](#).



Ray Pun along with Kenya S. Flash and CALA member Melissa Cardenas Dow co-published an upcoming edited volume called *Ethnic Studies in Academic and Research Libraries*, to be published by ACRL Publications. This new book covers how library workers including LIS educators, archivists, and public librarians, collaborate to support ethnic studies programs and departments. Contributors for each chapter focus on how library workers support programs such as African American Studies/Black Studies, Indigenous Studies/Native American Studies, Asian Pacific American Studies, and/or Latinx Studies in the higher education/research context.

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Post-Pandemic Stories

Post-Covid Work & Life

By Angel Tang

Data, Science, & Engineering Diversity Resident Librarian
Steenbock Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Having started my job virtually in December 2020, I did not have a “return” to the office. Rather, July 2021 was when I first started working on-campus, despite already having been employed for several months! Launching my career virtually, in the midst of a pandemic, had its own challenges, including learning to adjust to working in the office after establishing certain rhythms while working remotely. At home I became accustomed to snuggling with my cat, wrapping myself in blankets, and eating hot lunches every day - luxuries which definitely made the workday more comfortable.

Although the physical setting of my living room was very cozy, starting a career virtually was an unusual and isolating experience. I am an extravert who feels energized when around other people, so I found working by myself all day very unpleasant. I did meet my colleagues in team meetings and was in constant contact with my supervisor, so although I had never spent time in an office with my fellow librarians, I felt connected to the other staff and felt engaged with my work. From the beginning my coworkers made efforts to make me feel included by inviting me to join their committees and participate in virtual social activities.

When it was announced that librarians could work in the library in July 2021, I took the earliest possible opportunity to start working in the office. In preparation for working onsite, I created a list of supplies and personal effects that I wanted to take in to personalize my space. I also biked the route from my home to work a few times to familiarize myself with the route. My daily bike commute takes me down a bike path by Lake Mendota, which is an incredible way to start the morning.

The first day I came into my office, I couldn't figure out how to open my door! I turned the keys and tried to pull the door, but couldn't open it. One of my colleagues heard me rattling the door and kindly explained that my office door needed to be pushed, not pulled. Another colleague also gave me a tour of the library, which I had seen previously but was still having trouble navigating. Despite my unfamiliarity with the facilities, I found my office a comfortable and well-equipped space to do my work.

I prefer working from the office to working from home, especially because I enjoy being around my colleagues and patrons. Additionally, having more work/life separation has been a relief as I can go home after the workday and leave my work in the office. Since most of my meetings are virtual there are still some colleagues I have still never met in person, despite having been at this job for almost a full year now! My first year of my career as a professional academic librarian has certainly been strange, but I am grateful for my colleagues who welcomed me warmly when I started and helped me transition to onsite work.

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Work & Life During Pandemic

Toan Lam-Sullivan - Bilingual Regional Librarian
Multnomah County Library

In March 2020, due to the pandemic, our Library temporarily closed the buildings which encompassed the in-person programs and services. On the other hand, the Library online services stayed strong. These services included virtual references, storytimes, events and workshops. Our Library website, Facebook and other social media outlets remained very active.

As a Bilingual Regional Librarian, I coordinated and worked closely with the team in reaching out and stayed connected with the community via phone, email, Wechat, etc. We also provided virtual workshops, events and tech help. Our Library started providing in-person curbside service several months later. Even though we were shielded by plexiglass and masks, the curbside service was a great opportunity for staff to meet patrons in person. We welcomed patrons to pick up their on hold items and the book bundles.

We were thrilled when our Library reopened the buildings in June 2021. Many patrons seemed very happy as well. In a way, it was perfect timing to reopen the buildings for the public, during that same month, Portland experienced an historic heatwave for several days. With an all-time record high temperature ranging from 108 - 116 degrees. The Library building became a shelter for patrons to stay cool. With the County support, library staff provided bottled water for patrons to stay hydrated.

On a personal note, the pandemic was a wake up call and a humbling experience. It was a time to reflect and re-evaluate what truly holds dear to me. Keeping close connection with family members is the top priority and staying healthy is second, and my Library profession comes right after. In addition, the pandemic was a time to adopt and explore new solutions. With three children and two were attending online schools, my wife and I rearranged our furniture and working stations at home. So that when we all had meetings at the same time, the noise level was manageable.

During my off time, I started on some self-sustaining projects, such as growing vegetables and fruits; turning vegetable and fruit scraps and ground coffee into compost. The Pacific Northwest is known for having plenty of rain. However, this summer, we experienced a drought. I collected several big plastic bins as rain barrels. On a happy note, it was quite satisfying to harvest my own zucchini, cucumbers, green beans, tomatoes, figs, and scallions. Along the way, I also learned woodworking skills from my father in law. We also built a shed together. Furthermore, life is about having fun. My favorite pastimes are playing computer games and Nerf blasters with my kids.

Member News

Illinois Fire Service Institute Library Post-Covid Work & Life: Staying Safe While Keeping Open

Lian Ruan, Head Librarian; David Ehrenhart, Assistant Library Director, Archivist; Diane Richardson, Reference Librarian and User Training; Shuyi Liu, International Outreach Services Librarian

The Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) is Illinois' statutory fire academy and offers training courses online, around the state, and in-person at the Champaign campus for firefighters, including volunteer firefighters. IFSI's mission is to *Help Firefighters do their Work through Training, Education, Information and Research*. Since opening in 1990, the IFSI library has worked to support all four areas of IFSI's mission by providing information and resources to firefighters across the state. The library's mission is to provide fire and emergency library and information assistance and services to the Institute's instructional staff, students, Illinois fire departments and firefighters, and other fire/emergency-related users in the successful and effective performance of their duty. *The library holds the largest collection of fire service multi-media resources in Illinois and is one of the top three fire academy libraries in the nation.* As the *only* fire service dedicated library in Illinois, the IFSI library has become a crucial resource for firefighters. Illinois' firefighting community consists of 1,108 fire departments and 41,283 firefighters. Volunteer firefighters make up over sixty-five percent of firefighters in the state of Illinois. Of the library's databases, the most notable and well-received includes the Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database (IFLODD). IFLODD is the most comprehensive database in existence of Illinois firefighters who have died in the line of duty over the past 160 years, with over 906 total records including COVID-19 related LODD, 706 total incident summaries, 1524 total images, and 14 total oral history interviews with transcripts. IFLODD has been used for training, research, the teaching of firefighters, and by fire departments for reoccurring training.

The IFSI Library staff consists of four librarians and a team of six graduate students from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign iSchool. The library employees worked from home from March 2020 to May 2021, then gradually returned to the library with a combination of remote and onsite and followed policies to keep themselves and patrons safe while continuing to provide services. The library provided remote services and curbside pickup when the interlibrary loan service was put on hold when public libraries closed their doors. The library reference desk is equipped with a glass window to protect library employees. There is a mask mandate in place at work by the institute, so wearing masks and keeping a social distance are required in the library. Employees in the library followed the updated Institute COVID policy while remaining open. Library staff are fully vaccinated, and uploaded their vaccination card at the Institute Resource Center. On a daily basis, the library staff spray and wipe shared computers, phones, work surfaces, use hand sanitizer, work behind a plexiglass shield, and make sure there is plenty of hand sanitizer and cleaning spray available for use. Library employees' well-being is carefully monitored and regularly checked at weekly Zoom meetings and through frequent phone and email communication. The support of IFSI administration through a weekly Zoom check-in meeting has been positive and encouraging. During the pandemic, the library developed more LibGuides that are popular, and the searchable International Programs Databases for several key programs were developed with good progress. During this challenging time, the library team feels even closer to each other. They are able to spend more time with families and appreciate life more like everyone else. Working virtually has gone smoothly because of the availability of Zoom to keep in touch and keep good communications going to carry on with tasks and complete work on time. Communications could be harder sometimes because of the remote distance and need more time to explain and follow up on progress. When the pandemic hit, two librarians did not have a laptop to work at home. It has taken a while to get the laptops ready and catch up with their work.

What we have learned from the Pandemic is to be well-prepared for unexpected situations, and to have good planning. Ongoing and open communication helps to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of teamwork. It has helped us continue to provide high quality services to meet Illinois firefighters' dynamic needs in a timely manner.

Member News

Work & Life During Covid

Xiping Liu, Resource Description Librarian, University of Houston Libraries

Covid took us by surprise in the early spring last year. I remember that spring break, the last week that we were all at the library before we moved to remote work, when everyone was anxiously waiting to hear back from the library administration on decisions. Not long before that, I was frantically searching for masks and sending them back to my family in China. Suddenly I found myself starting to store hand sanitizers and toilet papers too at home. We all began to work from home after the spring break. This was challenging for catalogers because we are used to working with physical materials on a daily basis. I was able to come up with a few project ideas such as training with the new RDA toolkit, updating the Library of Congress Name Authority Records, and cleaning up our records. If there were new books that need cataloging, my supervisor would send me the ISBNs so I can catalog in OCLC Connexion, with any additional information that I could find online. In September, the library allowed staff members to go back to work in the library on a staggered schedule and I volunteered to work two days a week in the library to catalog special collections materials. Before leaving at work, I usually took photos of the book covers and title pages on my phone, so I could continue that work at home. Sometimes I was the only one sitting at the back of the library in the technical services area, but I enjoyed the alone time and played music while I worked. This schedule had lasted for the first half of 2021. As the pandemic eased, my institution made a decision to require all staff members to be back on site beginning in August. So four months later since we all came back to work under the Houston heat, I'm glad to report that the temperature has dropped to a comfortable 60s during the day and we are enjoying the warm winter weather and each other's company now, still with masks and social distance though. The pandemic has taught me many things, perhaps the most important is to be grateful for what I have. Here to wish everyone a healthy and peaceful new year!

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Tributes to Manuel Urrizola

From CALA Leaders



Manuel Urrizola (June 10, 1947 - November 6, 2021)

Head of Metadata & Technical Services Dept., University of California
Riverside (UCR) Libraries (retired)

Tribute and Fond Remembrance of Manuel Urrizola

by Esther Lee, Branch Library Manager (Retired), Queens Public Library, Jamaica, NY and CALA Past President

By attending American Library Association Annual Conferences, I have the good fortune of getting to know Manuel Urrizola for over 25 years. He was indeed bright, well-educated, jovial, and amazingly supportive of the activities/friends of the Chinese American Librarians Association.

As a graduate from the noted Amherst College in Massachusetts (BA, 1972) and the University of California, Berkeley (1972, MLS), Manuel rose from a young Cataloging Librarian to become the Head of the Metadata and Technical Services Department of the University of California, Riverside, where he recently retired after forty some years of dedicated services. His sudden death so soon after his retirement is a big shock and irreparable loss to all of us.

Besides being an accomplished librarian, Manuel was an award-winning toastmaster. As the President of CALA in 2013-2014, I was most grateful that Manuel did a wonderful job as the Master-of-Ceremony for the 40th Anniversary of the CALA Service Awards Banquet, making it a memorable event for over 100 members and friends. He certainly lightened up the evening with his jollity, jokes, toasting, and cheers. His kindness, contributions, and services to CALA will stay forever in our hearts!

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Tribute to Manuel Urrizola

by Haipeng Li, University Librarian, University of California, Merced, and CALA Past President and Executive Director

In memory of Manuel. It is so sad to lose a great friend liked him.

I am very saddened by the loss of Manuel Urrizola who has left us too early. Manuel was a person of great talents, full of humor, and great friendship. Many CALA members remember him well on the many journeys we took together. As a longtime member of CALA, Manuel showed his dedication, commitment, and his love for the organization. He actively participated in many CALA activities, including the well-known CALA Banquets, and played the important role of serving as the MC many times. He made many of us laugh! His big smiles matched his personality well. He was always warm, friendly, and positive, even if in challenging situations. He was also very knowledgeable and always ready to share.

People say “a true friend is never truly gone. His spirit lives on in the memories of those who knew him.” This is so true of Manuel. He will be dearly missed by many!

Tribute to Manuel Urrizola

by Xiaoli Li, Head, Content Support Services Department, University of California, Davis Libraries

I first met Manuel in 2007 when the Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section of the California Library Association, where I served as the then President, invited him to teach the Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop. He was a wonderful trainer. From 2008 through 2010, I had the opportunity to work with Manuel on the University of California (UC) Cataloging and Metadata Common Interest Group. A year later, Manuel and I were selected for a Lightning Team of the UC Next-Generation Technical Services. Our working partnership renewed in 2014 when we both served on the UC Shared Cataloging Program Advisory Committee. I was always impressed and inspired by his hard work, knowledge, and comradery. His passing is a huge loss to the UC Libraries system and to the library profession at large. He will be remembered as an inspirational colleague and a warm and caring friend.

Tribute to Manuel Urrizola

by Sally C. Tseng, Distinguished Librarian (Retired), University of California, Irvine Libraries and CALA Past President and Executive Director

I was saddened by the huge loss of Manuel Urrizola. Manuel's career in the library profession was legendary. Prior to UCR, Manuel worked at UC Irvine and Loyola Marymount University Libraries. Manuel was amiable, competent, creative, knowledgeable, motivated, responsible, and multi-talented. He was a powerful public speaker and trainer. He served the universities with passionate commitments and was an inspiration to all those who worked alongside him. He was lauded for his integrity. His distinguished achievements and contributions were exceptional throughout his career. I was proud as one of Manuel's colleagues at UC Irvine.

Manuel was an active member in the library professional organizations and made outstanding contributions to librarianship, continuing education, and the library community at local and national levels. He demonstrated strong commitments to the profession through serving on many important committees in numerous esteemed professional associations such as, the

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American Library Association (ALA), Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (all ALCTS sections), Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), California Library Association (CLA), Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC), Southern California Technical Processing Group (SCTPG), and other professional organizations. His exceptional leadership was inspiring.

He was a sought-after speaker at workshops on various subjects including: cataloging and metadata, collection development, cartographic materials, communications, leadership, public speaking, and many more. He made the workshops welcoming to all participants. He enlightened participants, which include not only librarians but also students, staff and community members. Manuel blazed a trail for others to follow in library services. He was committed throughout his life to investing in the next generation of librarianship and leadership.

Manuel was a longtime member of Toastmasters International, an organization of local clubs that develop public speaking and leadership skills. He won numerous awards and was featured in *American Libraries Magazine* in 2019, as a public speaking expert: [Boost Your Public Speaking Skills | American Libraries Magazine](#)

Manuel made exceptional contributions to CALA. He was elected as CALA Board of Director, chair of committees at national and chapter levels, Parliamentarian of the CALA Board, and CALA Southern California Chapter President. He served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Library and Information Science* and was the assistant editor of *Occasional Paper Series (OPS)*, etc.

CALA had frequently invited Manuel to serve as Master of Ceremony at numerous CALA programs and awards banquets during ALA and CALA Annual Conferences. Manuel effectively planned and emceed these events with liveliness and good humor. His creativity and artistic talent impressed everyone at present. He always created a cheerful, enthusiastic, laudatory, and entertaining atmosphere for each occasion which kept everyone's mood upbeat throughout the day. Everyone appreciated his hard work and all the efforts he had put in for each event.

Manuel was an exemplary librarian who lived up to his own ideals and noblest aspirations at the libraries he served and the communities he loved. He was a pioneer who committed to library equality, diversity, and inclusion. He lived the promise of America, and spent a great deal of time mentoring others, especially young people. Manuel was not ethnic Chinese, but he told me that "I am Chinese at heart". Manuel truly served CALA with all his heart!

My deepest condolences go to Manuel's loved ones and the Urrizola family. I can't express enough of my sadness for him and his family. Manuel had left us, but his life inspired many. He will always be remembered as a role model for future generations and will be greatly missed!

Tribute In memory of Manuel Urrizola by Shali Zhang, Ph.D., Dean of Libraries, Auburn University and CALA Past President

I am very saddened by the news of Manuel Urrizola's passing. What a loss for the UCR Libraries, for CALA, and for the LIS profession!

Manuel was a cataloger by training. However, the impact of his work and his scholarship is far-reaching. For those who met Manuel and who worked with him, he was not only an expert in cataloging, he also used the cataloging organizational frame for many other aspects of life.

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During the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, I organized the CALA's Annual Awards Banquet as the CALA President. Manuel was a Master of Ceremonies for many CALA events previously, so I invited Manuel as Master of Ceremonies for the CALA Banquet. Chicago has been one of most popular locations for the ALA Annual conferences. The CALA Banquet in 2009 was also a sold-out event, with many CALA members and friends attending. Food was delicious; people were happy to meet new friends. Manuel organized the banquet programs with his cataloging skills. I was very impressed by his ability in quoting the most complicated cataloging rules (AACR2) in an easily understood format for the people at the Banquet. His beautiful singing voice was a plus in engaging all in the event. Manuel was indeed a pillar for the success of the CALA Banquet that year and for many CALA events.

During the COVID pandemic in 2020 when ALA Annual Conference was held in a virtual form, I thought about Manuel and his being Master of Ceremonies for my CALA event and many other events. I thought that I would tell him in-person that how grateful I was for his support. I should have done that sooner!

Tribute by Wen Wen Zhang, Community Library Manager, LA County Library | West Covina Library and CALA Southern California Chapter Past President

Dear Manuel was the most knowledgeable librarian and kindest mentor I have known. He was also an extraordinary and humorous Emcee. I had the great honor and pleasure as Manuel's co-emcee at a couple of CALA banquets and events. I was nervous at first and told Manuel that I had never been an Emcee and could not do it. Manuel kindly looked at me, "No worries, Wen Wen," he said to me with a big smile on his face, "I will do most of the talking, and you will be fine." I will never forget that cheerful and encouraging smile, which made me completely relaxed and become confident. I truly enjoyed working with Manuel and learned tremendously from him. I adored Manuel's elegant and humorous demeanor. Wherever Manuel went, there was joy and fun. Manuel was always happy, and he made everyone around him delighted as well. Manuel will be dearly missed.

Tribute by Liana Zhou, Director of Library and Special Collections, and CALA Past President

The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction

The loss of our dear friend Manuel has caused unimaginable sadness to his friends from the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). Manuel was an amazing friend to many of us. He joined CALA through his friend and colleague Sally Tseng, an important leader of CALA, and over the years, Manuel had become a strong leader of CALA and an outstanding ambassador for this organization. He served as the chair for Tseng Professional Development Grant, also served as a ceremonial master for many of CALA's Annual ceremonial banquets over the years. He cared about this organization and its members deeply. His leadership of generosity and kindness was well known in this organization. His memories will be honored because he made a lasting impact on the wellbeing of CALA.

Manuel embodied the best qualities of a brilliant librarian. We will miss him as a friend, a leader, a scholar, and a beautiful human being. We express our profound condolences to his life partner, his family, and his friends around the world. May his beautiful spirit will forever inspire us to be a better librarian and a better human being.

In sadness,

Liana Zhou

Tribute by Fu Zhuo, Teaching and Learning Librarian and Library Liaison for International Students, University of Missouri – Kansas City and CALA Past President

I had the pleasure of meeting Manuel several times at the CALA Annual Banquet in the past. His contributions and love for CALA will always be remembered and appreciated! May Manuel rest in peace.



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