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From the Editors

The Chinese American Librarian Association (CALA) celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2013, and this celebration has been extended into 2014. As part of this celebration, CALA has been collecting materials on its historical moments, its people and their reflections on getting involved in this professional organization, and the accomplishments of this diverse community.

The 40 years of CALA was an odyssey per se, and the creation of the CALA 40th Anniversary Issue was not an easy journey as well. In early 2013, this project was initially proposed by the *CALA Newsletter* editors as a special issue of the CALA fall newsletter and discussed by the CALA 40th Anniversary Celebration Ad-Hoc Committee. Due to the short time frame, it was impossible to publish it before the committee term expired. To sustain and refresh this effort, the new president Lisa Zhao organized the CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce in July 2013, which comprises the *CALA Newsletter* editors, Sai Deng and Priscilla Yu, and two new members: Yuan Li and Ximin Mi.

The taskforce went through extraordinary effort in finding and collecting historical materials for CALA and getting in contact with CALA members and friends. Prior to the formation of this taskforce, the *CALA Newsletter* Editors sent out the call for contributions to the CALA 40th Special Issue to the CALA listserv in May 2013, and a few responses were received. In spring 2013 Priscilla Yu visited the Asian American Studies Library, University of California, Berkeley and found scant material, particularly the historical Newsletters, that could be used for the 40th Anniversary Special Issue. The early CALA Newsletters are scattered in other academic libraries in the country.

After its formation in July 2013, the taskforce discussed diligently on how the 40th issue might look and what kind of content could be included. The President, the Executive Director Li Fu and the taskforce agreed that the focus would be the people from whom the materials can be collected and the stories can be told. The taskforce members compiled a list of questions for distribution and a contact list for soliciting answers from. Besides the focus on people, including CALA Presidents, CALA Leaders, CALA People and CALA Friends, other content categories were discussed such as CALA Initiatives, CALA Chapters, CALA Membership, and CALA Albums. Efforts were made in contacting the past CALA presidents, leaders and members. Sally Tseng helped the taskforce get in touch with some early CALA presidents, and she also lent a hand in correcting the contact information. At the same time, the taskforce started to look for sources which documented the CALA's history. The Taskforce Chair Sai Deng searched for CALA historical materials online and found that the ALA Archives at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) hosted some CALA collections including old newsletters, annual programs and membership directories (<http://archives.library.illinois.edu/alaarchon/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=7803&q=chinese>). She made a request through the web form to see if any of the items can be accessed online. Cara Bertram, Visiting Archival Operations and Reference Specialist at the ALA Archives replied promptly to offer help. Thus Sai requested the digitization of the CALA early newsletters (1980-2000). These issues were digitized by Lydia Tang, Graduate Research Assistant at the archives and were made publicly available at the same time. They were later linked to the *CALA Newsletter* website (<http://cala-web.org/newsletter>). Ximin Mi, one of the taskforce members found some CALA old newsletters through WorldCat. The taskforce requested these materials through InterLibrary Loan from places such as University of California Southern Regional Library Facility. The issue of archiving

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CALA historical materials was supported by the CALA board. In September 2013, in order to encourage wider participation, the taskforce created “CALA Historical Materials Collection Form” and made it available online (<http://cala-web.org/node/1785>) under the help of CALA webmaster Weiling Liu. In November and December of 2013, to promote the potential 40th issue, the *CALA Newsletter* editors served as the editors of the 40th issue, and added a CALA 40th section to the fall newsletter. Part of the materials collected from call for contributions were selected, compiled and published in the form of “the Preview of CALA 40th Special Issue” as part of the CALA fall newsletter (<http://cala-web.org/files/newsletter/CALANews2013fall.pdf>).

In spring 2014, due to the fact that the responses to the call for contribution were not as enthusiastic as the taskforce had expected, the group rethought its strategy, and decided to compile information from CALA historical materials. In early 2014, the taskforce Chair Sai Deng went through the printed old newsletters borrowed through InterLibrary Loan, and the newly digitized CALA newsletters. She compiled citations and activities information for the CALA Presidents from the old CALA Newsletters (1973-2013), and Priscilla helped in compiling information for some of these presidents. These materials were combined with the responses collected by all taskforce members, and then were sent to all CALA presidents for review. Feedback was received and incorporated into the president entries. Sally Tseng, CALA President, 1984-1985, and CALA Executive Director, 1999-2007 helped in contacting some of the presidents individually and made edits to their entries. Based on the CALA early history provided by CALA’s founder, Dr. Tze-chung Li, CALA chorology from the CALA 30th book and information collected from CALA newsletters and websites, the Taskforce Chair compiled a CALA Timeline by working with Sally. At the same time, the CALA 40th Anniversary Issue Editorial Advisory Board was formed, and Dr. Tze-Chung Li, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee and Sally Tseng graciously served on the board. Later, an English native speaker and a script writer Brant DeBoer joined the force and helped with review and editing.

Right before its publication, *Reaching Beyond Ourselves: Celebrating 40 Years of CALA (1973-2013)* was added as the CALA 40th Anniversary Issue’s official title. This publication contains a list of columns and its content is organized around these different columns. Since it has an emphasis on people; several columns were designed to feature an individual and his/her CALA involvement, including “CALA Presidents,” “CALA Leaders/People,” and “CALA Friends.” For the CALA Presidents column, each entry has a photo, a brief biography, a message to CALA (if available), and the pearls and citations selected by the editors. “CALA Leaders/People” and “CALA Friends” feature a photo, a short article, a greeting or a quote by each individual. “CALA Timeline” highlights the most important moments and events in CALA’s history. “CALA Initiatives” introduces a few milestone projects, including CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series and “Think Globally, Act Globally,” a US-China Librarian Collaboration Project. “Articles & Reports” features Judy Lu’s writing on Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee and the Special Chinese Collections in the Library of Congress, and Esther Lee’s CALA 40th Anniversary report. “CALA Chapters” was compiled by Yuan Li based on the posters delivered by the 7 chapters at 2013 ALA Annual Conference and other resources. “CALA Membership” gives a glimpse into CALA’s 1980 and 2013 membership compiled by the taskforce and the CALA Membership Committee Chair, Weiling Liu. “International Outreach” documents the Chinese Librarians Summer Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. “CALA Albums” includes photos taken at the CALA 40th anniversary annual meeting and banquet. Finally, the appendices cover CALA Constitutions, Bylaws and lists of CALA Presidents, Chapters, and Committees.

The 40th anniversary issue editors and the taskforce members would like to thank those who

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helped to make it possible. Thanks go to the CALA leadership team, all members in the CALA 40th Anniversary Celebration Ad-Hoc Committee (2012-2013) and CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce (2013-2014). Special thanks go to Sally Tseng, who has been continually supported this project and helped in contacting and editing. Thanks also go to those people who responded to the call ardently and who were willing to share their unique experiences, just to name a few, Irene Yeh, Susana Liu, Tze-Chung Li, Hwa-Wei Lee, John Lai, Lillian Chan, David Liu, William Wan, Amy D. Seetoo, Betty Tsai, Mengxiong Liu, Linna Yu, Diana Wu, Haipeng Li, Sha Li Zhang, Xudong Jin, Esther Lee, Lisa Zhao (for “CALA Presidents”), Gladys Chaw, Josephine Fang and Amy Kwei, John Ma, Carol Gee, Guoqing Li, Weiling Liu, Wenxian Zhang, Ying Zhang, Denise Kwan, Bonnie Fong (for “CALA Leaders/People”), and John Drobnicki, Manuel Urrizola, Susan Matveyeva, Camila A. Alire, and Barbara J. Ford (for “CALA Friends”). Thanks also go to those who contributed individual write-ups on projects, initiatives and events and shared photos: Guoqing Li, Shuyong Jiang, Judy S. Lu, Lian Ruan, Weiling Liu, Haiwan Yuan, and Shuqin Jiao.

The story of CALA is about to be told in the many columns and numerous pages... It starts from the early days of CALA, from a bunch of passionate, thoughtful and dedicated pioneers, with some questions, explorations and actions. It covers 40 years of history which has touched the lives of many people you may know, remember or have worked with. It records many events you may have heard, witnessed or participated in... The pulse of CALA has never become weak and new forces have continually been added. It goes far into the future and to the next celebration of creativity, diversity and making impacts...

Sai Deng, CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce Chair, CALA 40th Anniversary Issue Editor

Priscilla Yu, CALA 40th Anniversary Issue Co-Editor



CALA Presidents



The Chronicle of CALA Presidents

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CALA Chairman/President, 1973-1976
CALA Executive Director, 1977-1978
Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of Library and
Information Science, Dominican University
1988 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Brief Biography (生平)

One of the earliest Chinese American pioneers in library science education in the U.S. is Dr. Tzechung Li, who has played a truly outstanding leadership role as a scholar, teacher, lawyer, writer, former Dean of Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in Illinois, and former Director of the National Central Library in Taiwan. His broad and profound knowledge across many fields is shown in the number of academic degrees he had completed including a Ph.D. from the New School for Social Research in 1963; a M.L.S. Degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Library Service in 1963; a L.L.M. Degree from Harvard University Law School in 1958; a M.C.L. Degree from Southern Methodist University in 1957; and a L.L.B. Degree. *cum laude*, from Soochow University Comparative Law School of China in 1948.

In his early career in Taiwan, Dr. Li held many important government appointments including being a judge, an official in the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of National Defense, the Examination Commissioner in the Examination Yuan, and the Director of the National Central Library. After immigrating to the U.S. and completing advanced graduate studies, he taught and lectured at numerous U.S. and international universities and has made significant accomplishments in the field of library and information education as well as becoming an undisputed leader in librarianship among Chinese American librarians. Dr. Li was the first Chinese American scholar who became the Dean of a library school in this country. He is also a prolific writer who has edited and published more than 20 books and authored some 100 articles, translations, and book reviews in the fields of library and information science, law, land reform and political science. Among his books in library science are *A Guide to Chinese Reference Sources* (coauthored with his wife, In-Lan Wang, 1972), *An Introduction to Online Searching* (Greenwood Press, 1985), and *Social Science Reference Sources* (Greenwood Press, 1980, 1990, and 2000). All these are popular textbooks in library schools. In addition to his own publications, Dr. Li was the founding editor of CALA's *Journal of Library and Information Science* and a member of the advisory board for the *Journal of Information, Communication and Library Science*. Dr. Li also helped create several professional journals and series, including the *International Journal of Reviews in Library and Information Science* (now *World Libraries*) and *Guide to Asian Librarianship Series* (Greenwood Press). Among his numerous accomplishments, the founding of the Chinese American Librarians Association was a notable achievement. His tireless effort in promoting library education and Chinese American librarianship has won him great honors, including the Dominican University Elise O. and Philip D. Sang Award for Excellence in Teaching and the CALA Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to his domestic professional activities, Dr. Li is very active in international teaching and research. He has been invited to be the visiting



Dr. Li presented "CALA at Forty: Faith, Focus and Forward" at CALA's 2013 annual program in Chicago.

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professor of National Taiwan University, Peking University, East China Normal University, Zhejiang University and Suzhou University. He is also the honorary professor of Jiangxi University. No matter at home or abroad his tireless teaching effort and well prepared lectures always received high evaluations from his students. He is widely recognized as "ardent, trustworthy and erudite Dr. Tze-chung Li." In recognition of his long-standing commitment to the University and his distinguished career, when Dr. Li announced his retirement in January 2000, Dominican University named him Dean and Professor Emeritus. Again, in 2011, Dominican University awarded him the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree in recognition of his lifelong contributions and achievements in librarianship.

(From *The report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the 2013 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award.*)

Message to CALA (祝語)

"Confucius said, at forty, I have no doubt (四十而不惑). At forty, I can focus my work immune from confusion and with confidence. CALA Moving Forward: Recruit more members, in particular, student members; Campaign for renewal of membership of former members; Build endowment with its proceeds for scholarships, lectureships, and travel grants; Raise fund to purchase an office in Chicago; Sponsor more forums and workshops in librarianship in general and Chinese librarianship in particular to develop, promote, and advance librarianship; Promote and advance librarianship in China. This is one of CALA's missions. China needs a great leap forward in librarianship. CALA will move forward and under the leadership of many outstanding members. CALA will continue to flourish and grow in excellence."

(Li, Tze-chung. CALA at Forty: Faith, Focus, Forward. CALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 30, 2013.)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"For the first three years of CALA's existence, **Dr. Tze-chung Li** served most ably as the President (it was called 'chairman' in the initial years until 1979). It was because of his vision and tireless efforts CALA was able to grow in leaps and bounds. At the Board Meeting in June 1977... Dr. Tze-chung Li was elected as the Executive Director for a three-year term from 1977 to 1980." (Lee, Hwa-Wei. Down Memory Lane-Recollections of the Early Years of CALA. Available at: <http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/DrLee>)

1969-1973. Informal Gathering. On November 19, 1969, twenty Chinese librarians met at Rosary College. In May 1970 at Northwestern University. William Sheh Wong (汪變) presided over the meeting. Nineteen Chinese librarians attended.

Forming the Association. On March 31, 1973, a meeting at Rosary College (Name changed to Dominican University in 1997) with the very purpose of forming an association. Thirty-eight librarians from California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York attended.

Association Formed. At the meeting, we decided to establish an association, named Mid-West Chinese American Librarians Association (MWCALA), adopted its constitution, and elected eleven board directors. In May 1973, the board elected **Tze-chung Li (李志鍾)** as president and Peter S. Wang (王實青) as treasurer-secretary. On June 5, the association was registered as a not-for-profit organization with the Illinois Government.

First Annual Conference. CALA's 1st Annual Conference was held in Chicago, Mar. 31, 1973. Five papers were presented: "Problem of the Chinese Language" by Y.C. Kiang of South Bend, Indiana; "Problems in Automating the Chinese Language" by Nelson Chou of the Rutgers University; "Chinese Classification Schemes" by John Lai of Harvard -Yenching; "Problems of Acquiring Chinese materials" by John Ma of the Hoover Institution and "Mary Elizabeth Wood" by William Wong of the Univ. of Minnesota.

First Newsletter Published. September 1973, CALA published its first Newsletter, entitled *Letter to Members and Friends*, [no. 11. Title changed to: *Newsletter to Members and Friends*, [no. 41-12 (Mar. 1975 Apr. 1978); to: *Newsletter*, no. 13 (Aug. 1978).

Journal to be Published. 1974, seeking Professor Cheng-ku Wang (王振鵠)'s cooperation and support. Professor Wang was then Director of the National Central Library in Taiwan. Seeking financial support from the Asia Foundation. With an initial support of US\$3,000 from the Asia Foundation, the *Journal of Library and Information Science* (圖書館學與資訊科學) was born in 1975.

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CALA Constitutions. May 8, 1976 Chinese American Librarians Association Constitutions first adopted.

Organization Expansion and Name Change. In 1976, the association was expanded into a national association. The name of the national association is Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), dropping the word 'Mid-West.'

CALA became ALA Affiliate. 1976 CALA started to be an active affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA) and a member of the Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA).

5th Annual Conference. CALA's 5th Annual Conference was held in Detroit, June 19, 1977. Its central theme was: Chinese Contributions to American Librarianship. Three papers were presented: 'A profile of Chinese American Librarians in the U.S.' by **Tze-chung Li** of Rosary College; 'Chinese Cataloging in the U.S.' by Joseph Wang of the Library of Congress; 'Alfred K'ai-ming Ch'iu: Father of The East Asian Collections in the U.S.' by William Wong of the University of Minnesota."
(Li, Tze-chung. CALA at Forty: Faith, Focus, Forward. CALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 30, 2013.)

Editors' Notes: For more information about CALA's early history, please see the "CALA Timeline" (p. 121).

"**Tze-chung Li** invited to serve as Project Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, and to serve as Jury, Giles Minority Scholarship Committee, American Library Association. Recently elected Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer, Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Society Mid-West Chapter."

(CALA Newsletter, No. 14, December 1978, p. 7)

"Summary OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, June 26, 1979 at House of Gong, Dallas, Texas. - **On White House: Tze-chung Li** reported that the percentage of Asian Americans selected to attend the White House Conference was very low and suggested that the Association should send nominees for delegates at large. He also moved to adopt a resolution expressing our concern with the needs of Asian Americans. Hwa-Wei Lee proposed that the Executive Director be the nominee. Tze-chung Li also suggested that the Association should nominate candidates for Resource Person/Group Leader at the White House Conference. No name was suggested. The draft resolution was read, seconded, and carried unanimously. Ching-chih Chen suggested editing of the resolution."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 16, August 1979, p. 4)

"In responding to questions concerning the credibility of **CALA press releases** to the news media, **Tze-chung Li** suggested that such releases should be issued from the Office of the Secretary. The suggestion was approved by the Board."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 19, August 1980, p. 2)

"Further discussions centered around **CALA's co-sponsorship for The Journal** [*Journal of Library and Information Science*]. **Tze-chung Li** explained that the distribution for the Journal has been handled by his company: the Chinese Culture Services, Inc. CALA has been responsible for editing the Journal."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 19, August 1980, p. 2)

"ARTICLES AND BOOK REVIEWS WANTED - V.6, No. 1 of the **Journal of Library & Information Science** has been published. Feature articles include: 'library automation in the Republic of China' by Margaret c. Fung, 'Selection of periodical: a cognitive statistical approach' by John K.C. Wang, 'Library management in transition --what are your responsibilities?' by Ching-chih Chen, etc. Many thanks are due to **Tze-chung Li**, former Executive Editor, for five years of dedicated work on the Journal. John Lai will begin his editorial responsibilities with v. 6, No. 2..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 20, December 1980, p.5)

"**Distinguished Service Award Recommended** - The Ad Hoc Committee on the CALA Distinguished Service Award - John Lai, **Tze-chung Li**, David Liu, Betty Tsai, and Hwa-Wei Lee (Chair) - has recommended the adoption of the policy and procedure by the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting (June 30)..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 21, April 1981, p. 5)

"**Committee on Books to China.** Members: Cecilia Chen, **Tze-chung Li**, Eunice Ting, Amy Wilson and Marjorie Li, Chair. - The committee was appointed by David Liu on June 30, 1981 in response to a motion made by Tzu-chung Li that CALA should actively engage in the book drive without committing association funds. The motion was seconded and carried by the board in ac-

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cordance with the provision of CALA constitution, Article 2, Section 3, i.e. to 'promote Sino-American librarianship and library services.' The charge of the committee is to cooperate with the newly organized Foundation for-Books to China in seeking books for library and classroom use to the people of China..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 23, January 1982, p. 3)

"Placement Referral Service - Any member who is interested in looking for job openings is encouraged to use our Placement Referral Service. A listing of new openings updated frequently is available from **Tze-chung Li**, Executive Director, CALA, c/o Rosary College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, River Forest, IL. 60305. A listing of new openings will be sent to members who include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their requests."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 23, January 1982, p. 4)

"President's Club - The Foundation Committee, chaired by **Tze-chung Li**, decided to found a President's Club in order to raise funds for CALA scholarships. Any member who contributes \$50 or more becomes a Club member. Club members will be properly recognized."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 42, Winter 1988, p. 3)

"Dr. Tze-Chung Li, chair of the **Long Range Planning Task Force**, is submitting a proposal regarding long range goals and objectives for CALA."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 67, June 1996)

"From Membership Chair's message, you'll see CALA has recruited quite a few new members from China. These new members will help CALA to establish more international connections. With **Dr. Tze-Chung Li**'s donation of \$300 for recruiting new students, CALA is expecting more new blood to strengthen the Association."

(Liu, Mengxiong. President's Message. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 69, June 1997, p. 1)

"In 1994, **Dr. Tze-chung Li**, Professor of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, donated \$100 to CALA Midwest Chapter to provide library school students in the Midwest area with **CALA student membership grants** (\$7 .50 each). The fund is used for recruiting student members only and is not used for membership renewal. By the end of 1994, the fund attracted twelve library school students to join CALA. In 1995, Dr. Li and his wife donated another \$100 to the fund. Eight more library school students have benefited from the fund since then. Dr. Li's wife, **Inlan Wang Li**, is the Associate Professor of Law and Director of Libraries at the John Marshall Law School.

In 1997, Dr. Li expanded his commitment by donating \$300 to CALA to provide library school students nation-wide with 40 CALA student membership grants. Dr. Li told me that he and his wife established the Li Education Foundation with an initial donation of \$20,000. Each year, the foundation grants awards range from \$200 to \$2,000 to sponsor projects in non-profit institutions or organizations. The foundation received the tax exempt status from IRS last October. It is ready to receive applications for grants from non-profit institutions or organizations, such as CALA.

Dr. Li, the first president and one of the founding members of CALA, does everything he can do to help CALA grow in excellence. He really deserves our salute!"

(Li, Ming "Mike." Dr. Tze-chung Li's CALA Student Membership Grant Fund. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 72, February 1998, p. 11)

"21st Century Librarian Seminar Project Taskforce Report - An agreement with the National Taiwan Normal University was signed to host the 2nd seminar project in Taiwan from August 10-14, 2009. CALA speakers have been selected: Min Chou (Team Leader), **Dr. Tze-chung Li**, and Diana Wu. Detailed planning is underway." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 101, Fall 2009, p.8-9)

"Taskforce on Helping Taiwan Libraries Destroyed/Damaged in the 88 Morakot Typhoon Report. [Dr. Li served as Co-Chair with Sally C. Tseng on CALA Taskforce on Helping Taiwan Libraries Destroyed/Damaged by the 88 Typhoon Marakot.]"

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 102, Spring 2010, p.16, 18-19)

"Dr. Tze-chung Li recommends that we establish a 'Dr. Margaret C. Fung Memorial Lectureship' in CALA. We shall propose this Lectureship to the CALA Board for approval and have more information for you when it is established."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 103, Fall 2010, p.10)

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“**Review of Forbidden Citizens**; Chinese Exclusion and the U.S. Congress: A Legislative History, by Martin B. Gold... **Tze-chung Li**, PhD, LHD President, One China Committee; Dean & Professor Emeritus, Dominican University; President, Chiamonline, Inc.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 106, Spring 2012, p.25)

“**Dr. Tze-chung Li**, one of CALA’s founding fathers, Professor and Dean Emeritus of Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Illinois, an author and a lawyer from Harvard University. He will speak on “CALA at Forty: Faith, Focus, and Forward” [at ALA/CALA 2013 Annual Conference].”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 108, Spring 2013, p.2)

“With great pleasure, the Ad Hoc Committee for the CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung announces the selection of **Dr. Tze-Chung Li**, CALA’s founder, an outstanding leader in library education and a visionary library administrator as the recipient for the **2013 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung.**”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 108, Spring 2013, p.26-27)



CALA MW chapter members met at Dr. Li's house to celebrate the Chinese New Year 2014, the year of the Horse. (Photo provided by Lisa Zhao)



Dr. Li and his wife Dorothy together with the recipient of their scholarship donated to Dominican University Library School to support Chinese student, Tien He. Tien is currently a student in Dominican University Library School. Picture taken during the 2014 New Year gathering. (Photo provided by Lisa Zhao)

Inlan Wang Li



Dorothy In-Lan Wang Li serves as co-executive director of the Asian Alliance Program at The John Marshall Law School. A native of Shanghai, China, Li was raised in Taiwan where she received a law degree from National Taiwan University. She immigrated to the United States and continued her education earning a degree in library science and an M.B.A. from Dominican University. She taught and lectured at colleges and universities in the United States and China. She's the beloved wife of Dr. Tze-chung Li.

National Library of China: In 1987, Patricia Yu, In-lan Wang Li, and Tze-chung Li were three CALA members attended the National Library of China inauguration as invited guests.

In 2007, In-lan Wang Li, one of CALA’s founding members, received the the People's Republic of China Friendship Award (國際友誼獎), awarded by Premier Wen.

In 2012, Inlan Wang Li received the highest award by the Shanghai Government, 白玉蘭獎.

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Library Faculty **Robert P. Chen** (center) and others at the Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University. (Eastern Illinois University. "The Keep: A repository service of Booth Library." From http://thekeep.eiu.edu/archives_faculty_ad/175/)

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Robert Chen was a panelist for the session "Library Science Education for Foreign Students and Their Employment in the United States" in the Midwest CALA Annual Conference, Rosary College, May 4, 1974.

(Chang, Roy Chang. Technology, Libraries, and CALA Over The Last Three Decades - An Outline. 2003. Available at: <http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/RoyCALA>)

"At the Board Meeting in June 1977, **Dr. Robert P. Chen**, another founding member of CALA, was elected Chairman for 1977-78 with Roy Chang and Amanda Yu serving as Vice Chairmen."

(Lee, Hwa-Wei Lee. Down Memory Lane-Recollections of the Early Years of CALA. 2003. Available at: <http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/DrLee>)

"**Robert P. Chen**, Librarian, Eastern Illinois University, returned to the United States after serving one year as National Visiting Associate Professor of Library Science at the National Taiwan University Department of Library Science." (CALA Newsletter, no. 14, December 1978, p. 6)

"Mid-West Chapter - A regional meeting of CALA was held on December 2, 1978 at Rosary College Graduate School of Library Science. Twenty-seven people attended. The meeting featured reports by four librarians: Reporting recent visit to the People's Republic of China by Lee-hsia Ting, Western Illinois University, and Gertrude Ko, Zion Public Library; and reporting recent visit to the Republic of China, by **Robert P. Chen**, Eastern Illinois University, and Roy Chang, Western Illinois University. The audience was particularly interested in the slides presentation." (CALA Newsletter, No. 15, April 1979, p. 7)

"**International ass'n?** - The Ad Hoc Committee to consider whether CALA should be changed to an international association submitted its study report and recommendations in December 1979. The members of the Committee: **Robert Chen**, John Lai (ex-officio), Hwa-Wei Lee (Chair), Tze-chung Li (ex-officio), David Liu, Lee-hsia Ting and Sally Tseng." (CALA Newsletter, no. 18, April 1980, p. 3)

"**Robert Pin-chuan Chen** worked for the **Nominating Committee** in 1985. A "Call for Nominations" was published in the CALA February 1985 Newsletter. The committee was chaired by Norma Yueh and the other committee members were Lillian L. Chan and Cecilia Tung." (CALA Newsletter, no. 32, February 1985, p. 6)

"**CALA 1993 Annual Conference:** A Report, by Wilfred Fong - This annual program was followed by the membership meeting and the Distinguished Award Banquet. The Banquet, attended by more than 100 people, was held at the Panda Chinese Restaurant overlooking the Mississippi River. It was also a celebration of the CALA 20th Anniversary. Past-president **Robert Chen** presented the history of CALA followed by a nine-course dinner and entertainment. The program was well received and thanks should be acknowledged to President Betty Tsai, Program Chair, and her capable and creative committee which prepared a successful and eventful CALA annual conference program celebrating its 20th anniversary." (CALA Newsletter, no. 59, October 1993.)

Dr. Robert P. Chen was also an active scholar and some of his publications can still be found online, such as "[Library resources for American studies in Taiwan: an evaluation](#). International Library Review," a 1983 book [Library Resource Sharing Through Networking and Automation: The Illinois Experience](#), and "[Library Resources for American Studies in Taiwan: A Reassessment](#)" published by *The International Information & Library Review* in 1994.

CALA Presidents

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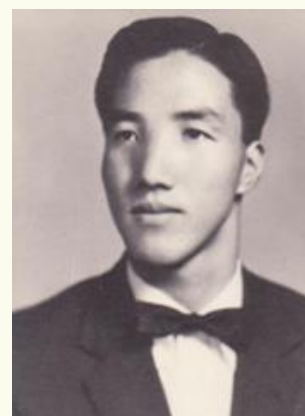


Chief, Asian Division, Library of Congress, 2003-2008
Dean of Libraries Emeritus, Ohio University, 1999-
Dean of Libraries, Ohio University, 1978-1999
CALA President, 1978-1979
CALA Board of Director, many terms
ALA Councilor-at-Large, 1988-1992, 1993-1997
1983 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient
CALA member since 1975

Brief Biography (生平)

Hwa-Wei Lee, Former Chief of Asian Division, the Library of Congress, and Dean Emeritus of Ohio University Libraries, was born in China in 1931, did his undergraduate studies in Taiwan (1950-1954), and completed his M.Ed., M.L.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh (1957-1965). In the 50 years of his

library career, mostly in the U.S., he worked in various library administrative positions at the University of Pittsburgh (1959-1962), Duquesne University (1962-1965), Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (1965-1968), Asian Institute of Technology (in Bangkok, Thailand, 1968-1975, under the sponsorship of the U.S. Agency for International Development), Colorado State University (1975-1978), Ohio University (1978-1999), and the Library of Congress (2003-2008). He was also a Visiting Distinguished Scholar at OCLC (2000 to 2002) and a Fulbright Senior Specialist at the Department of Library and Information Science, Chiang Mai University in Thailand (September/October 2001).



Dr. Lee in 1957.

Dr. Lee has been very active in international librarianship and has done consulting work in many Asian countries, organized a dozen of international conferences, and given numerous lectures. He authored or co-authored six books and 130 papers on library and information science. His latest publication was a two-volume set of his Collected Works published by Sun Yat-sen University Press (Guangzhou, China: 2011). Among the many important awards he received were the 1983 Outstanding Administrator of Ohio University, the 1983 CALA's Distinguished Services Award, the 1987 Ohio Librarian of the Year, the 1991 ALA John Ames Humphrey Award for Contributions to International Librarianship, the 1991 APALA's Distinguished Services Award,



In June 1965, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee completed his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

the 1999 Ohio Hall of Fame Librarian, and an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree from Ohio University in 2012. Upon his retirement from Ohio University in 1999, Ohio University named a new library building as Hwa-Wei Lee Library Annex and the first floor of the main library as Hwa-Wei Lee Center for International Collections. When he retired from the Library of Congress in 2008, he received special recognition from both the Congress and the Library for his many accomplishments.



When Dr. Lee retired from Ohio University in September 1999, the Board of Trustees of Ohio University named a new library building as the Hwa-Wei Lee Library Annex.

Message to CALA (祝語)

"It has been my great privilege to be an active member of CALA for the past 38 years. I want to thank Dr. Tze-chung Li, the founder of CALA, for inviting me to join CALA - then the Mid-West Chinese American Librarians Association - in 1975 soon after my return from Thailand, where I worked for 7 years as the Director of the Library and Information Center at the Asian Institute of Technology, under the sponsorship of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

I first served as the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee with an aim to draft a new Constitution and Bylaws for the transition of the Mid-West Chinese American Librarians Association to the Chinese American Librarians Association. This was done under the leadership of Dr. Tze-chung Li and with the cooperation of other board members. I was then elected to be the President of CALA for the 1978-1979 term after CALA became a national association with the creation of five regional chapters. In the subsequent years, working as board members, several of us, including Sally Tseng, Irene Yeh, Bessie Hahn, and many others, began the earnest effort to seek the agreement of the then California based Chinese Librarians Association to form a unified Chinese American Librarians Association. At that time, I also joined a group of Asian American librarians to form the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) as a sister organization of CALA. Many CALA members were also APALA members.

Many CALA members were also APALA members. Looking back to the past 40 years of CALA's existence and then looking to the future, I am very pleased to see the continuing growth in size, strength, and maturity of CALA through the dedication of additional new blood in CALA's membership. The combination of CALA members of different ages, backgrounds, and experiences, has acted together as shakers and movers to steer CALA to new heights."

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"1978-1981 BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED - At the Association meeting in Chicago, the following persons are elected for the 1978 to 1981 term: among those elected are Peter Chang of the Florida State University, Henry c. Chang of the Virgin Island State Library, Roy T. Chang of Western Illinois University, John Yung-hsiang Lai of the Harvard-Yenching Library, **Hwa-Wei Lee** of Ohio University, Leo Y. Liu of the Crandon University in Canada, and Lee-hsia Ting of Western Illinois University."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 13, August 1978, p.1)

Excerpts from President's Message (December 1978):

"Dear Members and Friends: I consider it a great privilege to be elected as the Chairperson of the Association for 1978-79 and look forward to the pleasure of working with you in the coming months toward our common goals."

[Member Participation] - "As a fast growing professional organization devoted especially to serving the Chinese American librarians, their professional needs and concerns, your active support and participation in all areas of the Association's activities is of vital importance in the coming year. At the June 28, 1978 Executive Board meeting, the following members were appointed chairpersons to the various standing committees. All of them would like to have you volunteer to serve as a committee member..."

[Constitution Revision and New Chapter Establishment] - "Because CALA members are dispersed in almost all states and regions of the Country, plus some also residing in Canada and the Republic of China, the newly revised CALA Constitution now permits the Board of Directors to establish a chapter in any state, region or country upon the petition of ten members residing or employed within the area. I believe the new provision will enable us to recruit more members and to have more and better designed activities geared to members' needs. If I can be of assistance to any state, region or country in establishing such a chapter, please let me know."

(Lee, Hwa-Wei. NEW CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 14, December 1978, p.1-2)

Excerpts from President's Message (April 1979):

"Due to the lack of a quorum the planned Board meeting to have been held in Washington, D.C. on January 8 in conjunction with the ALA Midwinter Meeting we called off at the last minute. Despite this setback, the officers and committee chairpersons have carried on their responsibilities as usual, including the planning of the program for the 1979 Annual Conference, the continuing membership drive, the publishing of CALA Newsletters and Journal, the forming of regional chapters, etc. It is hoped that by means of correspondence and telephone calls, a number of other activities can be initiated and planned. Your support

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and participation in the activities of the Association are not only welcome but also needed.”

[1979 Annual Program] - “Through the excellent planning of Professor John Yung-hsiang Lai, we will have a very interesting program focusing on ‘**Asian American Library Administrators: Experiences and Perspectives**’ to be held on June 26, 1979 in Dallas, Texas. Among the speakers and discussants are four distinguished Chinese-American and Asian American librarians. The inclusion of Asian-American librarians in the program will open up our meeting to our Asian colleagues, broaden our contacts, as well as increase the visibility and leadership of our Association.”

[Banquet, Membership and Board Meeting Planning] - “In addition to the annual conference program, we plan to hold a Chinese banquet, a membership meeting, and a Board meeting all the evening of June 26. The place and time of these events will be announced later. A preparation meeting of the current Board will be held the prior evening, perhaps in my room in the Baker Hotel. In the meantime, if you wish to include any item on the agenda for any of the meetings, please let me know so that they can be published in advance.”

(Lee, Hwa-Wei. Message from the Chairperson. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 15, April 1979, p.1)

“WHY THE CHINESE-AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION: A REFLECTION, by Hwa-Wei Lee - At the recent ALA Annual Conference in Dallas, I was very pleased to meet many fellow Chinese-American librarians. As the then Chairperson of CALA, I extended invitations to both members and non-members to attend the CALA meetings held on June 26th. The responses were overwhelmingly warm and enthusiastic. The largest turnout ever at the annual banquet and membership meeting as well as the program meeting was most gratifying. It indicated not only a strong sense of unity among Chinese-American librarians but also their support for CALA which has the following goals: 1. To facilitate better communication among Chinese-American librarians; 2. to serve as a forum for the discussion of mutual problems and professional concerns among Chinese-American librarians; and 3. to promote the development of Chinese and American librarianship... I also met a small number of Chinese-American librarians who did not want to have anything to do with CALA... In searching for an answer to this group of “Chinese-American librarians,” I asked myself the question: “Why the Chinese-American Librarians Association?”... The rapid growth in membership and the proliferation of regional chapters prove there is a clear need for CALA. But there seems to be an even stronger reason for CALA that came up repeatedly in my reflections which I would like to share with my fellow Chinese-American librarians... Even though the overall situation in terms of equal employment and affirmative action in this country has greatly improved, there is still a long way to go toward full employment for many Chinese or Oriental Americans... We need a strong professional organization that can speak up for all of us and fight for our rights...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 16, August 1979, p. 2-3)

“EXCERPTS FROM CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1978-1979, by Hwa-Wei Lee - For the Association, it has been a year of growth. The latest **membership** list shows a total of 178 members, up 50, or a healthy 39%, from the preceding list dated January 4, 1978. In addition, in order to provide programs that can be tailored to meet the needs of our members in various regions of North America, **three regional chapters (Midwest, Northeast, and Canada)** have either been or are in the process of being formed. With the expansion of regional chapters, more members can be involved in a great variety of programs and activities. An attempt was made again this year to **establish contacts with the California based Chinese Librarians Association** in the hope that by having a common interest, purpose, and identity the two Associations can eventually merge into one...

In response to a request from a new member who has filed suit against Towson State University for reason of racial discrimination and for its refusal to accept the recommendations offered by both the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Commission on Human Relations of Maryland, the Association will provide, in addition to moral support, the needed expert testimony in the court. This is the first case that our Association has encountered. We shall do all we can to **support our members** in time of need.

Looking ahead into the 80's I am very optimistic about the future of our Association. The increasing involvement of our members in the Association's programs and activities through both regional chapters and national committees will enable our Association to do more for its members.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 16, August 1979, p. 3)

“A PROPOSAL: In order to dispense of any doubts that some Chinese-American librarians may have concerning the need for our association, I would like to propose that one of our future meetings be devoted to discussing ‘The need for an ethnic professional association for Chinese-American librarians’. The discussions should be summarized and published in our Newsletter. What do you think? - Letter from **Hwa-Wei Lee** to John Lai” (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 16, August 1979, p. 3)

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“Revisions of Constitution and Drafting of Bylaws. The President appointed **Hwa-Wei Lee** as chair of a committee to revise the Constitution and to draft the By-laws. Hwa-Wei Lee has presented us with an excellent piece of document, a copy of which was sent to all members in conjunction with No. 18 of the Newsletter.”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 19, August 1980, p. 5)

“On minority concerns - Two CALA members, Dr. Henry C. Chang and **Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee**, have been appointed by ALA President Elizabeth W. Stone to serve on the newly established ALA Council Committee on Minority Concerns...”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 23, January 1982, p. 5)

“HWA-WEI LEE RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - In informing Dr. Lee of his selection, CALA president Bessie K. Hahn, Director of Library Services at Brandeis University, wrote: ‘Personally. I cannot agree more with members of the Distinguished Service Award Committee on their choice. Your contribution to the growth and maturity of CALA is only one aspect of your achievements which has benefited us all. Your professional knowledge, creativity and dedication have also shown us a new dimension of librarianship. We look upon you as teacher, counselor, friend; I hope that you will accept this award - an expression of our gratitude and admiration.’ Hwa-Wei Lee is the third person to receive the Association’s distinguished service award following Ernst Wolff (1980) and Ching-chih Chen (1982)”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 28/29, Sept/Jan 1983/84, p. 5)

“FOUNDATION COMMITTEE CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE IN FUND RAISING - The members of the Foundation Committee (Ching-chih Chen, Margaret C. Fung, George Huang, Julia Li Wu, Lorraine Yu, and **Hwa-Wei Lee**, Chair) have met and discussed the Committee's fund raising activities. At the Board meeting in Los Angeles last June, it was stressed that the Association's funding was generated primarily from membership dues. The 1982-83 financial report revealed that, while CALA membership has been growing steadily in recent years, CALA's financial resources are inadequate to support its various activities... Assistance is also needed in the solicitation of advertisements for the annual program brochure and for the CALA newsletter... The Committee members are in general agreement that the Committee should concentrate its efforts on long-term needs of the Association (such as research funds, publication funds, and the legal defense fund) while performing a supporting role in the short-term fund raising efforts (such as the "Books to China" project and the solicitation of advertising)...”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 30, June 1984, p. 6)



Director Yu Guoding of Hainan University Library presented his writing praising Dr. Lee's work.



In February 2003, Dr. Lee accepted the appointment from the Library of Congress to serve as the Chief, Asian Division.

“A Brief Report on NCLIS, by Hwa-Wei Lee - Selected as a delegate-at-large by the **National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)**, I was honored by the opportunity to participate in the most important historic event in my professional career. I was assigned to the topic group on National Information Policies, which was my first choice. I learned that many Chinese Americans were among the 700 delegates and 284 alternates...”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 53, October 1991, p. 1)

“Ohio and Chinese academic librarians exchange visits - Six university library directors from China were hosted by academic libraries in Ohio in May and, in October and November, five directors of the Ohio academic libraries will return the visit to Tianjin, Beijing, and Chongqing. The arrangements for the exchange were handled by **Hwa-Wei Lee**, Dean of University Libraries at Ohio University.”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 53, October 1991, p. 6)

“CALA's International Role Revisited, By Hwa-Wei Lee - It is important that CALA remains a non-political professional organization of Chinese-American librarians and others who are interested in the basic goals of CALA... The appointment of an International Relations Task Force by Current CALA president, Carl Chan, is a time-

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ly move to develop policies and guidelines which will enable CALA and its members to be proactive in developing international programs and activities with special emphasis on Sino-American librarianship. To do this, we need to revisit the international role of CALA and to reexamine past and current programs..." (CALA Newsletter, no. 57, February 1993, p. 1, 6)



"A delegation from China visited the U.S. Libraries. Sha Li Zhang and Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee were with the members of the delegation while they were visiting Ohio University at Athens, Ohio."
(CALA Newsletter, no. 73, June 1998, p.3)



Symposium on the Library Thoughts and Contributions of Hwa-Wei Lee, November 17, 2011.

should serve the professional interests of all its members in the ever changing library and information field with forward looking as well as a global perspective."
(From "CALA Members' Greetings" at ALA Annual 2013)

Editors' Notes: Dr. Lee was retired, but not retired at all. From 2003 to 2008, he served as Chief, Asian Division of the Library of Congress. After his second retirement, he has been acting as a library ambassador travelling and presenting nationally and internationally. For more of his stories and pictures, please refer to **Spotlight on CALA Members: Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee** and a special video produced to honor him on the occasion of CALA's 40th anniversary: **The Life of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee: A Scholar, A Library Leader, An Ambassador** (李華偉博士之旅：學者，圖書館界泰斗，文化使者).

"Tributes to Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee's Retirement - Editor's notes: Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee was one of founders of CALA. During his long time commitments to CALA, he served as a CALA President and was a recipient of the CALA Distinguished Award. Dr. Lee's significant contributions were recognized at his retirement ceremony at Ohio University, ALA, and other places. The Editor for this issue is pleased to present the following news to our readers. - Sha Li Zhang"
(CALA Newsletter, no. 77, September 1999, p.7)

"[Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee] I strongly believe that everyone can learn to be a leader."
(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

"[Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee] It should endeavor to carry out to the fullest extent possible all the objectives stated in the CALA Constitution, both in the current version and in future revisions made by membership.
As a professional and membership organization, CALA



Dr. Lee was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree by Ohio University at the graduation commencement on June 9, 2012.

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Brief Biography (生平)

JOHN YUNG-HSIANG LAI, Associate Librarian of the Harvard-Yenching Library and head of the Cataloging Department, retired from the Library at the end of June of this year after twenty-four years of dedicated service.

Mr. Lai, formerly Professor and Chairman of the Department of Library Science at the National Taiwan University, holds an LL.B degree from Tokyo University and an M.A. in Library Science from George Peabody College. He is an authority on cataloging, and his classification scheme is widely used in Taiwan. He has made many contributions to the Library's cataloging program over the years, including the planning and publication of the 72-volume printed catalog of the Library's Chinese and Japanese collections in 1985-1986. He also guided the Library's transition from manual to on-line cataloging in 1989. He is the compiler of *Catalog of Protestant Missionary Works in Chinese, Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University* (Boston: G. K. Hall, 1980) and the author of numerous articles on the history of Taiwan.

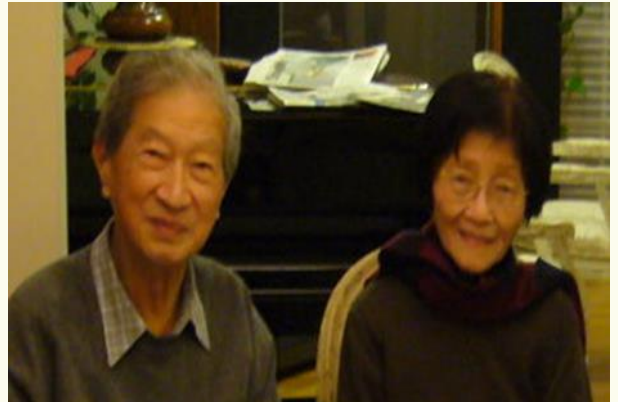
He retired from the Harvard-Yenching Library in 1996.

(*Harvard-Yenching Library occasional reference notes*, no. 32, July 1996)

Editors' Notes: The editors were told that John Lai had been an elder for many years when trying to contact some of the early CLA/CALA Presidents. He is still very diligent in working on **ELDER JOHN LAI'S ARCHIVES** (<http://www.laijohn.com/>). It is a website dedicated to the study of the history of Christianity in Taiwan with special emphasis on the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

The Treasure of the History of Christianity in Taiwan - Elder John Lai

Written in Chinese by Dr. Chaowen Wang, published on Taiwan Church News, issue 3169. November 25, 2012. (王昭文撰「台灣基督教史的寶庫」《台灣教會公報》3169期 2012年11月25日). Photo by C Wang. Translated by Jenny Lai Olsen, January 2014.



Elder John Lai and his wife Helen (劉慶理).

On my trip to the United States in August 2012, I visited Professor John Yung-hsiang Lai (賴永祥) in Boston. Professor Lai, who turned 90 in September 2012, still works diligently everyday. He continues to organize and input his own writings and the materials he collected over the years into his website. Professor Lai's website, "Elder John Lai's Archives" [laijohn.com](http://www.laijohn.com), is widely recognized as an important guiding light in the field of research on Taiwan. It is a valuable repository of the study of history of Christianity in Taiwan. The website is used every day for those who want to unearth hidden historical treasures as well as those who are looking for their family stories. [Translator's note: The website has generated thousands of hits every month. The numbers of hits has continued to grow]

Professor Lai's reputation is best known in the field of Library Science. He co-founded the Department of Library and Information Sciences at the National Taiwan University. He developed the widely used "New Classification Scheme for Chinese Libraries" (中國圖書分類法). It could be said that he is one of the founding fathers in the field of Library Science in Taiwan. Reputation aside, his real personal interest is historical research. He belongs to the first group of scholars who devoted themselves to the study of the history of Taiwan. He is the pioneer researcher for the 17th century history of Taiwan. He has written The Studies of History of Taiwan, premier volume (台灣史研究初集), and has compiled Annals of Taiwan Province, volume 3: Foreign Affairs (台灣省通志稿卷三外事志). He is one of the founding members of the journal, "Taiwan Folk Ways

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(臺灣風物)”, which has been published since 1951. It is the longest running scholarly journal in the study of Taiwan. Professor Lai, was one of the most important contributing authors for the journal’s first 20 years.



Ever a meticulous and thorough scholar with wide range of interests in history, Professor Lai has begun to focus on the Christianity in Taiwan since turning 65. He has been devoted to his faith since he was baptized with his mother at youth. He served as an elder both at Hoping Church in Taipei and the Boston Taiwanese Christian Church. In 1965, he edited Literature on history of Christianity in Taiwan (基督教台灣宣教史文獻). It then was included in the book, Century of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (台灣基督長老教會百年史) as an appendix. He has continued to research and gather literatures since moving to the United States in 1972. He issued One Leaf Communication (壹葉通訊) to share the

important historical facts with friends and relatives and gather relevant information from them. Later at the invitation of Pastor Jun-yi Lu (盧俊義), Editor-in-Chief of Taiwan Church News (台灣教會公報), he started writing the column, “Church Folklore” (教會史話) for the Taiwan Church News in 1998. The column consists of about 1000 characters. It appeared on 674 issues and was subsequently published as a 5 volume book set. Later Elder Lai suspended the column claiming health issues. Soon after, Elder Lai, the ever avid learner, started to use the computer. He adapted to the new technology easily and thrived with it. In January 2007, he launched his website, Elder Lai’s Archives”, with the assistance of Shou-chin Lee (李秀卿), wife of Pastor She-yang Lin (林哲陽). With the permission of “Taiwan Church News” Network, he updated, digitized and made his “Church Folklore” columns entirely available on his website. In addition, he has been adding his own published work and his personal archives categorized by topics into his website.

Many are willing to provide Elder Lai their personal information because they trust him. They have confidence in his character and his capability. He has established an irrefutable credibility. The value of Elder Lai’s website is not just the vast materials he collected over the years. It is how they are organized. They are classified, cataloged and linked with great care and scholarly insights. It is how he connects bits and pieces of information and turns them into something meaningful and useful. His scholarly capabilities are beyond compare. Furthermore, instead of keeping his archives as proprietary information, he published them on his website so people could use them. His website is like a well designed library. Regardless of whether you are an occasional browser, a general reader, a searching student or an expert scholar in the field, you are able to find useful information from his well organized website. You may even find a springboard for your further quest.

Elder Lai said that he is doing this out of his personal interest. Nevertheless, he works tenaciously and shares openly without seeking accolades. The generosity he has shown is not common among the scholars in such a specialized field. I think it could not be possible if it were not for his dedicated faith and his sense of mission to the church.

Praising Elder Lai’s work aside, I can not help but feeling bad that the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan has not yet established a “Resource Center of Taiwan Christian History”. The planning for a historical archival center has been going on for years, but it has never entered an actual working stage. Christianity in Taiwan will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2015. By then, I hope the stage will be set. Elder Lai has set a high standard, I hope future generations will carry on his work.

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The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"HOUSTON, December 8, 1979. The **Inaugural Conference of the Southwest Chapter** was held at the Library, Downtown College, University of Houston, Texas, on December 8... In the business meeting, draft of the Chapter Bylaws was adopted and following members were elected to the Executive Board of the Chapter: Mr. William W. Wan, President; Robert F. Chang, President elect/Secretary; and Eugenia C.G. Tang, Treasurer. Thirteen members attended the meeting. On this occasion **John Lai** wrote: **'Not so many members are in Southwest. It means that you have to play missionary role.'**" (CALA Newsletter, no. 17, December 1979, p.1)

"**John Lai** was appointed to a term of three years as the **Journal** [*Journal of Library and Information Science*] Editor." (CALA Newsletter, no. 19, August 1980, p.2)

"Journal - **John Lai** has assumed the position of **Executive Director** representing the Association as of July 1980. The Journal, emerged in 1976 with a grant from the Asia Foundation, is jointly published by the Association and the National Taiwan Normal University." (CALA Newsletter, no. 23, January 1982, p.2)

"MINUTES OF THE **CALA 1982/83, 2ND BOARD MEETING Los ANGELES, JUNE 27, 1983**... **John Lai**, acting Executive Director, reported on the growth of CALA during the Past ten years, and the successful merger of CALA and CLA. The Board also welcomed George Huang, President of CLA as observer in the Board meeting..." (CALA Newsletter, no. 28/29, Sept./Jan. 1983/84, p.2)

"Under the leadership of Mr. **John Yung-hsiang Lai**, President for 1979-80, memberships In CALA have increased to over three hundred. The Northeast and Southwest chapters held their first conferences during his tenure. In the Board meeting held on June 30 in New York City, petitions from members In the Mid-Atlantic region and the State of California to form two more chapters were approved. To Mr. Lai, as well as to those who worked hard in organizing these chapters and in recruiting new members, we owe our deep gratitude." (Ting, Lee-hsia. LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT. CALA Newsletter, no. 25, September 1982, p.1)

"MINUTES OF THE **CALA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, JUNE 28, 1983** - **John Lai** reported on the activities of five CALA chapters. The California chapter met twice in 1982. The Midwest chapter held its annual meeting in May with T.C. Li as the keynote speaker. The Northeast chapter met annually in May 1983 on topic "Chinese Experience in the U.S. as Reflected in Creative Literature". (CALA Newsletter, no. 28/29, Sept./Jan. 1983/84, p.4)

"**PUBLICATION COMMITTEE** - CALA's Newsletters and Journal are an important communications tools. They serve to heighten the Association's visibility. Thank you, Naomi Moy, Joanna Dunklee, Marjorie Lee and **John Lai** for the high quality of our publications. Special recognition is due Naomi and Joanna for their outstanding efforts in meeting deadlines for the entire publication process of the CALA Newsletter as well as for their constructive recommendations related to the publication." (CALA Newsletter, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p.7)

Picture on right: **Message from CALA President**. From CALA Newsletter, no. 16, August 1979, p.1)

Chinese-American Librarians Association

NEWSLETTER

no. 16, August 1979

MESSAGE FROM CALA PRESIDENT

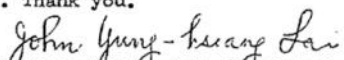
The growth of a professional organization mainly depends on the right goals set by the group and the commitment to the goals and to the upward movement of its members.

The Chinese-American Librarians Association (CALA) is a young organization founded in 1973. Among Chinese-American librarians and others, it serves as a vehicle to facilitate better communication and as a forum for discussing mutual problems and professional concerns. The steady increase in our membership shows that this Association meets their needs. CALA also aims to promote Chinese and American librarianship. Facing this challenging task, CALA welcomes not only Chinese-Americans but also non-Chinese members and friends to contribute their wisdom, experiences and efforts.

The Association publishes the Journal of Library and Information Science (in English and Chinese) semi-annually and Chinese-American Librarians Newsletter three times a year. CALA has been an ALA-affiliate since 1977. Our annual meetings usually are held in conjunction with ALA's annual meetings.

As CALA president, I urge our members to actively participate in ALA, CALA and other professional activities and sincerely invite all those (regardless of race, creed, or national origin) interested in our goals to join our Association. I hereby also wish to reaffirm our commitment to cooperate with other organizations having similar goals.

Now, let's work together to our goals. Thank you.


John Yung-hsiang Lai, President
Chinese-American Librarians Association.

1980-1981 Lee-hsia Ting (丁許麗霞, Passed away)



Brief Biography (生平)

Dr. Ting was born on February 7, 1923, in Yangchow, China. She attended the National Central University in Chungking and upon graduation, worked as a faculty assistant to help the acting chairman administer the English Department. After Japan surrendered, she went to the United States to study at Mount Holyoke College with a graduate fellowship. She received her MA in 1948 and became an assistant professor of English at the University of Nanking, where she married Nai-tung Ting on November 11.

In 1956 she and her husband immigrated to the United States under the Chinese Refugee Relief Act. In 1965 she received an MLS in library science from the Graduate School of Library Science at The University of Texas. She worked for the Harlingen, Pharr, San Juan, and Alamo public schools as a school librarian and also taught extension courses for the Library School of The University of Texas, as well as summer school of Wisconsin State University - Eau Claire.

Dr. Ting was the first Chinese woman to receive a PhD in library science from the University of Chicago, in 1970. Her doctoral thesis was later published as *Government Control of the Press in Modern China, 1900-1949* (Harvard East Asian monograph series 57. Cambridge, Mass.: East Asian Research Center, Harvard University,

1974). She also co-authored with her husband *Chinese Folk Narratives; A Bibliographical Guide* (San Francisco, Calif.: Chinese Materials Center, 1984). After graduated from the University of Chicago, she taught at the University of Chicago, Northern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University, where she retired in 1993. In 1985, she was a Fulbright scholar and taught at Wuhan University in China.

Dr. Ting was active in her profession. During her tenure as president of the Chinese American Librarians Association (1980-1981), she was instrumental in having a Chinese delegation of librarians attend the American Library Association annual conference. She also contributed to donating books to China through the Books for China Foundation. She died on January 7, 2005. The *Dr. Lee-Hsia Hsu Ting Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Information Studies* was established by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System on December 27, 2006, for the benefit of the School of Information. Gift funds were provided by Mrs. Leewen H. Shen of Houston. The endowment honors Dr. Lee-Hsia H. Ting of Houston, a 1964 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin School of Information.

(Dr. Lee-hsia Hsu Ting Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Information Studies. From <http://endowments.giving.utexas.edu/5435/>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

Excerpts from President's Message (1980):

[CALA/CLA Merge] – “At present, we are making progress in establishing cooperative measures with the Chinese Librarians Association in California (CLA). Several CALA members, notably Mrs. Eunice Ting and Mr. John Yung-hsiang Lai, have expended much effort toward this end. I am pleased to report that Dr. George Huang, President of CLA, has indicated support for “a congenial and cooperative relationship among Chinese-American librarians.”

[8th annual conference] – “Thanks to the assistance of Mr. Hong-chan Li and his Northeast' Chapter colleagues, who made the local arrangements, the 8th annual conference was successfully concluded on June 30. When I heard that a delegation of college and university librarians from China was going to be in New York City during that time, I wrote to the delegates immediately - just before I left for China on June 10 - and invited them to our conference. I am very glad that they accepted my invitation. Mr. Kuo-heng Sze, head of the delegation and Director of Libraries of Tsing-hua University, together with Mr. Chang-hua Chang of University of Shantung Library, Mr. Huai-nien Hu of Languages Institute of Peking and an interpreter came as my personal guests. Mr. Wen-ying Zhang, the First Secretary, and Mr. Wang, the Second Secretary, of the Chinese Embassy were also present. CALA has always had excellent relations with Taiwan. But this was the first time we have had guests from the People's

1980-1981 Lee-hsia Ting (丁許麗霞)

Republic. We hope that this occasion signifies a new beginning from which we can continue to work toward establishing closer relationships with our colleagues in all of China. It is my earnest wish that delegates from both sides of the Straits will attend our next annual conference, to be held in San Francisco in June, 1981. In order that we can truly work together to promote Sino-American librarianship and library services..."

(LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 19, August 1980, p.1)

"National Library of China Delegation - Upon the joint invitation of Library of Congress and U.S. International Communication Agency, National Library of China Delegation visited the United States during August 4-22. This delegation consists of four members: Ding Zhigang, Deputy Director, Bao Zhenxi, Deputy Director, Li Xunda, Chief of Foreign Affairs Section and Zeng Weiqi, Capital Construction Office. Their first stop was Macomb, Ill. To visit Western Illinois University, hosted by CALA member **Lee-hsia Ting**. Other stops included: Washington, D. C., New York, Philadelphia and Boston. They visited many major Libraries during their trip and met quite a few CALA members in those libraries. From Boston, they proceeded to IFLA Meeting in Montreal and a visit to Canadian libraries."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 25, September 1982, p.19)

1981-1982 David Ta-ching Liu (劉大經)



Director, Pharr Memorial Library, Pharr, Texas, Date 2002 (retirement)
Former Head of Adult Services, Joliet Public Library, Joliet, Illinois
Former Head Librarian, Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba, Michigan
Hundreds of publications, presentations in Taiwan, Hong Kong and United States

CALA President, 1981-1982

CALA Distinguished Service Award, 1985

Brief Biography (生平)

David Ta-ching Liu – David Liu served as Director of the Pharr Memorial Library in Pharr, Texas until his retirement in February 2002. He earned a bachelor's degree from the National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, attended the Tamkang English College in Taipei, the English Research Institute of National Taiwan Normal University and continued his studies through the Political Science and Far Eastern Studies Program at the University of Washington, Seattle.

He earned his M.A.L.S. degree at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Liu has held numerous professional positions in academic, public and research libraries. Before he became Library Director of the Pharr Memorial Library he served as Head Librarian and Assistant Professor of Political Science at Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba, Michigan. Prior to that he served as Head of Adult Services and Reader's Advisor at Joliet Public Library, Joliet, Illinois and as a Cataloger in Humanities at the Chicago Public Library. Mr. Liu served as an interpreter and Officer at Air Force Headquarters, Taipei Taiwan in 1960-1961.

Mr. Liu has made many important contributions to the profession through his wide range of involvement in professional organizations and activities. He served as President of CALA from 1981-1982 and was honored by CALA for his outstanding contributions as a role model and leader in the library profession by being awarded the CALA Distinguished Service Award in 1985. He has been very active in the Asian/Pacific-American Librarians Association (APALA) and served as Chairman of Scholarship and Recruitment for APALA in 1993-1994. Mr. Liu is very involved in community affairs and served as Chairman of International Youth Projects for the Rotary Club of Escanaba, Michigan and as Secretary/Treasurer of the Rotary Club in Pharr, Texas. In Pharr he has also served as Area Chairman for the Stella Woodall Poetry Society, is a member of the French Club and "Resource Person" for Pan American University's Center for International Future Studies. In 1998 he was recognized for his enduring community involvement by being awarded the 25-Year Distinguished Service Award from the city of Pharr.

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Mr. Liu firmly believes in expanding the human mind through library expansion and was greatly instrumental in the building of the Pharr Memorial Library in 1969, and then in doubling its size by 1978. Before his retirement as Director of the Pharr Memorial Library in February 2002, he had finalized a \$4 million expansion project for the Library.

Mr. Liu is a scholar as well as a very prolific writer. His presentations, speeches and publications cover various topics. He has published hundreds of articles in both English and Chinese in various periodicals in the humanities and the social sciences in the United States, China Taiwan and Hong Kong. He was a prolific book reviewer for the Library Journal. Noteworthy also are his perceptive works published in such periodicals as *The Eastern Miscellany* (a leading academic journal in China), *The Seventies* (a magazine for Chinese intellectuals published in Hong Kong), *China Times* (a leading newspaper for intellectuals), and *Chung Pao* (an independent paper for overseas Chinese). His book entitled *Taiwan Revisited*, published by the China Friendship Publishing Company in 1985, contains penetrating analyses on many issues. Because of his vision and leadership abilities, in 1985 Mr. Liu was invited to Beijing to discuss a peaceful political settlement with Taipei.



Photo source: "From Rocky Mountains to Lone Star State: Southwest Chapter Celebrating CALA 40th Anniversary," 2013.

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Message to CALA (祝語)

"[What do you think is the greatest strength of CALA?] [David Liu] CALA's strength lies in her continued growth through the amazing vision and dedication of her leaders.

[How can CALA do better?] [David Liu] CALA needs to enhance her global concepts and involvements as all the nations and institutions are increasingly interconnected and interdependent.

[What is your vision about CALA's future?] [David Liu] CALA will become an extremely influential force in library service throughout the world."

(From "CALA Members' Greetings" at ALA Annual 2013)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

Excerpts from President's Report (1981/82):

"In reviewing 1981-82, it is gratifying to note that CALA has taken a few steps in the right direction."

[Appointments] – "Via Newsletter, telephone and correspondence, we started to seek recommendations and volunteers or the 1981-82 appointed officers as early as March 1981, thus promptly forming all the committees and ad hoc committees with the Board's consent before the adjournment of our first Board meeting held in San Francisco on June 30, 1981."

[CALA Newsletter and Reports] – "The first issue (September 1981) of the CALA Newsletter contains not only detailed information about our various chapters and Committees, but also the Treasurer's Report governing the Period from June 1, 1980 through June 21, 1981. Consequently, our members have access to a clear Picture of this Association."

"Deep appreciation should be extended to our elected and appointed officers and our Chapters' officers whose dedication and solid success have been clearly reflected in the various reports in the three past issues (Nos. 22- 24) and in the forthcoming 25th issue (September 1982) of our Newsletter. For example in the 23rd issue there were very good reports on Books to China, on Merging of CALA (the realization of which would be considered a solid accomplishment this Year), on the 24th issue there was a thoroughly revised text of our Constitution and Bylaws."

[Membership] – "We have recruited almost 100 new members this Year. As we manage to improve our finance and services, and

1981-1982 David Ta-ching Liu (劉大經)

open up governance to new blood, we can expect increased membership and greater enthusiasm in the foreseeable future.” (Liu, David. CALA Annual Report 1981/82. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 25, Sept. 1982, p.2-3)

“Finally, special thanks and recognition go to **David Ta-ching Liu**, who alone raised more than \$2,500 during the last two years.” (Tseng, Sally C. ANNUAL REPORT OF SALLY C. TSENG, CALA PRESIDENT, 1984-1985. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p.8)

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(Provided by Sally Tseng)

“TSUEN-HSUIN TSIEN, Curator Emeritus of Far Eastern Library, University of Chicago and **DAVID TA-CHING LIU**, Director of Pharr Memorial Library in Texas, received the **1985 CALA Distinguished Service Award** in Chicago on July 9, 1985 during CALA Annual Banquet.” (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p.20)

CALA Presidents/CLA Presidents

CLA

1974-1975 Irene Yeh (葉方光瑋)

1976 T. C. Wong (汪同甲)

1977 George Cheng (鄭繼宗)

1978 Mark Tam

CALA California Founders' Gathering



Photo taken at a lunch celebrating the 40th anniversary and our resultant lasting friendship. Only California CALA founding members are fully named below.

The front row (L-R):

Irene Yeh (葉方光瑋), **Susana Liu (陳著美)**,

Mrs. Wong, T. C. Wong (汪同甲), **Mrs. Cheng, Elizabeth Sor (張麗綺)**.

The back row (L-R):

Mr. Yeh, Mr. Sor, George Cheng (鄭繼宗).

This photo was taken in March, 2013 when some of the Chinese Librarians Association of California founding members of 1974 gathered, to celebrate CALA's 40th anniversary.

It was reported in the archived *Chinese Librarians Association Newsletter* the following:

Vol.1, No. 1, March, 1975, the first formal meeting was called to order on Oct. 27, 1974...

Vol. VII, No. 3, June 27, 1981, P.17, the procedures on possible merger listed...

In **1974**, a handful of Chinese librarians in California initiated and formed the Chinese Librarians Association while unaware of a similar group forming in Chicago. These Chinese librarians from UC Berkeley, Stanford University, Golden Gate University, San Francisco State University, San Mateo County Library, Sacramento State University, San Francisco Public Library soon found more colleagues throughout California who shared the purpose of the organization for professional support and development. Its cooperation with and recognition by the California State Library and the ALA in the 70s fostered a professional home base and a safe haven for the pioneering Chinese librarians in California.

The California association eventually joined force with the Chicago based group that shared the same professional aspiration, and brought to CALA its major source of membership and the original design of the current CALA logo in 1983. Hence, over the

years under ever stronger leadership, the ALA affiliated national association of Chinese American librarians has been thriving; not only attracting members throughout the world but also in dispensing experiences and services.

Looking forward, the digital age will reduced even more the geographical distance and time limits in CALA's contributions to domestic as well as international library development and services.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CALA!

Irene Yeh, TC Wong, Julia Tung, Susana Liu, Elizabeth Sor, George Cheng

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“**Merging of CALA and CLA**- Discussion of the proposed merging of CALA and CLA (Chinese Librarians Association, headquarter in California) is underway. On December 14, 1981, Ad Hoc committee members from CLA (Gladys Chaw and **Susana Liu**) and CALA (Cecilia Chen, Eunice Ting, and Sally Tseng) met in San Francisco during the 83rd Annual Conference of the California Library Association. The discussion of the proposed merger of the two association progressed smoothly. It was agreed that CALA and CLA share similar goals for Chinese-American librarians. It was also agreed that the union of the two associations would enhance the image of Chinese-American librarians and enrich human resources. As to membership dues, constitution and by-laws, publications, terms of officers, etc., CLA representatives indicated the terms proposed by CALA representatives posed no problems for adoption. However, CLA representatives suggested a new name be adopted to reflect the union. The name proposed by CLA is the Association of Chinese-American Librarians. CALA representatives agreed to bring this proposal back to CALA Board of Directors for further discussion.”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 23, January 1982, p.4-5)

“**CLA sponsored a Spring Program on April 24 1982 in San Francisco.** The topics of the program were **Affirmative Action and Chinese-American Writers**. Henry Der and **Irene Yeh** spoke on Current Awareness on Affirmative Action. Ruthanne Lum McCuun, author of *Thousand Pieces of Gold*, Gloria Ham, author of *Chinese Argonauts* and Ping-ying Hsieh, author of *Autobiography of a Woman Soldier* spoke on Chinese-American Writers and their research experiences.”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 24, May 1982, p.11)

“**Chinese Librarians Association Annual Meeting** - The Chinese Librarians Association held an annual meeting on December 14, 1981 in San Francisco. Several CALA members also attended the CLA Annual Meeting. The theme was **resources on Chinese-Americans...** **George Cheng** presented at the CLA membership meeting a proposal for a new research tool entitled, Current Contents of Chinese and English Language Periodicals on China in the Arts, Humanities and Social Studies. This index will list the tables of contents of two hundred or more important periodicals that are related to China throughout the world. Cheng is seeking suggestions and financial support. The pilot issue is expected to be published in the Spring of 1982. For more information please contact George C.T. Cheng, Reference Services Department, **San Francisco State University Library...**”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 24, May 1982, p.11)

“On the issue of **merging CALA with CLA**, Cecilia Chen of the Ad-hoc Committee to study the merger since December 1981 presented the recommendation that CLA's Chinese name "華人圖書館員協會" be adopted for the organization after the merger and CALA's English name, "Chinese-American Librarians Association" be retained. Hwa-Wei Lee moved that the recommendation be accepted. The notion was carried unanimously.”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 25, September 1982, p.5-6)

“We would also like to express our deep appreciation to Jean Han, UC Berkeley Librarian for Chinese Collection, and **Mark Tam**, Deputy Curator, East Asian Collection, Stanford Hoover Institution, for their informative tours...”

Mark Tam was waiting for us in his spacious office in the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace. He gave us detailed information about the establishment of the Hoover Institution and the East Asian Library. Since 1945 the goal of the East Asian collection has been to collect materials on contemporary China and Japan. From 1946 until spring of 1947, the Hoover Library's principal representatives in China were Mary and Arthur Wright. Thanks to the U.S. Air Force, Mary succeeded in transporting newspapers, pamphlets, and books from Yen'an to Peking. These materials are now a priceless and irreplaceable record of those troubled times.

1979 Raymond Tang

We were able to stay in the East Asian Collection after the closing hour of 5 p.m. and roamed the rare book collection, leafing through the old real estate transaction papers and the original minutes of the legislative Congress in the 1920-30's. At the suggestion of Mark, we also visited the historic Main Quad and the Rodin sculpture Garden at the campus. It is clearly one of the most beautiful campuses in the U.S..."

(Liu, Wen-Ling. Berkeley and Stanford East Asian Libraries Visit. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 72, February 1998, p.17)

1979 Raymond Tang (Passed away)

Brief Biography (生平)

Dr. Raymond Tang, Head of East Asian Library, 1969-1979, and Head of Chinese Division, 1979-1991, passed away on June 30, 2003. A native of China, he spent his childhood during the Sino-Japanese War and Civil War in Mainland China. He went to Taiwan with his parents in the 1940s. He graduated from National Taiwan University in 1956. Later, he came to the United States to pursue a degree in library science at Columbia University.

Before he joined UCB Library, he worked in Columbia University and University of Michigan as an East Asian librarian. Shortly after the United States and China normalized relations in the 1970s, he traveled to China to acquire materials for the UCB Library. In those days, such trips were rare and materials obtained were highly valuable to Chinese studies research in the U.S. Dr. Tang was instrumental in acquiring the famed Ho-Chiang Collection of Buddhist scriptures and medieval manuscripts, which documents the evolution of Buddhist works in China, Korea, and Japan.

The purchase of Guo-yu, a rare Chinese book, marked the seven-millionth book in UCB Library. While working in Berkeley, he managed to continue his doctoral study in Stanford, and received his Ph.D. in Chinese Literature in 1982. Colleagues in the East Asian Library still remember him for his sense of humor and friendly personality.

After his retirement from UC, Dr. Tang continued to teach in China for a short period of time. He spent the remainder of his life with his wife and children in their Orinda home.

(Zhou, Peter, with help from Jean Han, East Asian Library. Passing of Dr. Raymond Tang. Available at: http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/AboutLibrary/CUNews/cu_071003.html)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"ACTIVITIES & REPORTS OF CHAPTERS: CALIFORNIA CHAPTER - The Executive Committee began its official duty in Dec. 1984. On February 11, 1985, the Committee met at Stanford Hoover Institute to discuss presentation of Chapter's program during the California Library Association Annual Conference in November. **Raymond Tang** was elected unanimously to be the program chairperson at the CLA Winter Conference..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p.14)

"CHAPTER NEWS: CALIFORNIA CHAPTER - New officers for 1986: President: **Raymond Tang**, East Asiatic Library, University of California, Berkeley... The Chapter held its annual meeting in conjunction with the California library Association's 87th Annual Conference on Nov. 19, 1985 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Oakland, Ca. Ms. Christa Chow of the East Asiatic library, University of California, Berkeley, gave a talk on 11 Chinese Rare Books: Authentication and Preservation. In addition, the Chapter also participated in the Minority Librarians Reception 1985 during the conference. The purpose of the reception was three-fold: 1. Networking, 2. Financial assistance and 3. Membership drive..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 36, May. 1986, p.4-5)

1980 George W. Huang (黃文宏, Passed away)



Brief Biography (生平)

George was born on April 20, 1936 in a small town in Taiwan where he was raised on the family farm with his two sisters and four brothers. His devotion to family and friends was nurtured through the wonderful relationships he had with his family. However, George was most noted by friends and family for being an outstanding and accomplished scholar.

Upon his graduation from Hsinchu High School, in Taiwan, George won a scholarship to attend Taiwan Normal University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies. On December 10, 1961 he married his wife Linda and then decided to further his education by studying abroad. He was accepted into Vanderbilt University's graduate studies program. After completing this program, his wife and one year old son, came to the U.S. to join him at New Mexico Highlands University. Shortly after the birth of his second son, they moved to the University of Idaho where he completed his Doctorate in Education.

Being awarded the position of Professor of Education at California State University, Chico, George and his family relocated to Chico in 1969. For the next 43 years, George and his family lived the "American Dream", enjoying a rewarding and rich life filled with loving friendships with colleagues and community members on and off campus. He considered his friends and colleagues as family and was always there to lend a helping hand when his assistance was needed.

During his tenure at Chico State, he was instrumental in developing the Asian Studies program. This allowed him to create a highly successful exchange program serving several Asian Universities, involving not only students but professors as well. He received many accolades which defined his successes. His most cherished achievement was being awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1988.

George was an avid gardener and enjoyed fishing in his spare time. He was always involved with his son's sport activities and enjoyed watching them play. Being an accomplished cook, he never hesitated to help out in the kitchen. His most enjoyable time was with Linda and participating in Tai Chi.

George W. Huang passed away on May 25, 2012 with his family by his side...

(GEORGE W. HUANG (1936 - 2012). From <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ChicoER/obituary.aspx?n=GEORGE-W-HUANG&pid=157938613>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"Nominating Committee Submitted Slate of Candidates. VICE PRESIDENT /PRESIDENT –ELECT 1983-1984. **George W. Huang.** 1) Coordinator of Library Services Credential Program, Dept. of Education, & Coordinator of Asian Studies, Calif. State Univ., Chico. 2) President of CALA California Chapter. 3) Past President of CLA (Chinese Librarians Association)." (CALA Newsletter, no. 27, May 1983, p.4)

"FOUNDATION COMMITTEE CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE IN FUND RAISING - The members of the Foundation Committee (Ching-chih Chen, Margaret C. Fung, **George Huang**, Julia Li Wu, Lorraine Yu, and Hwa-Wei Li, Chair) have met and discussed the Committee's fund raising activities..." (CALA Newsletter, no. 30, June 1984, p.6)

1981 Lillian L. Chan (陳孫儷先)



Brief Biography (生平)

Lillian originally came to the library in May 1968 as a serials cataloger. In 1971 she became a General Reference Librarian and was the Head of Reference and Instructional Services from 1973 to 1978. In 1981 she became the Head of the Science Division and remained in that position until 1991.

Lillian also has a nursing degree and has been our health sciences bibliographer for a number of years. She has also been very active in our instruction program. She is very well regarded by faculty in Nursing and Public Health and has helped various faculty on research projects. For instance, several years ago she produced a bibliography "Cross Cultural Nursing for Mexican Americans: a Guide to Library Resources," while working on a grant with a nursing faculty member. She has also produced several articles and other publications related to nursing, public health and science librarianship. Lillian has been involved with several professional associations, especially the Medical Library Association.

On a more personal note, I had the pleasure of working with Lillian from 1985 to 1991. During the period Lillian was a division head, there were many changes in the Science division--retirements, new people, database searching are proba-

bly the most significant. Lillian handled all of this with grace and wisdom. Please join me in wishing Lillian a rewarding and happy retirement."

(Kinney, Karen. [Karen Kinney's email to the San Diego State University library]. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 74, October 1998, p.11)

Message to CALA (祝語)

Congratulations on CALA's 40th anniversary celebration! For me, CALA has given me some of the most memorable experiences in my career. I became a member of CALA since 1981. Prior to 1981, I was able to work on the merging of California based Chinese Librarians Association and the much bigger CALA. The transition was very smooth and the name Chinese American Librarians Association appropriately represented the two groups. I have met many dedicated CLA members as well as CALA members. For many years I looked forward to the annual ALA conventions where I never missed CALA's meetings, the panel discussions, the international visitors and speakers as well as networking with fellow librarians from all over the country. Last but not the least the fabulous Chinese banquets and programs were always the highlights of the conventions. Since retirement in 1998, I have not kept up with activities in CALA but I am happy to hear that the Association is going strong and continues to provide a united and needed voice for our professionals.

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"California - Eunice Ting 丁陳澤豐 of UCLA has been appointed as CALA representative in California. Eunice happened to find that Lillian Chan, Membership Director of the Chinese Librarians Association (CLA) was Li-hsien Sun 陳孫儷先, classmate at the National Taiwan University. Good relationship with CLA is to be maintained." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 16, August 1979, p.9)

"Lillian Chan [is one of the nominees for the 1982 election of CALA Board members]. Science Librarian, San Diego State University, San Diego, Calif." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 24, May 1982, p.7)

"Lillian Chan's Awards Committee has helped CALA refine our awards policy and procedures." (Yueh, Norma. President of 1983/84. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 31, December 1984, p.8)

"Dear Friends: Please join me to wish Lillian Chan the best for her retirement... I have enjoyed knowing and working with Lillian for the past two decades. She is one of the leaders in the library community in California academic libraries. We value her significant contribution and we will miss her leadership, especially in CALA, California Chapter. Best wishes to you for a happy and enjoyable retirement. We hope to see you again soon. All the best, Sally." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 74, October 1998, p.10)

1982 Susana Juh-mei Liu (陳著美)



Brief Biography (生平)

Susana Liu has her BA from National Chung Hsing University, M.S. in L.S. from Case Western Reserve University and M.A. in Instructional Technology from San Jose State University. She worked for San Jose State University as a Librarian and the Coordinator of International Students at the University Library. She has served on the Chinese American Librarians Association in many roles. She won CALA Distinguished Service Award in 2005. As told by the Awards Committee chair Ying Zhang, "In her forty-year career, Ms. Liu not only excelled in her various positions in academic librarianship, but also has been recognized for a long commitment to serving the local community as well as library professional organizations. She played an instrumental role in the 1983 merger of Chinese American Librarians Association and the Chinese Librarian Association in California to form a unified voice for Chinese American librarians in the United States. In addition to holding a number of offices in CALA, Ms. Liu has also actively contributed a great deal of her time and energy in professional organizations and committees such as California Library Association. Her tireless efforts in promoting high-

er education for the Asian community won her several awards and honors by the State of California. As an academic librarian, Ms. Liu has achieved a long record of scholarship and research activities."

(Sources: <http://www.sjsu.edu/people/susana.liu/>, <http://cala-web.org/node/188>)

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"[Please list what you consider the major milestones of your presidency. How have you shaped CALA's history?] [Susana Liu] Contact David Ta-ching Liu and work out the differences and opinions of both organizations in 1982 is the most rewarding thing in my life, since now CALA is so strong and widely known, I feel very proud as a member of CALA."

(From Susan's email to the CALA 40th Celebration Task-Force)

"**CALA/CLA Merge Committee** - Sally Tseng, Cecilia Chen, Eunice Ting. The good news concerning the unity of CALA and CLA provided highlight at the 1982 CALA annual membership meeting held July 14, 1982 at the University of Penn. Van Pelf Library Conference Room. In a progress report on CALA and CLA merger, Cecilia Chen read a letter from CLA President, **Susana Liu**, that 'We (Chinese Librarians Association) have decided to accept your recommendation on April 1, 1982, that CLA's Chinese name '華人圖書館員協會' be adopted after the merger, CALA's English name, 'Chinese-American Librarians Association' will be retained. Since both associations are sharing the same goals, I sincerely hope that we can work together to build a stronger and better organization...' CALA members who were at the meeting were pleased with CLA's decision and unanimously endorsed unification under the mutually agreed-upon conditions. At the 1st 1982/83 CALA Board meeting on July 14, with board members' approval, David Liu, Acting Chairperson for Bessie Hahn, appointed Sally Tseng, Eunice Ting and Cecilia Chen as members of the CALA /CLA Merge Committee to work on the implementation of the merge."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 25, September 1982, p.15)

"**AWARDS COMMITTEE** - Dr. Tsuen-Hsuei Tsien, Professor Emeritus of Chicago University and David Ta-ching Liu, Director of Pharr Memorial Library in Texas, were recipients of the 1985 CALA Distinguished Service Awards. Many thanks to **Susana Liu**, Chair of the Awards Committee and to her Committee members for the sensitivity and professionalism which they brought to the difficult task of making recommendations for recipients of CALA's distinguished service awards. Their independence of thought, originality, and appreciation of scholastic achievements, and most importantly, their great integrity, are deeply appreciated." (CALA Newsletter, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p.5)

"For the first time, CALA selected librarians to present papers at the **Seminar on Library Automation** sponsored by the Library Association of China, Republic of China, in August 1988, and at the Library Association of Central Government Units and Scientific Research Networks in the People's Republic of China in October-November 1988. Such endeavors in international cooperation will be further explored in the future. Irene Yeh, **Susana Liu** and Daphne Hsueh represented CALA to these two countries; their spending of time and money in this international cultural exchange is worthy of our commendation and respect."

(Lee, Chang C. The President's Message. CALA Newsletter, no. 45, Winter 1989, p.1)

1982 Susana Juh-mei Liu (陳著美)

“Five CALA members were selected as translators for **the first China-United States Library Conference on ‘Global Information Access: Challenges and Opportunities’** held in Beijing, China, August 21-23, 1996... The selected CALA members are: Mia Wang Bassham (Luzerne County Community College), **Susana Juh-mei Liu** (San Jose State University), Amy Seetoo (University of Michigan), Angela Men-Lin Yang (University of California), and Sha-Li Zhang (Ohio Wesleyan University)...”
(Zhang, Sha Li . CALA Members Serving the First China-U.S. Library Conference. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 69, February 1997, p.3)

“One of the Foundations Committee's projects, **Books to China**, chaired by **Susana Liu**, will investigate and implement the shipping of books to the People's Republic of China and to Taiwan on request in due course.” (Yueh, Norma. President of 1983/84. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 69, February 1997, p.3)

Picture on right: Emily Wu & Belle Yang Book Talks Activity was held in King Library, San Jose State University, October 28, 2006. (From left to right) Elizabeth Soh, Mengxiong Liu, Diana Wu, Ruth Kifer (SJSU Library Dean), Emily Wu, Belle Yang, **Susana Liu**, Irene Yeh, and Julia Tung. (Northern California Chapter Interim Report. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 96, Spring 2007, p.12)



After the CLA/CALA merge

1982-1983 Bessie K. Hahn

University Librarian, Retired. Brandeis University, MA.

Director of Library Services, 1981-1996.

Assistant Provost for Libraries and University Librarian, 1996 to 2003.

Brief Biography (生平)

“CALA PRESIDENT-ELECT - **Bessie K. Hahn** is a familiar name to CALA members. She served as the CALA Newsletter editor during 1980/81. She is serving as the Chairperson of the Program Committee, 1981/82. In 1982/83, she will be CALA President. In the meantime, Bessie has also been elected as a CALA Executive Board member.



Bessie was born in Shanghai and moved to Hong Kong when she was eight years old. In the U.S., she attended the Mount Marty College in South Dakota, and pursued graduate study in biochemistry at the Univ. of South Dakota. Bessie started her library career after her graduation from the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University.

She was the Senior Department Head of the Science and Technology Libraries in Syracuse University, Assistant Director for Reader Services at the John Hopkins Univ. Library. Since 1981, she has been the Director of Library Services at the Brandeis University. Besides being an important CALA member, Bessie has also been busy with professional activities in the Special Libraries Association and the American Library Association. She has served as committee members and trainer or project director for various workshops. To be a successful career woman is just part of Bessie's life. She is also the wife of a Syracuse University professor and the mother of two daughters and a son.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 23, January 1982, p. 1-2)

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Excerpts from President's Message (1982):

[Merging of the Association] - “...We hope this year will bring about the much anticipated welcomed merging of our Association with California Librarians Association. Members of both organizations are enthusiastic about consolidating our resources and efforts for the ultimate good of Chinese-American librarians. We will be discussing the procedural details of merging in the

1982-1983 Bessie K. Hahn

next few months, with January 1, 1983, suggested as a possible target date for formalizing the merge.”

[Membership] - “We will continue to recruit new members. Because we are so scattered geographically, membership drives will be more effective if done regionally or locally. The membership Committee, chaired by Eunice Ting, and I will be working very closely with the regional chapter on this matter.”

[Constitution and Bylaws] - “Many members have worked exceedingly hard during the past two years in making suggestions to refine and changes in our Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chaired by Hwa-Wei Lee, hopes to complete its recommendations on the final revisions within the year.”

“The **Foundation Committee** will be researching ways whereby external funds may be found to support our priority projects, such as wider distribution, both nationally and internationally, of our Newsletter issues to the library and more aggressive Books to China-Drive.”

“The usefulness of our Association to its members and the profession is in direct proportion to the determination and enterprise of each one of us. I hope that you will all take an active part in its welfare. Please let me know of your ideas and your willingness to make our Association more vibrant and visible. Your involvement will be greatly appreciated.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 25, September 1982, p. 1-2)

“**APALA/CALA JOINT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - Areas of cooperation in Library Development in Asian and Pacific Regions**” served as the theme for the two-part Program jointly sponsored by the Asian Pacific Librarians Association and the Chinese-American Librarians Association on June 28- 29. Chairing the sessions were APALA President Sally C. Tseng of the University of California, Irvine, and CALA president **Bessie K. Hahn** of Brandeis University.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 28/29, Sept./Jan. 1983/84, p. 5)

“A Brief Report on WBCLIS by Hwa-Wei Lee, Dean of University of Libraries, Ohio University. Selected as a **delegate-at-large by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)**, I was honored by the opportunity to participate in the most important historic event in my professional career. I was assigned to the topic group on National Information Policies, which was my first choice. I learned that many Chinese Americans were among the 700 delegates and 284 alternates... Ms. **Bessie K. Hahn**, Director of Library Services, Brandeis University, was a delegate from Massachusetts...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, October 1991, No. 53)

“**FOR VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT OF ACRL - Bessie K. Hahn**, University Librarian at Brandeis University, Massachusetts, and past president of CALA (1982-83), has been nominated for the ACRL vice-president/president elect position...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 63, February 1995, p. 6)

“**Bessie K. Hahn**, CALA's past president (1982-83) and Assistant Provost for the Libraries and University Librarian at Brandeis University, was honored recently by her university to be the Brandeis National Woman's Committee University Librarian. Bessie has been one of the very few Chinese American librarians serving as a university librarian. Because of her outstanding achievements in her position, the Brandeis University National Woman's Committee has established an endowment to endow her position.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 81, February 2001, p. 8)

“**[Bessie K. Hahn]** Retired on June 30, 2003. In honor of her many contributions to Brandeis and the Libraries during her 22-year tenure, the National Women's Committee is establishing the 55th Anniversary Fund to benefit one of the causes closest to Bessie's heart, library technology.”

(*Imprint*. Brandeis University National Women's Committee. Spring 2003, volume 23, number 3.)

1983-1984 Norma Yueh (樂乃穠, Passed away)



Brief Biography (生平)

Born in China, Norma Yueh emigrated to the U.S. on a full scholarship to St. Joseph's College, West Hartford, CT. She later attended Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA and received her doctorate in Library Sciences from Columbia University, New York, NY. During her career, Dr. Yueh worked for the United Nations, The New York Public Library, William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ and at Ramapo College of NJ, where she held the positions of Director of Library Services and most recently, Director of Research. During her tenure at Ramapo College, she received several Managerial Merit Awards from the college and the library was commended by the Middle States Association accreditation team. Dr. Yueh held four presidencies: Council of National Library and Information Association, the Chinese American Librarians Association, New Jersey Library Association and Council of New Jersey College and University Librarians. She served on various executive boards and chaired numerous national, regional and state committees in the college library and higher education fields. Ramapo College recently named a conference room after Dr. Yueh and was to award her "Emeritus" status, effective upon her scheduled retirement on June 30, 2000. She was the first woman in the college's history to receive this status. [YUEH-Norma N., M.D. passed away at the age of 72 on Wednesday, June 28, 2000.]

(*The New York Times*, June 30, 2000. Available at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2000/06/30/classified/paid-notice-deaths-yueh-norma-n-md.html>)

At ceremony designating Ramapo College as official depository for Bergen County documents are, (from left) Paul Hinsenkamp, Ramapo College reference librarian; Dr. Norma Yueh, college library director; Freeholder D. Bennett Mazur, associate professor, and Robert D. Ross, director of Ridgewood area libraries. (Photo by Rich Meyer)

(From <http://northjersey.mycapture.com/mycapture/enlarge.asp?image=24038490&event=770201&CategoryID=47886>)

CALA/APALA joint program which attracted not only advertisers but attention from the governmental agencies." (CALA Newsletter, no. 28/29, Sept./Jan. 1983/84, p. 4)

"CHAPTER ACTIVITIES: Northeast Chapter - ...Norma Yueh concluded the conference with a message that 'Chinese-American librarians should Promote writers mentioned by C.T. Hsia and writers like David Hwang and Dorothea Weissman because they enhance the librarians' public sense and sensibilities and help them become, if not better, at least more understanding and questioning individuals.'" (CALA Newsletter, no. 28/29, Sept./Jan. 1983/84, p. 7)

Norma Yueh presided the 12th CALA annual program in conjunction with the 103rd ALA annual conference on June 24, 1984. The program theme was "Technologies for libraries." (Source: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/archive/1984/84-1.pdf>)

"Norma Yueh - Library Director of Ramapo College Library has been elected Vice president, president-elect of the College and University Section of NJLA. She will be presenting the academic librarian's viewpoint on implications of the library network bill, S. 1329, signed by Governor Kean in January at the spring conference of the New Jersey Library Association on a panel discussion on 'Who Buys the Resources that We Are All Going to Share?' In addition, she was elected Director for 1984-87 on the Executive Board of

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"Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA) Membership - CALA has been elected to membership of CNLIA in December 1981... Norma Yueh and Chiou-sen Chen have been appointed by CALA as Councilors of the Council representing CALA. CNLIA is holding a meeting on May 7 1982 in New York City. Both Ms. Yueh and Ms. Chen will attend the meeting."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 24, May 1982, p. 11)

"MINUTES OF THE CALA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, JUNE 28, 1983 - Norma Yueh and Sally Tseng were specially mentioned for staging the

1983-1984 Norma Yueh (樂乃禮)

CNLIA. In May 1984, she accepted an appointment to the Advisory Committee of the Office for Library Outreach Services (OLOS), ALA.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 30, June 1984, p. 13)

Excerpts from President's Report (1983/84):

“It is a pleasure to report that the Chinese-American Librarians Association's president's year is a rewarding one, from both an organizational and a personal perspective. Organizationally because of the calibre of CALA members, chapters and committees ensures the association's continued growth and personally because of their willingness to extend themselves on behalf of CALA despite the demands of their full-time positions and family and extracurricular lives on their time and energy. I urge all of you to run for this office. It is a gratifying experience.”

[CALA Annual Program and Membership] - “You will recall that your 1983-84 Board chose two areas for sustained attention: the strengthening of CALA's annual program at ALA and of our membership drive. I believe you will agree that we have been successful in our endeavors. Recognition is due Sally Tseng, her Program Committee and Local Arrangements Committee for their countless hours of planning, letter writing, telephoning and fund raising which are culminating in tonight's buffet, program and reception. Recognition is also due Lena Yang and her Membership Committee, especially Peter Wang and two later recruits to her Committee, Lillian Yang and William Wan, for their achievement in increasing our membership by 29% for a total to date of 227.”

[Committees] – “CALA's other four standing committees have been productive too. Thanks to Bessie Hahn's Nominating Committee, we shall be voting today on candidates for CALA officers and Board who will see to CALA's well-being in the near future. Cecilia Chen's Finance Committee again has made certain that we remain financially healthy. Lillian Chan's Awards Committee has helped CALA refine our awards policy and procedures. And the efforts of John Lai's Publications Committee are such that our Newsletter, edited this year by Marjorie Li, is attracting interest from abroad.”

Similarly, the work of CALA's three special committees merits praise. Under Hwa-Wei Lee, the Foundations Committee has prepared a sensitively worded letter which should encourage contributions from individuals and corporations... Henry Chang's Constitutions and Bylaws Committee have proposed two amendments for smoother operation of CALA for your consideration, one of which was withdrawn by the Board last night. Ready for your consideration next year is a much needed statement on CALA's external relations prepared by our new Professional Responsibility and Public Relations Committee, chaired by Barbara Liaw, which will be studied by the 1984/85 Board on Monday. You are all invited to be observers.”

[Books to China] - one of the Foundations Committee's projects, Books to China, chaired by Susana Liu, will investigate and implement the shipping of books to the People's Republic of China and to Taiwan on request in due course.”

[Advertisements] – “Additionally, the Board clarified CALA's schedule of advertisement charges. For the annual conference program, the quotation is \$400 for a full-, \$200 for half- and \$100 for quarter-page advertisement. For the Newsletter, it is \$100 for a full-, \$50 for half- and \$25 for quarter-page advertisement...”

(Yueh, Norma (1984). President of 1983/84. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 31, December 1984, p. 8)

“Tribute to Dr. Norma Yueh - Resolution - Whereas, Dr. Norma Yueh, Director of Ramapo College Library, New Jersey, and former President of New Jersey Library Association, had a distinguished library career for over 30 years; Whereas, Dr. Norma Yueh served with distinction as the President of CALA in 1983-1984 and was the recipient of CALA's Distinguished Service Award for 1991-1992; Whereas, as a dedicated CALA member, Dr. Norma Yueh served twice as the President of the Northeast Chapter of CALA; Whereas, through her dedication and leadership Dr. Norma Yueh has made remarkable contributions to librarianship in general and to Chinese American Librarianship in particular; Therefore, be it resolved, that CALA expresses its deepest collective condolence to the family of Dr. Norma Yueh with sincere appreciation and lasting memories. [By] CALA Board of Directors.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 80, September 2000, p. 5)

“Message from Norma's Daughter - My mother passed away during the early morning hours of Wednesday, June 28... A few weeks ago, Ramapo College announced that they were going to rename the best conference room in the library after her. She was to attend the dedication at the library Wednesday morning and retire on Thursday, June 29th... Over 250 people came to the wake and the funeral to pay their respects. My mother had so many different kinds of friends who loved her dearly...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 80, September 2000, p. 5)

1984-1985 Sally C. Tseng (曾程雙修)



CALA President, 1984-1985
CALA Executive Director, 1999-2007
APALA President, 1983-1984
2011 John Ames Humphry/OCLC Forest Press Award for International Librarianship Recipient (delete the word "Recipient")
2006 JCLC06 Distinguished Service Award
2005 Honorary Member of the Library Society of China Award
2005 California Library Association, CLA/ACTSS Award for Excellence
1984 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Brief Biography (生平)

Sally C. Tseng held professional positions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Libraries.

Sally's expertise are: library automation, cataloging, classifications, bibliographic and knowledge management and organization, electronic and Internet resources, FRBR, MARC formats, metadata, RDA, serials, disaster preparedness, etc. She was awarded the distinguished Librarian Rank at the University of California, Irvine Libraries in 1997 for her significant achievements and contributions. During her professional career, Sally was elected American Library Association (ALA) Councilor and the California Library Association (CLA) Councilor and Assembly Member. She was appointed to chair major committees at ALA, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), CALA, CLA, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), and other professional associations. Sally was elected President of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), 1983/84; CALA President, 1984/85; and CALA Executive Director, 1999/2007. From the late 1980 to 1990s, Sally chaired the California Network Steering Committee and the California Network Serials Task Force. As a result of her visionary leadership, California statewide online serials bibliographic records had been included in MELVYL, a University of California system-wide online database which includes collections from all types of libraries in California, including academic, public, law, medical and other special libraries. Beginning in the mid-1990s, these records became the foundation of the California Digital Library (CDL) that provides links to full-text books, journals, databases and Web resources. Sally was the Chair of the 2000-2003 ALA-ALCTS Program series, national Institutes on AACR2 and Metadata. These successful programs attracted worldwide participants. Sally also chaired CALA Taskforces to raise disasters relief funds, to name a few: 1) Rebuilding Libraries for the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake Disastrous Areas in China, and 2) Helping Taiwan Libraries' Destroyed/Damaged in the 2009 Morakot Typhoon.



Sally at University of California, Irvine Library, 1983, APALA President.

Sally received numerous professional development awards and research grants from the University of California. She received several Distinguished Service Awards and honors for her efforts of the 1984 CALA Distinguished Service Award; the 1992 ALA Council Award, the 2002 ALCTS President's Award, 2005 CLA/ACTSS Award for Excellence, the 2006 ALA Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC06) Distinguished Service Award, and 2006 CLA Assembly Award. In 2005, Sally was awarded the Honorary Member of the Library Society of China (LSC). She received LSC Best Paper Awards, 2001-2002, 2004-2005. In 2011, she was the recipient of the American Library Association (ALA) John Ames/Humphry/OCLC/ Forest Press Award. In addition, she received numerous Certifi-

1984-1985 Sally C. Tseng (曾程雙修)

cates of Recognitions from national leaders for her contributions to the community.

Sally has/had served as a Consultant for the International Advisory Panel of the Chinese University Development Project, Peking University, Guangdong Provincial Zhongshan Library, and several key libraries in China. She received UCI Friends of the Library Authors' Awards, Orange County Authors' Awards, and her biographies and featured articles published in several Who's Who, journals and newspapers.

Sally has published several major cataloging books for the library profession that are used worldwide. She also authored in several monographs. Selected titles include: LC Rule Interpretations of the Anglo American Cataloguing Rules (AACR) 1st –2nd editions; LC Romanization Tables and Cataloging Policies; Getting Ready for AACR2: The Cataloger's Guide; Knowledge without Boundaries: Organizing Information for the Future; Electronic Cataloging : AACR2 and Metadata for Serials and Monographs; etc. In addition, Sally has published more than 50 articles and papers. She is a sought after speaker and trainer. She has been frequently invited to speak at international and national conferences and to present workshops in the United States and major cities in China, and other countries.

Sally received a B.A. from Soochow University in Taiwan, and M.L.S. from the University of Oregon.

Message to CALA (祝語)

Dear CALA Members and Friends,
It is with great enthusiasm that I write to congratulate CALA on our 40th Anniversary!!!

Found in 1973, CALA is the leader among Chinese American librarians in serving the library community worldwide. CALA strives to achieve its mission to promote Chinese-American and Chinese librarianship, and to provide our members with professional development and leadership opportunities. Our ultimate goal is to achieve excellent library services for our users in collaboration with our colleagues around the world.

We all recognize that CALA plays a critical role in the library profession, and I am confident that CALA leaders of tomorrow will continue providing outstanding leadership. I would like to share with you ten ideas on what you can do to achieve excellence for CALA as well as for yourself. They are:

- Jot down your goals;**
- Manage your time;**
- Work harmoniously with others as a team;**
- Respect others;**
- Listen to mentors and coaches;**
- Listen to feedback;**
- Open to criticism;**
- Negotiate and compromise;**
- Develop confidence; and**
- Think positively.**

As a leader in the profession, I encourage everyone to treat colleagues as our partners and members as individuals with unique talents and needs. Everyone is worthy of our time and attention. Our new leaders will lead CALA to library professional honor from their own library to state, national and international levels. Librarianship is our life. We love our profession, our colleagues, our users and our communities. Leaders are committed to doing the right things for the profession even though when we are in hard time. Leaders are kind, warm, sincere and supportive individuals. Leaders are those not just to lead but get our hands



CALA members at the 2006 JCLC Conference in Dallas.



Sally Tseng, Recipient of the 2006 JCLC Distinguished Services Award, with Helen Tsai, Wenwen Zhang and Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Recipient of the Advocacy Awards.

1984-1985 Sally C. Tseng (曾程雙修)

on striving for excellence.

It is the attention to individuality, diversity, reach out to local, state, national and international professional organizations that help CALA earn international fame... "Libraries are an important channel for cultural exchange and communication because it is an open platform providing abundant information and cultural services," the exchanges and development of Asian cultures are boosted by exchanges and cooperation among libraries in personnel exchanges and data sharing. Since many libraries have great resources, the integration of their data has great significance to the development of all Asian libraries.

CALA is operating under a volunteer and dedicated team. Let's strive for a positive work environment. With the strong supporters such as you we will achieve excellence for CALA. I look forward to seeing the continued success of CALA.

Best wishes,

Sally C. Tseng,
CALA President, 1984/85
CALA Executive Director, 1999/2007

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"The **1979-80 membership Directory** of the Chinese American Librarians Association, compiled by **Sally c. Tseng**, is now available at \$1.50 per copy."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 19, August 1980)

"**TECHNOLOGIES FOR LIBRARIES** - Theme of the 12th annual conference at Dallas is "Technologies for Libraries"... To mark this event, [Program Chair] **Sally C. Tseng** is planning to issue a souvenir program book which will carry advertisements by benefactors who help underwrite the cost of the publication..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 19, August 1980, p. 2)

"**SCHOLARSHIPS and RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM CALA** - At ALA Midwinter in Washington, D.C., **Sally C. Tseng**, President of the Chinese-American Librarians Association (CALA) happily announced that CALA will award a total of \$3000 in Scholarships and Research Grants in July 1985 during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 32, February 1985, p. 1)



Sally's Featured article in American Libraries, March 1983.



2002 ALA/ALCTS Presidential Citation.

"**CALA PRESIDENT FEATURED IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES** - Our warmest congratulations to **Sally C. Tseng**, CALA President and Principal Serials Cataloger at the University of California, Irvine, on the splendid write-up in the March 1983 issue of American Libraries..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 33, May 1985, p. 7)

Excerpts from President's Report (1984-1985):

"The year 1984/85 was a year of outstanding progress for the Chinese-American Librarians Association..."

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Dr. Tsuen-Hsui Tsien, Professor Emeritus of Chicago University and David Ta-ching Liu, Director of Pharr Memorial Library in Texas, were recipients of the 1985 CALA Distinguished Service Awards...

BOOKS TO CHINA COMMITTEE: During the year 1984-1985 we see increasing books to China activities through CALA members' efforts. The Asia Foundation can ship books to China for libraries in the United

1984-1985 Sally C. Tseng (曾程雙修)

States. Thanks to Priscilla Yu, Chair of the Books to China Committee and her Committee members' efforts.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE: ... under the guidance of its Chairman, Henry Chang, proposed a constitutional change, which was voted on by CALA's Board of Directors. If approved by CALA's membership, this constitutional change will allow greater Board representation by chapter presidents.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: ... This year, our account increased more than 50% over that of 1983/84... Thanks to Cecilia Chen, CALA's Treasurer and Chair of the Committee, and to her Committee members...

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE: The Foundation Committee chaired by Hwa-Wei Lee, in cooperation with the Public Relations Committee has heightened CALA's visibility, and has attracted supporters from the community...

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: CALA's ALA programs have been selected for "pick of the ALA programs" by library journals for a number of years. The 1985 CALA program, "High Tech in Libraries - Challenge to Librarians," held on July 9, 1985 in Chicago during the ALA Annual Conference, again attracted an overflow audience and was deemed highly successful...



2005 at ALA-Chicago with ALA President Michael Gorman and CALA and Chinese library leaders.



Colleagues congratulated Sally (Center in blue dress) who was the recipient of the 2005 California Library Association/ACTSS Award for Excellence in Pasadena during the 2005 CLA Annual Conference.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: During the year 1984-1985 we began a dynamic membership drive. We have seen a 28% increase in membership...

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee, chaired by Norma Yueh, recommended many outstanding candidates for CALA offices...

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: At CALA's 1984 annual meeting the Public Relations Committee was authorized by the Board of Directors to draft a five-year plan covering the years 1985 through 1989...

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE: CALA's Newsletters and Journal are an important communications tools... Thank you, Naomi Moy, Joanna Dunklee, Marjorie Lee and John Lai for the high quality of our publications... The publication of the 1983 Proceedings -Areas of Cooperation in Library Development in Asian and Pacific Regions -marks a milestone in CALA's continuing efforts to serve its membership and the library profession...

SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS TASK FORCE: The Board of Directors wholeheartedly supported library education and the professional development of CALA's members. The establishment of scholarships and research grants has been a dream of mine for many years, and we have worked hard toward the realization of this dream. With your assistance in raising funds, this dream became a reality in 1985.

CALA's Board of Directors allocated \$3,000 toward scholarships and research grants. A Scholarship and Research Grants Task Force chaired by Eunice Ting, was established in 1984 to develop guidelines and procedures for the selection of recipients. I am pleased to report that this year, for the first time in the Association's history, we have had the great pleasure of awarding CALA Scholarships and Research grant to five out-

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standing recipients. [They are: Ling-hwey Jeng, Karen M. G. Howell, Hsiu-yin Chiang, Mei-fang Feng and Marjorie Li.]”
(Tseng, Sally. ANNUAL REPORT OF SALLY C. TSENG, CALA PRESIDENT, 1984-1985. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p. 5-8)

“Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant (US\$1,000/year) - Guidelines
- The purpose of Sally C. Tseng’s Professional Development Grant is to support research by CALA members. Proposals must focus on research in library and information science for which the applicant is highly qualified and which would result in the advancement of the individuals’ professional status.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 86, November 2002, p. 10)

“Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee and Sally C. Tseng Awarded Honorary Membership of Library Society of China - On July 21, 2005, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee and Sally C. Tseng were awarded Honorary Membership of the Library Society of China (LSC), formerly China Society for Library Science, at the 2005 LSC Annual Conference held in Guilin. LSC’s Honorary Membership is a recognition of Hwa-Wei and Sally’s distinguished contributions and services to Chinese librarianship.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, Fall 2005, p. 38)



Sally at 2005 ALA-Chicago with recipients of the Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant

“CALA Special Award for Sally Tseng - To honor our longtime dedicated member and the longest serving executive director, Sally C. Tseng, the CALA Board conducted an online meeting in May to discuss ways of how Sally could be recognized and honored. I am pleased to report that the Board unanimously approved to honor Sally with a special award to recognize and celebrate her devotion, commitment and passion for CALA for over 30 years. Congratulations to Sally, who deserves this wonderful award! The award will be presented to Sally at the CALA Awards Banquet on Sunday June the 24th in DC. Please come and share this exciting moment with Sally and all of us!”
(Li, Haipeng. From The Immediate Past President Haipeng Li. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p. 2)

“CALA members continue their efforts to help library staff and libraries affected by the massive earthquakes on May 12 2008 in Sichuan and the surrounding provinces in China. **Sally C. Tseng**, CALA Honorary Executive Director, leads a **Taskforce on Rebuilding Libraries in 5.12 Earthquake Areas in China** this year.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 99, Winter 2008, p. 2)

“[Sally Tseng] CALA is an association that empowers [its] members...to grow professionally [and] has broadened my horizon in the profession. CALA also provides me opportunities to achieve excellence and to work for my career and life goals in helping others even after I retired from the work place.”
(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

“[Sally Tseng] Congratulations to CALA on our 40th Anniversary!!!
CALA strives to achieve its mission to promote Sino-American librarianship, and to provide our members professional development opportunities. With the strong support from members we shall achieve excellent library services for our users.”
(From “CALA Members’ Greetings” at ALA Annual 2013)

1985-1986 William Wan (溫威廉)



Brief Biography (生平)

William Wan is the 1985-1986 CALA President. He has served on CALA in many different roles, such as 1981-82 Secretary, Chair of CALA distinguished Service Award Committee (1982), CALA Vice-President/Program Chair (1984-1985) and CALA Board of Directors.

William Wan served in various positions in CALA before elected President for 1985-86. He helped organize the Southwest Chapter in 1979 and served as its first President. He also served in the ALA ACRL College Library Section ad hoc Committee in Closing Colleges, 1982-86; TLA Serials Forum Program Chair, 1989-90; Chair, 1990-91. He also served in various state and regional library consortia and committees before his retirement.

Since 1975, he held various positions in public and technical services and retired in 1998 as Assistant Director of Libraries at the Texas Woman's University, Denton. Previous posts include Head Librarian, American Christian College, Tulsa, OK in 1971-75; Special Lecturer, Far Eastern Dept., University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon in 1968-69; Editorial staff, South China Morning Post in 1960-63.

Education: University of Oklahoma, MLS, 1970; University of Hawaii, MS, 1966; University of Hong Kong, 1960.

Publications: Hawaii's Income and Expenditures, Economic Research Center, University of Hawaii (contributor), 1966; Twentieth Century Chinese Works on Southeast Asia - a Bibliography, Translation, East West Center, 1968; Statement. Task force on Library and Information Services. Hearings held at ALA annual conference, 1981. pp. 53-59; Letter and book review in *American Libraries*, *Journal of Library and Information Science* in 1980: From railroads to libraries: an historical sketch of Texas Chinese librarians, *Texas Library Journal*, Sesquicentennial issue, 1986; Chinese American Librarians Association: An Overview, *Ethnic Forum*, v.6 nos. 1-2, 1986, pp. 141-143; System migration and its impact on technical services, *Public Library Quarterly*, v. 13(4) 1993, pp. 13-20.; 1995 Texas Library Association Annual Conference Home Page; Collection development: shifting paradigms in children's services -report of the program sponsored by PLA Service to Children Committee. (at the 1995 ALA Conference), *Library Acquisitions*, v. 20 no. 2, pp. 178-179, 1996.

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD MEETING, June 26, 1979** - ...The Board approved the establishment of two chapters: Northeast and Midwest. The Board requested **William Wan** to organize a **Southwest Chapter**.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 16, August 1979, p.5)

“**ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO TO FOCUS ON HIGH-TECH** - The annual conference this summer is of special significance in two aspects. First, CALA is turning into a "teenager" at the 13th annual meeting, an important milestone in the life of an individual, as well as an association. Second, Chicago is the birthplace of CALA and a city of many attractions. A full day of activities will mark this event on Tuesday, July 9.

A conference bearing the theme of "**High-Tech in Libraries--Challenge to Librarians**" will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Parlor H of the Palmer House, headquarters hotel of ALA. Prominent personalities from the academic and practicing fields of the library world will be featured speakers. Dr. Thomas Galvin, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh, will address us on high-tech's challenge to education, and Mr. Gary Strong, California State Librarian, will discuss the role of government in the high-tech challenge. The CALA membership meeting will follow at 4:30-6:00p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., a nine-course Chinese **banquet** will be prepared at the Chinatown Haylemon Restaurant, which is only a short taxi ride from the Palmer House. An after-dinner speech is to be given by none other than the authority on MARC, Mrs. Henriette Avram of the Library of Congress, who will discuss MARC international activities and the potential for resource sharing...”
(Wan, William W. *CALA Newsletter*, May 1985, No. 33, p.1)

1985-1986 William Wan (溫威廉)

"CALA's ALA programs have been selected for "pick of the ALA programs" by library journals for a number of years. The **1985 CALA program, "High Tech in Libraries - Challenge to Librarians,"** held on July 9, 1985 in Chicago during the ALA Annual Conference, again attracted an overflow audience and was deemed highly successful. Speakers at the Program included Dr. Thomas J. Galvin, ALA incoming Executive Director; Gary E. Strong, California State Librarian; and Henriette Avram, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services of the Library of Congress. Thanks to our distinguished speakers and to **William Wan**, our new President and former Program Chair, and to his Committee members. Thanks also to the Local Arrangement Committee members of the Midwest Chapter, President Julie Su and Peter Wang."
(CALA Newsletter, no. 34, Sept. 1985, p.6)



William Wan, Introduced Henriette Avram, 'Mother of MARC' from the Library of Congress at CALA Awards Banquet during ALA convention in Chicago, July 9, 1985



*Greeting CALA officers attending ALA annual convention in Dallas, TX, 1984
(From right: William Wan, Sally Tseng, Nancy Hu Chou, David Liu and Cecilia Chen)*

"**William Wan**, President of Southwest Chapter, is the chair of the newly formed Serials Forum Interest Group of the Texas Library Association. He is coordinating a binding preconference program on April 9, and another program on April 11 during the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in Fort Worth."
(CALA Newsletter, no. 51, February 1991, p.7)

"**Southwest Chapter**, by **William Wan**. The Southwest Chapter will be having its annual meeting in Fort Worth, TX on Thursday, April 10, 1997 from 10 am to 11:30 am in conjunction with the Texas Library Association Annual Conference. The program will [be] title[d]: **Managing Diversity: New Challenge in a changing world...**"
(CALA Newsletter, no. 69, February 1997, p.8)

1986-1987 Marjorie H. Li (徐燕生)



Manager, Asian Branch of the Oakland Public Library, California
Technical Services Librarian/Archivist, Rutgers University libraries
CALA Newsletter Editor, 1983/84

Brief Biography (生平)

Prior to her coming to California in April 2002, Marjorie had been in academic librarianship for the past thirty some years at Rutgers University in New Jersey. She was born in China and graduated from National Taiwan University and received her MA degree from the University of Chicago in 1968. Aside from her professional duties as a librarian, she has been for many years a strong advocate for the arts, in particular folk art. She believes that the arts and cultural activities can be more powerful than other means to mobilize and energize the Asian American communities.

Marjorie has also extensive non-profit organizational experience. She is the current Asian American Advisory Committee member of the Oakland Museum as well as the newly appointed board member of the Oakland Asian Cultural Center. In New Jersey, she was appointed by former Governor Christie Whitman for a two-year term as the first Asian American member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. She was also Chair of the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission from 1997 to 2002.

She has made a positive impact on the communities that she has served both in New Jersey and in Oakland, CA. In New Jersey her interest in promoting Chinese folk arts began with receiving a small grant from the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission and eventually becoming a major grant recipient for more advanced cultural arts projects, such as the present one on Chinese Knotting.

In Oakland, she successfully organized a Teens Photography Project in the summer of 2002 as a meaningful way to document life in the Asian American community in Oakland as part of Oakland's 150th Anniversary Celebration. She brought the Japan-town based Ikenobo Society over to Oakland for a workshop on Japanese flower arrangement. Her most recent event was a book-talk featuring Iris Chang on her new book *Chinese in America: A Narrative History of the Past 150 Years*. (Vintage, Penguin, 2003).

(From http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/culturalheritage/chineseknotting/li_bio.html)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"NORTHEAST CHAPTER ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1980-81 - Hong-Chan Li reported that **Marjorie H. Li** of Rutgers University was elected President of the Northeast Chapter for 1980-81."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 19, August 1980, p.4)

"The *CALA Newsletter* is published three times a year. CALA membership includes any individual or corporate body that is interested in the purpose of the Association and upon payment of the dues as specified in the bylaws. CALA seeks to enhance communication among Chinese-American librarians as well as between Chinese-American librarians and other librarians to serve as a forum for discussion of mutual problems and professional concerns among Chinese-American librarians, to promote Sino-American librarianship and library services; to provide a vehicle whereby Chinese-American librarians may cooperate with other association and organizations having similar or allied interest... Editor **Marjorie H. Li**. Co-editor Diana Shih."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 28/29, Sept/Jan 1983/84, p.13)

Excerpts from President's Message (1986/87):

[CALA invited to attend the ALA 1987 Conference Program] - "Since the founding of the Chinese American Librarians Association in 1973, the 15th year of CALA will prove to be an especially challenging one. For the first time, CALA has been invited offi-

1986-1987 Marjorie H. Li (徐燕生)

cially by the ALA President, Regina Minudri, to participate in next year's ALA conference program which has as its theme 'Diversity: Challenge to America's Libraries.' CALA is looking forward to this exciting opportunity in the coming year to join hands with ALA to explore new services, products and ideas to face and respond to changing needs and clientele of libraries throughout the country."

[Sino-American librarianship] – "Besides taking an active role in planning the 1987 ALA conference program, CALA will continue our fine tradition to promote and maintain our varied programs and activities in the area of Sino-American librarianship.

In 1987, CALA will:

- *Establish a long-range plan of programs and activities to finance CALA scholarships and research grants to help foster training, development and promotion of librarians who are committed to the CALA's causes and missions.
- *Continue our efforts to improve the quality of CALA publications.
- *Develop travel-study and continuing education related programs to meet the expressed needs of the general membership and to strengthen the financial resources of the Association.
- *Work in a more coordinated and cooperative manner and use all available resources in an effective manner with other associations that share our interests.
- *Respond to the changing needs of the membership and work environment which will have an impact on the profession.

As a group of professionals who share a similar cultural heritage and distinctive identity, we must work together and grow together to make CALA stronger..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 37-38, Sept. 1986& Jan. 1987, p.1-2)

"Northeast Chapter - Marjorie H. Li represented CALA at an open forum on March 10 in Washington, D.C. to review the WHCLIS (White House Conference on Library and Information Service) recommendations of specific concern and interest to national organizations."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 55, June 1992, p.6)

"LI, MARJORIE. Marjorie H. Li has just been appointed to **the Middlesex County Commission on the Status of Women.** Marjorie H. Li's personal efforts offer a rich excursion into Chinese culture and Asian American studies. Currently East Asian Technical Services Librarian for Rutgers University Libraries, she is past president of the Chinese American Librarians Association and the Chinese American Cultural Association, among others. In 1995, she helped to form the Chinese American Audience Network and Development Organization, to link Chinese American artists, presenters, and audiences to enhance awareness of Chinese artists and arts organizations. A board member of the Central Jersey American Red Cross, she received the NAACP's Community Service Award."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 67, June 1996, p.7)

"Marjorie H. Li: Her proposal to present a paper at the Grey Literature 97 International Conference has been accepted. The paper entitled **"Access to multicultural and multiethnic grey literature: a networked approach"** will be presented at Luxemburg, Nov. 13-14, 1997 in Europe.

Marjorie was also recognized on Sept. 20, 1997 in New York City by the **Fort Lee-based Golden China Monthly** for her efforts in promoting the Chinese folk arts. Since early 90's, Marjorie has created projects that bring generation together, to celebrate their heritage and to foster sense of pride to assure that traditional arts are passed on to younger Chinese Americans.

In September, Marjorie was instrumental in **bringing 1,000 Chinese language books as donated by the Chinese Culture and Service Center into five Central New Jersey-based public libraries** to help these libraries for their efforts to outreach their respective Chinese American communities. The New Jersey State Librarian Jack Livingstone was on site at the Somerset County Library on September 5 to accept the donation and to recognize Hsi-hsi Chung, Jean Hu, Diana Cheng, ManHwa Liu and Jenny Kuan for their commendable volunteer services. Diana Cheng and Man-hwa are members of CALA."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 71, October 1997, p.16-17)

1987-1988 Irene Yeh (葉方光瑋)



CALA President, 1987/88

President of former Chinese Librarian Association in California, 1974/1975

1993 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Brief Biography (生平)

Irene's own narrative:

Irene Yeh, CALA Life Member, California CALA Founder 1974, CALA President 1988.

Retired from Stanford University Human Resources in 2004. Although never left CALA, she switched profession from being a librarian to HR after getting her MBA in Human Resources Management post library science degree.

Message to CALA (祝語)

A poem composed by Irene for the 1974 California CALA founding members' gathering:

"Years in Taiwan did not us acquaintance make
Book worshipers pulled to Ivory Towers of the SF Bay
Tome by Tome we built and grew, soon
Desire to serve called, professional commitment rose
Shared vision drew scores of more hands that 1974 history made
Forty years friendship and devotion, CALA tells a life well evolved."

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"**FOUNDATION COMMITTEE** - The Foundation Committee chaired by Hwa-Wei Lee, in cooperation with the Public Relations Committee has heightened CALA's visibility, and has attracted supporters from the community. This enhanced support has increased funding for CALA's publications, scholarships, and research grants. Thank you, Dr. Lee, David Liu, William Wan, **Irene Yeh** and many other CALA members. Your successful reaching out to distributors, publishers, vendors, and community organizations has made a lasting impact on CALA's history."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 34, Sept 1985, p.6)

"**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE** - At CALA's 1984 annual meeting the Public Relations Committee was authorized by the Board of Directors to draft a five-year plan covering the years 1985 through 1989. **Irene Yeh** and Henry Chang co-chaired this committee, and with the assistance of its members drafted a thoughtful plan, which enhanced CALA's coalition with APALA. The Committee also brought CALA's many interests to the attention of other professional associations by issuing press releases. The Committee in cooperation with the Foundation Committee solicited successfully financial support to fund CALA activities. Thank you, Irene, Henry and your Committee members for your outstanding efforts and good work."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 34, Sept 1985, p.7)

"**CALA BOARD MEETING 1984/85 third meeting** minutes - Public Relations Committee report by **Irene Yeh**. The Board agreed that the Public Relations Committee chairperson will be responsible for: a. Having CALA logo stamps made and disseminating them to chapter presidents. b. Building quality mailing is to facilitate dissemination of press releases. c. Fund raising d. Serving as a liaison person between CALA and APALA."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 34, Sept 1985, p.12)

"**1986/1987 FIRST BOARD MEETING** - **Irene Yeh** reported that the theme of **ALA 1987 program** will be: DIVERSITY. She had

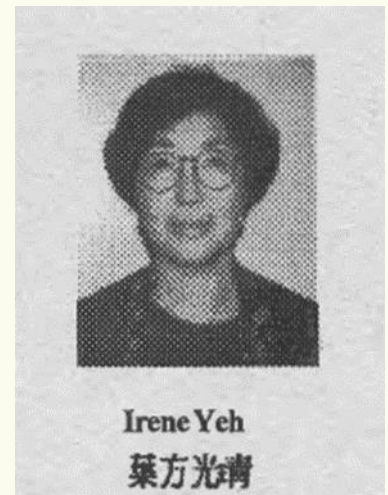


Photo source: *CALA Newsletter*, no. 58, June 1993.

1987-1988 Irene Yeh (葉方光瑩)

already talked to the leadership of Reforma, Black Caucas, American Indian Group, APALA, and OLOS (Office of Library Outreach Service) to join force for a good program..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 37-38, Sept 1986& Jan. 1987, p.12)

"PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - I would like to welcome you all to march with CALA into a new direction.

As evidenced in the ALA Convention in San Francisco last June, CALA can take a leadership role in our professional arena by **co-sponsoring the President's Program**. As a partner we contributed to the total growth of librarianship.

To further this leadership role, our focus for 1987-88 is two fold:

- 1) decentralize committee activities and hold regional presidents and boards accountable for membership recruitment and quality programs involving and benefiting individual members locally,
- 2) penetrate professional arenas nationally and internationally with well thought out actions by the CALA Board.

The first goal dictates me to appoint committee chairpersons only, who are now responsible for selecting committee members from their own networks for effective implementation of national directions. Local Chapters will be the focal points of providing services to our individual members. The second goal calls for enlisting all past CALA presidents to assist the Board to map out CALA's national and international roles including the forthcoming White House Conference.

I urge you to test your talents, sharpen your skills, and practice your leadership with CALA--volunteer your services to your local chapters, together we can influence the profession. And leaders we will become when we stage for you a program on 'Leadership - Asian Perspectives' at ALA in New Orleans, 1988. **Irene Yeh**, President 1987-88"

(CALA Newsletter, no. 41, Summer 1987, p.1)

"CALA'S DELEGATION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - CALA was honored to be invited to attend the inauguration of the new building of the National Library of China and a symposium following the ceremony, October 5-9, 1987. This invitation was extended to directors of national libraries such as Library of Congress, British National Library, Deutsche Staatsbibliothek of the Democratic Republic of Germany, Kokuritsu Kokkai Toshokan of Japan (National Diet Library), National Library of Canada, National Library of North Korea, National Library of Australia, Ho Sanut Haeng Chat of Thailand, National Library of New Zealand, and the National Library of Nigeria. CALA members invited were **Irene Yeh** (President), Marjorie Li (immediate past President), Tze-chung Li, Dorothy In-lan Li, and Andrew Wang (OCLC) who also made a presentation at the symposium. The CALA delegation, led by Irene Yeh, presented a plaque to the Director of the National Library of China.

One of Irene Yeh's goals for the year is to establish professional relationships with sister organizations in the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. For this purpose, she has appointed Andrew Wang, Asia/Pacific Relations as liaison."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 41, Summer 1987, p. 13)

"Seminar and tour in the PRC in October 1988 - The Board approved **Irene Yeh's** proposal to form the Asian/Pacific Seminar Committee, chaired by Andrew Wang, Manager, Online Systems and Productions and Services at OCLC."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 42, Winter 1988, p. 2)

"Enhance the Bound between **the National Library of China and CALA**: A Report from the International Relations Committee. CALA established its bound with the National Library of China long time ago. In October 1987, when the new buildings of the National Library of China were completed, CALA was invited to attend a ceremony of the event, along with library leaders from the Library of Congress... The **CALA delegation**, led by **Irene Yeh**, CALA President of 1987-1988, presented a plaque to the Director of the National Library of China at the ceremony."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 71, October 1997, p. 7-8)

"Chapter Reports: California Chapter - North and South celebrating the Chinese New Year. **Irene Yeh** (1974-75), Julia Tung and George Cheng (1977) were a few founders who made it to this luncheon. They shared much information about the history and growth of the Chinese Librarians Association which started in 1974 at Stanford (The other group Chinese American Librarians Association was formed in Chicago area in 1973)."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 88, July 2003, p. 3)

"CALA Board of Directors held a special online meeting in August. The Board unanimously passed a resolution to support **the**

1987-1988 Irene Yeh (葉方光瑩)

City of Palo Alto Library Bond Campaign. The goal of this library campaign is to bring the 50-year-old libraries in the city into the 21st century and up to par with libraries in neighboring cities/communities. To achieve that goal, the city will need to get the 72 million library bond measure (Measure N) passed on November 4th to rebuild and renovate the existing libraries. **Irene Yeh**, board member of the Palo Alto Library Bond Campaign Committee, Palo Alto Library Foundation, and a former CALA President, pointed out that with more Asian Americans move into City of Palo Alto in the recent years, we hope to mobilize their support in the campaign. She said that 'we are counting on CALA's endorsement to help persuade them into action. It is wonderful that some CALA local members have already offered to assist us in the campaign work.' Sally C. Tseng, CALA Honorary Executive Director, coordinated CALA's effort to support this important measure."



(Zhang, Sha Li. CALA Updates, September 2008. From <http://cala-web.org/node/574>)

"[Has your experience as a multicultural person affected your professional career?] [Irene Yeh] It had a positive and profound effect on my librarian career. My multi-faceted experience and understanding of cross cultural issues enriched the ways in which I approach the management of people and services."

(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

1988-1989 Chang-chien Lee (李長堅, passed away)



**Professor emeritus, Archivist/Librarian,
University of Central Florida
CALA Board member (1979-1982, 1987-1990)**

Brief Biography (生平)

Dr. Chang C. Lee retired from the University of Central Florida (UCF) Library in August after 20 years of service. A journalism major from the National Chengchi University of Taiwan, Dr. Lee earned both his M.L.S. and a Ph.D. in Education from Florida State University. He began his library career in 1969 and has worked at various institutions, including Florida A&M and The Behrend College of Pennsylvania State University, Erie. After teaching library science and education at the National Chengchi University of Taiwan for a year, Dr. Lee joined UCF as the head of Circulation Services in 1983 and moved to Special Collections and Archives in 1986. He has also been a professor of Chinese Language and Civilization at UCF since 1985. Dr. Lee has published over 50 papers on education, Chinese language and culture, library science, and archives, and served as a consultant for several college libraries in Taiwan. He has been an executive editor of the *Journal of*

(*Photo source: Chinese American Scholars and Professional Association Florida (CASPAF) website, <http://www.caspa.org/organization/AdvisoryCouncil.php>*)

Educational Media and Library Sciences for over 15 years. In addition to memberships in the FLA and ALA, Dr. Lee served as the president of the Chinese American Library Association (CALA, a division of ALA) from 1988-89. He has received many distinguished awards and honors and was presented with the "Leadership in Diversity Award" at the Asian American Heritage Council in May 2002. He has also been appointed an advisor for the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission of the Republic of China. (*FLA News Digest*, September 2003)

1988-1989 Chang-chien Lee (李長堅)

Editors' Notes: Dr. Chang-chien Lee passed away on May 31, 2014. According to what his family told the library, Dr. Lee had been battling Parkinson's and went quietly and peacefully. The faculty and staff members at the University of Central Florida Libraries "have many memories of Dr. Lee."

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"**Mid-Atlantic** - Dr. **Chang-chien Lee** of Behrend College Library, Penn State University, Erie, Pa. and Alana Ho of George Mason University Library, Fairfax, VA. have been appointed as CALA representatives in the Mid-Atlantic region, covering Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Dr. Lee has just sent out "Opinion survey questionnaire" to more than 100 Chinese-American librarians residing in the area and hopes to form a chapter in fall..."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 16, August 1979, p. 9)

Excerpts from President's Message:

"The Chinese-American Librarians Association's 1989 Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 27th in Dallas, Texas. The theme of this year's program is 'Information Access Commitments: a Multi-cultural Perspective'..."

CALA's accomplishments this year have been significant: 1) the membership has increased to 449; 2) all chapters' annual programs were held on schedule and were well attended; 3) the Books to China Committee sent a total of 59 boxes of books donated to Chinese institutions, such as the Beijing Normal University, Chinghua University in Beijing, the Academy of Social Sciences in Heilongjiang Province, the Central Poli-Law Management Cadre College, and the Chinese Cultural College; 4) CALA newsletters were published on time; 5) the Awards Committee recommended two people for the 1989 Distinguished Service Award; 6) the Public Relations Committee sent out news releases to news- Spring 1989 papers; 7) a proposal to call for papers and presentations for future annual programs, rather than to invite speakers, was approved by the majority of Board members: such change will make our Association more visible and professional; and 8) continuing efforts are being made in the area of international cooperation, especially to strengthen CALA's sister relationships.

On behalf of CALA, I am grateful to all officers, chairs and committee members who sacrificed their time for the Association. Without their devotion and cooperation, CALA could not have managed such accomplishments..."
(Lee, Chang C. The President's Message. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 46, Spring 1989, p. 1)

"**Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter - Spring Meeting** was held on Saturday, April 28, 1990. Dr. Chi Wang, Chief of the Chinese Section, Library of Congress, gave an interesting speech on the history of the Chinese collection at the Library of Congress. Sixty members and guests attended the meeting and thirty attended the luncheon... Newly appointed Area Coordinators are: Pennsylvania: Jeanne C. Chen; Baltimore: Shirley Lay; Library of Congress: Sheau-Wei Chen; Florida: **Chang-chien Lee.**"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 49, June 1990, p. 4)

"**1995 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM** - Annual Program. Saturday 6/24 2:00-4:00 p.m. Internet: Highway to Cities of Multimedia and Chinese Resources... Do Developing Countries Need National Archives? **Dr. Chang Lee**, University Librarian and Archivist, University of Central Florida."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 63, February 1995, p. 7)

"**Florida Chapter Report** - An **annual meeting** was held on April 5, 2003. Three new officers were elected for 2003-2004: Ying Zhang as President, Dongmei Cao as Vice President/President Elect, and Russell Nyberg as Treasurer and Secretary. Discussions were led on how to promote our Chapter's membership and meeting attendance, and initiate planning for participation at the 2004 Annual Conference in Orlando, FL. Two members, Wenxian Zhang and Chang Lee, gave very interesting and insightful presentations. Wenxian illustrated the life and contribution of the first Chinese Horticulturist Lue Gim Gong, who lived in DeLand, FL. **Chang Lee** introduced how the University of Central Florida organized and housed 6 exhibits each month. Ying Zhang, FL Chapter President, 02-03."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 88, July 2003, p. 5)

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Brief Biography (生平)

A native of Washington, D.C., Young received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the College of Wooster and a master's degree in library science from Columbia University's School of Library Science. He served as a film-library specialist with the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division (1968-1970) and was awarded three bronze star medals for meritorious achievement directing a Special Service Library in Chu Chi, Vietnam. Young has held numerous professional positions in national, academic, research and public libraries, and has extensive government and industry experience. He is the only Chinese-American librarian to hold high-level managerial positions at two U.S. national libraries.

Young joined the Library of Congress in 1980 as a customer services officer in the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS). From 1984-1985, he served as assistant chief of the Library's MARC Editorial Division, and from 1985-1988 held the position of chief of the Cataloging Division of the U.S. Copyright Office.

In 1988, Young left the Library to direct Faxon Academic Information Services, where he founded the Faxon Institute for Advanced Studies in Scholarly and Scientific Communication. From 1990-1997, he served as executive director of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, an independent federal agency advising the president and Congress on library and information services and policies.

Young returned to the Library in 1997 to head the Cataloging Distribution Service. Prior to joining NAL in 2002, he served as acting chief of the Library's Asian Division. In 2008, he was appointed chief of the Asian Division of the Library of Congress. He provided leadership, direction, and planning for Asian Division programs and services. The Division manages the most comprehensive library collections of materials outside of Asia representing China, Japan, Korea, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Asian Pacific Americans. With over 3.1 million items, the Asian Division collections represent a unique resource. Young was responsible for the Library's strategy for digital information related to science and technology. He retired in December 2010.

In January 2012, he returned to work as Senior Advisor for Collections and Technology by the Library of Congress. Starting from April 2013, he has been a Senior Advisor to the Kluge Center.

(Sources: Peter Young To Lead Asian Division. *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, Vol. 67, No. 12, December 2008. Available at: <http://www.loc.gov/loc/icib/0812/staff.html>. Peter R. Young. LinkedIn. Available at: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/peter-r-young/12/904/b95>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"**Peter Young**, Vice-President/President Elect, and the other members of the Program Committee have worked very hard for this year's program. For this they deserve our recognition. We also appreciate his company's (F. W. Faxon Company) donation of bus services between the Convention Center and the Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant."

(Chang C. Lee. The President's Message. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 46, Spring 1989, p. 1)

"Your **CALA Program Planning Committee** has been hard at work since last year's New Orleans Conference planning a Dallas meeting which promises to be both exciting and informative. We have an excellent series of speakers this year who have agreed to address our program theme of '**Information Access Commitments: a Multi-cultural Perspective.**' Each has been selected for her expert perspective on our topic. For a US national planning perspective, Dr. Susan K. Martin, NCLIS Executive Director, will provide insight into the work of the National Commission as well as the upcoming planning for the second White House Conference. From the perspective of technology and library profession education, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland's School of Library and Information Services, will enlighten us about the policy implications of multicultural information access. Finally, Agnes Griffen, Director of the Montgomery County (Md.) Public Library System, will provide details concerning her system's extremely successful programs for serving cultural minorities... **Peter R. Young**, Vice-President/ President Elect and Program Planning Committee Chair" (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 46, Spring 1989, p. 2)

1989-1990 Peter R. Young

Excerpts from President's Message (1989):

[Leadership team] - "I hope that all of you have had a restful and productive summer following the active and exciting CALA Conference Program in Dallas this past June. We are already planning our 1989/90 activities; this year promises to bring opportunities for CALA members' personal and professional growth and development through a variety of Chapter and Association activities. We face this new year with a new leadership team, consisting of newly elected officers, the Board and the Committees, and with a new Executive Director."

"I want to start this new CALA year with a word of thanks to some of those who have contributed their time and talents to CALA over this past year [Dr. Chang C. Lee, Teresa Wang, Michael Lee, Amy Seetoo...] We face this 1989/1990 year with a new Executive Director, Eveline Yang... I am certain that all of you will also find her service and support to our Association to be outstanding."

[Membership and International Librarianship] - "CALA's membership continues to grow. As international events develop over the next year, we have the unique opportunity to make use of our special skills to further the cause of international librarianship and democracy throughout the globe. Many challenges confront the People's Republic of China in the future. CALA's endorsement of the resolution condemning the suppression of human rights and free expression in that country places the Association firmly in line with those expressing revulsion at the killings, arrests and suppression that occurred there this past Spring. This resolution, which was officially endorsed by the ALA Council in Dallas, is transcribed on p. 6 of this newsletter."

[Chinese American resources directory] - "At the Annual Conference in Dallas, CALA also set the goal of developing a Chinese American resources directory to improve communication among Chinese Americans and to make Chinese American information more accessible to other groups. This project, led by Amy D. Seetoo, will need every member's active participation. You will hear from her soon." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 47, Fall 1989, p. 2)

"WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES - The second White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS II) is scheduled for July 1991. The theme of the Conference is: **Library and Information Services for Productivity, for Literacy, and for Democracy**. Peter Young, President of CALA, submitted to Linda F. Crismond, Executive Director of ALA, the statements to support the WHCLIS II theme. The following are the contents of his statements: 1. We believe the common agenda of the Committee of Combined Library Associations for WHCLIS II should include the following issues as they relate to the three components of the WHCLIS II theme: a. Literacy: CALA strongly endorses the development of library collections containing diverse cultural/ethnic native language materials. b. Productivity: CALA supports the concept of information access as critical to international productivity and calls for the development of international information policies defining the productivity support role of information resources and services, especially in addressing the increasingly serious global threats to the environment and to the economic development of emerging nations. c. Democracy: CALA supports the international interchange of ideas and knowledge through the free flow of information in the form of books, journals, and other publications, providing educational, scientific, technical, and cultural information. Free flow of information is the life blood of democracy. This requires social structures and policies assuring communication of information and ideas from diverse sources representing a broad variety of different viewpoints to the widest possible audiences. 2. We believe CALA could and should play the following roles in the WHCLIS II process: a.) Encouraging CALA members to participate in WHCLIS II events both at the state and the national levels by providing information about WHCLIS II activities and plans in the various CALA programs and publications; b.) Providing an opportunity to voice specific concerns related to WHCLIS II issues and topics for inclusion in the common agenda which ALA and other affiliate organizations are preparing on an ongoing basis throughout the WHCLIS II process and beyond; c.) Develop plans for specific ALA Affiliate Association concerns and related activities to be focused through ALA-coordinated meetings and position documents in order to present a clearly-focused, succinct set of priority concerns to the national conference in July 1991." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 49, June 1990, p. 1-2)

"LIBRARIANS MAKE DIVERSITY HAPPEN - CALA in San Francisco - A message from the Conference Chair ... Our program, 'Librarians Make Diversity Happen,' will feature Elaine Kim of the UC Berkeley who will speak on the social context of diversity, Peter Young will address national policy on diversity, California State Librarian, Gary Strong, will speak on making diversity happen in California, and Gus Lee, the noted author of *China Boy*, will present an author's perspective." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 55, June 1992, p. 1)

"CALA At First China-U.S. Library Conference - A Summary Report on China-U.S. Conference on Global Information Access: Chal-

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allenges and Opportunities August 21-23, National Library of China, Beijing. By Beverly P. Lynch, Conference Chair... **Peter Young's** paper, "Global Information Infrastructure Policies" (summarized by Isabel Stirling, a member of the Organizing Committee) emphasized those information policy areas relating to the development, implementation and use of advanced interactive networked information services in an increasingly global environment." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 69, February 1997, p. 2)

"**Peter R. Young** was recently elected as an **ALA Council Member**. Congratulations Peter. This is a great step for CALA, but we cannot rest on Peter's election. Many of CALA's other candidates missed Council membership by very small margins. We must do our part in the election process by voting and encouraging our friends to vote."

(Yu, Linna C. Message from the President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 76, June 1999, p. 1)

"**The 2003 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient: Mr. Peter Robert Young** - Congratulations to Mr. Peter Robert Young on receiving the 2003 CALA Distinguished Service Award... Mr. Young is one of the most influential Chinese librarians in the nation and worldwide. His most important contribution to the profession is his wide range of involvement in professional organizations and activities. Mr. Young is also a scholar as well as a prolific writer. His presentations, speeches and publications cover various topics. With his leadership role and remarkable accomplishments, Mr. Young has been an exemplary role model for Chinese librarians. The Award Committee echoes what the nominating and supporting letters stated: '[We] cannot think of anyone more deserving of this Award than Peter Young,' and selected Peter as the 2003 CALA Distinguished Service Award recipient based on the following reasons: his dedication to CALA, his inspiration to Chinese American librarians, and his continuous effort in advancing Chinese American librarianship; his strong leadership role, management style and mentorship as the Director of two national libraries, and his distinguished contributions at other top positions during his career; his expert level of knowledge and his tireless promotion of diversity, library technology, electronic and digital resources, and other programs and projects; his vision and insightful advice to local, private, state, national and international library and information communities; his distinguished achievements and services to users in the United States and worldwide; and his scholarship and significant contributions to the profession and literature that have benefited librarians, information scientists and library users in the United States and around the world. Mr. Young will be presented the CALA Distinguished Service Award in June 2004 in Orlando, Florida at the CALA Awards Banquet during the 2004 ALA Annual Conference."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 88, July 2003, p. 12)

"**100th Anniversary Celebration of the National Library of China** - ...The U.S. Organizing Committee is chaired by Dr. Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian of the Library of Congress. Other U.S. members who attended the joint meeting were **Peter Young**, Gary Strong, Jay Jordan, and Hwa-Wei Lee..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 101, Fall 2009, p. 10)



(North American Organizing Committee of the **China-North America Library Conference**. People on the photo (from left to right): Anchi Hoh, Assistant Chief of the Asian Division, **Peter Young**, former Chief of the Asian Division, Dr. Subhash Kuvvelker, Project Director at the National Academies, Dr. Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian of Congress, Betty Wilson, Dean of Libraries at the University of Washington, Dr. Franklin Odo, Interim Chief of the Asian Division, Sha Li Zhang, Assistant Dean for Collections & Technical Services at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and CALA past president (2008-2009), and Haipeng Li, University Librarian at the Hong Kong Baptist University and CALA Executive Director.)

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 104, Spring 2011, p. 10)

CALA Presidents

1990-1991 Amy D. Seetoo (司徒達森)



CALA President 1990-1991

APALA President 1995-1996

Program Vice President, American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Michigan
The 1993 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Donor of the C. C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship

A Contemplation: CALA and I

By Amy Seetoo

Contemplating Sally Tseng's invitation to provide my own biography for the special publication to be compiled by Sai Deng in celebration of the 40th anniversary of CALA, I reached for *Bridging Cultures* (Note 1) on the shelf. What I wrote in the two articles, "CALA and I" and

"Thirty Years of Publications in Review," (Note 2) in that significant commemorative work still rings true. The difference lies in the passing of the last ten years that provide a perspective more sharply focused.

As I am inching toward the age, according to Confucius ideals, of being able to "follow my heart's desire without breaking moral principles" (Note 3), I have come to the realization that my life can be divided into three segments, the first one consisting of years before CALA preparing me to be a librarian in order to qualify myself to be involved in CALA, then my CALA years, and finally the segment after CALA in which I have been taking the lessons I learned during my active CALA years to share with others.

My years in the Taipei First Girls High School provided me with general knowledge of the world and basic life skills with its curriculum of not only compulsory academic courses like chemistry, physics, history and geography but also training in sewing, cooking, table manners, nursing and even target shooting. My years at the National Chengchi University as a major in Western Languages and Literature exposed me to a survey of Western culture, which gave me a desirable foundation in my eventual second graduate degree in Library Science at Northern Illinois University. My first graduate degree in Teaching English as a Second Language at the University of Illinois offered my first glimpse of the importance of cross cultural communication. Such experience was important in my participation in CALA and ALA (American Library Association) activities in multicultural advocacy.

Having been appointed an assistant reference librarian at the University of Illinois in 1974, I became one of the few academic librarians of Chinese descent in public services, when most Chinese American colleagues were in technical services. Facing the pressure of "publish or perish," a relatively new requirement among academic librarians, I found few mentors among my immediate peers. That was years before the publication of *Lean In* by Sheryl Sandberg (Note 4), which provides encouragement and guidance to professional women. Only Dr. Tze-chung Li encouraged me to brush up my Masters degree paper for publication. Thus my first publication ever, entitled "China Viewed Through Stories for American Children," was published in *Journal of Library and Information Science* in 1978 (Note 5). Dr. Li was my first in a stream of mentors in CALA.

In 1980, I departed academic librarianship to join UMI, currently ProQuest, when Ophelia Lo, a pioneer in Chinese American corporate librarianship, recognized my potential in a corporate setting. My job titles changed from Bibliographics Supervisor, to Marketing Support Manager of doctoral dissertation products and China Market Liaison, to Directory Product Manager in 12 years. To understand the corporate operations better, I enrolled in the evening MBA (Masters in Business Administration) program at the University of Michigan and received my degree in 1990.

During my six years as CALA's Executive Director, 1983 -1989, and my presidency in 1990/1991, I was committed to carrying out CALA's mission as outlined in its Constitution and Bylaws. I oversaw the publication of the first *Chinese-American Resources Guide* in 1990, helped establish the Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science in 1990, and the issuance of CALA's Position Paper for the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Service (WHCLIS). In 1996, when I served as the President of APALA (Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association), drawing on the experience of publishing the

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Chinese American Resources Guide, I initiated and supervised the publication of the first edition of the *Asian/Pacific American Resources Directory*. In 1996, as a professional interpreter in courts of law and medical clinics, I was honored to serve as an interpreter in the first U.S.-China Library Conference. In 1997, representing CALA and APALA, I served on two of ALA's Selection Committees to select the top administrative positions for the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS) and the Diversity Office. In short, I witnessed firsthand the importance of assertiveness and full participation of an ethnic minority professional organization in the mainstream society, as CALA was evolving into an important national as well as international professional organization.

With such an insight gained from my CALA experience, I went on to co-found community organizations to promote cultural exchange (Chinese American Society of Ann Arbor in 1994), Asian American health (The Healthy Asian Americans Health at the University of Michigan in 1996), and Taiwanese music appreciation (Michigan Taiwanese American Organization in 2002). In addition, I also have been promoting causes dear to many women, such as pay equity and reproductive choice. I served as the President of the Michigan Chinese Women Association (2007-2008), and that of American Association of University Women (AAUW) Ann Arbor Branch (2009-2010), and Program Vice President of AAUW of Michigan (2012-2014). Among the boards that I have served are Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan (2004-2011) and the Advancement Board of the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Michigan University (2013-2015).

I was proud to serve as the host of "Chinese Voice WSDS AM1480" between 2001 and 2005 interviewing Chinese and English speaking movers and shakers in the community. I was surprised to be tapped to run for a City Council position in Ann Arbor in 2003. I am currently a lecturer of "Chinese Culture and History" offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan. Among the honors bestowed on me by non-Chinese organizations are "Agent of Change Award" presented by AAUW of Michigan in 2007 and the recognition as "One of 30 Most Influential Women in Washtenaw County and Livingston County" by *Business Direct Weekly* in 2003.

Among all the CALA presidents in the last 40 years, I continue to be inspired by those who served as library school deans, professors, Asian library directors, public library directors, and those who wrote on different aspects of library and information science, ranging from cataloging to public services and technologies. However, I will value the lessons I learned from serving CALA, including but not limited to drafting and revising a constitution and bylaws, conducting board meetings, managing elections, compiling publications, and reaching out to diverse members of our society.

Notes

Note: 1 *Bridging Cultures—Chinese American Librarians And Their Organization: A Glance At The Thirty Years of CALA, 1973 – 2003*, edited by Zhijia Shen, Liana Hong Zhou, Karen T. Wei. Guilin, Guangxi, China: Guangxi Normal University Press, c 2004.

Note: 2 "CALA and I," *ibid* p. 92 – 98, and "Thirty Years of Publications in Review," *ibid* p. 337 – 354.

Note 3: "子曰吾十有五而志於學，三十而立，四十而不惑，五十而知天命，六十而耳順，七十而從心所欲不踰矩" from a passage in *Lunyu (Analects)*. The passage can be translated as "The Master says: At 15, I set my heart on learning. At 30 I know where I stand (my character has been formed). At 40, I have no more doubts, at 50, I know the will of Heaven, at 60 my ears are attuned (i.e. my moral sense is well-developed), at 70, I follow my heart's desire without crossing the line (without breaking moral principles)." Source: http://bystander.homestead.com/Confucius_milestones.html

Note 4: Sandberg, Sheryl with Nell Scovell. *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead*. New York: Alfred A. Knof. C 2013.

Note 5: Wilson, Amy Seetoo, "China Viewed through Stories for American Children," *Journal of Library and Information Science* V. 4, No. 4 (1978), pp. 124-150.

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"[Excerpts from] **The President's Message** - Dear Members, CALA's steady growth since 1973 culminated in its 1990 conference, which featured a bilingual book exhibit, a banquet, a publication, and 10 papers. The ten-hour conference was the result of close collaboration among CALA, Library Association of China (LAC), Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA), and the Chicago Public Library Chinatown Branch, including the intense participation of many CALA members...

The White House Conference: Participation and collaboration are the key to CALA's continuous growth in this coming year. Domestically, it requires CALA's active participation in the White House Conference in every state to insure that information access reflects the cultural and ethnic diversity in the society. I encourage each member not only to get involved in the delegation selection process in your state...

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Seminar in Taiwan: Internationally, we are committed to participate in the seminar in summer 1991 in Taipei. We are waiting for more details from the Library Association of China...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 50, Oct. 1990, p. 1)

“**ALA Cultural Diversity Meeting Highlights - Amy Seetoo** reported that CALA has established a scholarship and published a variety of directories related to Chinese resources and culture; Roy Chang said CALA is interested in retention of Chinese librarians and has encouraged appointment of Chinese librarians to ALA committees; Linda Tse reported that the Montgomery County library in Maryland has translated brochures into many languages for library users and is planning cultural programs; Carl Chan stated that there is a Northern California library school recruitment committee; and Amy Seetoo expressed concern regarding lack of promotional opportunities for ethnic librarians and the need for informal and formal mentoring programs and diversity sensitivity training.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 55, June 1992, p. 3)

“**Amy D. Seetoo** of UMI gave a speech on the “Recent Development of the Library Profession in the United States” at the National Central Library in Taipei on January 20, 1992. During the same trip to Asia, Ms. Seetoo met with Mr. Hong Too Lim, Library Director of the Nanyang Technological University of Singapore and President of LITA (Singapore) and discussed cooperation between LITA and CALA.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 55, June 1992, p. 8)

“In Miami **Amy D. Seetoo** submitted a proposal to the presidents of CALA and APALA where Amy's father, Mr. C.C. Seetoo, has committed to donate \$250.00 each year to both associations to support library science students to travel to the ALA Annual Conference and to have the opportunity to receive mentoring at the CALA and APALA conferences. Amy is still waiting from responses from these two associations.

Amy attended the ‘Reframing Women's Health Summer Institute’ at University of Chicago, July 19-29, 1994. She was instrumental in organizing a committee to prepare a list of resolutions on women's health in relation to the current health care reform database. She also suggested that the conference organizers at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago solicit the assistance of Sharon Hogan, its Library Director, to prepare a list of relevant organizations, legislators and governmental agencies so that conference participants can share the responsibility of mailing copies of the resolutions to names on the list. Amy can take the initiative on

this because of her experience in preparing CALA's resolutions to be submitted to the White House Conference on Library and Information Science in 1991. Amy also reminded the conference participants about the role of librarians in collection and distribution of information. Ms. Seetoo would like to urge all CALA members to promote the role of librarians in this age of information highways when we have such an opportunity.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 62, October 1994, p. 8)

(Photo) Sheila Lai (left), Former CALA Executive Director; Barbara Ford, ALA President; **Amy Seetoo**, current CALA Executive Director, in Washington DC., June 28, 1998.

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 74, October 1998, p. 13)



1991-1992 Roy Chang



Brief Biography (生平)

Roy Chang came to the United States from Taiwan in 1963. He started his library career at Western Illinois University Library, 1964. Roy received his MLS in 1965 from the Library School at George Peabody Teachers' College. He became a member of CALA, 1974.

At the WIU Library over the years, Roy had served in various positions including Assistant Circulation Librarian at WIU Library, 1964-1974, Cataloging Librarian from 1975-1979, Cataloging and Automation Librarian, WIU, 1980 - 1997.

Roy also attended the Anthropology, Ph.D. program at Indiana University from 1969-1971. He attained a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from WIU, 1985. Roy went to Yunnan University, Kunming, Yunnan, China, as a Project Specialist, 1988, to OCLC, as a Visiting Researcher in the Office of Research, 1990-1991.

Roy's distinguished career also includes his role as President of CALA, 1991-1992, full professorship at WIU, 1990. He received Presidential Faculty Excellence Awards, WIU, 1987-1996; served as Software Review Co-editor of the Technical Services Quarterly, 1986-1995; part-time instructor of Computer Science, in WIU Computer Science Dept. 1985-1991; went to Taiwan as Visiting Professor in the Library School at Tamkang University 1998-99. He also served as Library Director at Shu-Te University, Taiwan, 2000-2001.

Roy is enjoying his retirement since 2001.

(Source: <http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/chang>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"Mid-West Chapter - A regional meeting of CALA was held on December 2, 1978 at Rosary College Graduate School of Library Science. Twenty-seven people attended. The meeting featured reports by four librarians: Reporting recent visit to the People's Republic of China by Lee-hsia Ting, Western Illinois University, and Gertrude Ko, Zion Public Library; and reporting recent visit to the Republic of China, by Robert P. Chen, Eastern Illinois University, and **Roy Chang**, Western Illinois University. The audience was particularly interested in the slides presentation. It was decided at the meeting to form a Mid-West Chapter. Peter S. Wang was elected to chair the Nominating Committee. The following officers have been nominated: Roy Chang for Chair, Philip Wei of Carleton College of Minnesota for Vice-Chair, and Anna Mockenhaupt of Chicago Public Library for Secretary/Treasurer. The chapter will be formally established at a next regional meeting."

(CALA Newsletter, No. 15, April 1979, p. 7)

"Roy Chang of Western Illinois University served as a specialist on automation at Yunnan University in Sept. and Oct. 1988, under the auspices of the Chinese Provincial Universities Development Project, which is the third in a series of World Bank supported projects aiming at improving the quality and management of Chinese university programs."

(CALA Newsletter, No. 45, Winter 1989, p. 6)

"1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services: Delegates from 50 states, the District of Columbia and six U.S. Territories gathered in Washington, D.C. from July 10 to July 13 to discuss policy proposals and recommendations on the improvement of library and information services and their use by the public. National information policy, access to information, and the role of libraries in education and literacy were major concerns of the delegates. User fees, intellectual freedom, services for a diverse population, privacy protection for library patrons, information literacy, networking and standards were also addressed. Ninety-seven recommendations were adopted by the delegates and will be incorporated into the 1991 WHCLIS Final Report to be delivered to the President in November and subsequently passed along to the Congress."

(CALA Newsletter, No. 53, Oct. 1991, p. 1)

"Happy 20th Birthday to CALA-Midwest!!! - To celebrate the 20th anniversary of CALA-Midwest, some of its old-timers as well

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as founding members had a reunion in Chicago on September 18, 1993. The attendants included Dr. & Mrs. Tse-Chung Li, Dr. & Mrs. Kuang-Liang Hsu, Mr. & Mrs. **Roy Chang**, Mr. & Mrs. Pin-Chuan Chen, Teresa Hwa, Bernice Kuo, Anna Mockenhaupt, Shao-Chen Lin, Li-Mei Ku, and special guests, Mr. & Mrs. Shuh-Kuan Chen, Head of Culture Division, Coordination Council for North American Affairs Office in Chicago. Everyone had a wonderful time full of sharing and memory. This gathering was organized by Roy Chang and Peter Wong.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 59, October 1993, p. 10)

“Technology brings us exciting news. Wilfred Pong, Bor-Sheng Tsai and **Roy Chang** are developing a **CALA Listserv** on Internet. Many thanks to them for sharing their expertise and knowledge. It is my hope that we can communicate electronically on Internet by the time you read this newsletter... [By Betty Tsai]”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 60, February 1994, p. 2)

“**Roy Chang**, our past president, has always been active and a front runner in high tech. He offered a net-search workshop called Net-Search Made Easy over his campus LAN. He promised to do something for CALA. Please stay tuned for further development on INTERNET. [By Betty Tsai]”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 60, February 1994, p. 10)

1992-1993 Carl Chan

Brief Biography (生平)

Carl Chan Worked as a librarian at Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Monterey, Ca, 1987 – 2012 (25 years). He has a BA in Anthropology from Brown University and a MA in Library Science from University of Chicago.

(Source: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/carl-chan/60/614/ba0>)

Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“**Chapter News – California Chapter** - There were about 150 people who attended the program, moderated by **Carl Chan**, Vice President. Program's theme was "The Challenge of Establishing and Maintaining Multilingual/Multicultural Collections and Services...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 51, Feb. 1991, p. 4)

“**Carl Chan**, is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of a new professional journal, Multicultural Review. This quarterly journal whose first issue is due out shortly is published by the Greenwood Publishing Group. It is aimed at school, public, and academic libraries and allied professionals, and addresses the issues and materials relative to or impacted by American culturalism.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 54, Feb. 1992, p. 6)

“**A message from the Conference Chair [Carl Chan]** - I am quite excited about our upcoming conference in San Francisco. We have sought joint programming with the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association to present a more focused schedule to ALA.

Our program, “Librarians Make Diversity Happens,” will feature Elaine Kim of the UC Berkeley of the UC Berkeley who will speak on the social context of diversity. Peter Young will address national policy on diversity, California State Librarian, Gary Strong, will speak on making diversity happen in California, and Gus Lee, the noted author of *China Boy* will present an author’s perspective...

Asian/Week, perhaps the leading English language newspaper covering Asian/Pacific American concerns, is publishing our program book as an insert in their regular issue and printing 15,000 extra copies for distribution at ALA at the Convention Center and hotels...

The ALA bookstore will be selling our publications. I hope this will encourage those chapters that are not currently engaged in publication projects...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 55, June 1992, p. 1-2)

1991-1992 Carl Chan

“MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Dear Colleagues, It is a great privilege to be your president for this year. As I mentioned in my nomination statement, one of my themes for the year is organization. To that end, I am appointing, in addition to the usual committees, five task forces to do long range planning for the association.

We are now an established and recognized professional organization. We have grown beyond the point where a couple of phone calls can fully coordinate a project within the Association. Our influence in the profession will grow in proportion to our ability to mobilize our membership. We will be celebrating our twentieth anniversary this year. We want to not just preserve the accomplishments of the founders of the association, but to build on them.

The five task forces are to translate the general objectives of the Association as stated in the Constitution into concrete plans of action, with short, medium, and long range goals. Each task force will define the issues which are of unique and vital concern to us, assess the resources which are potentially available to us and set priorities. The five task forces are: Cultural Studies, International Relations, Professional Development, Services to Chinese Populations, and Technical Issues.

The Cultural Studies Task Force will consider the librarian as the conservator and advocate of the cultural heritage. What is this Chinese culture we want to preserve? Is Chinese-American culture simply an imported curiosity? Or, is it a new product of the dialectic between East and West? How should librarians be involved in this process?

The International Relations Task Force will examine the CALA role as a unique bridge between the U.S., the countries of the Chinese cultural sphere, and all other countries of the Chinese diaspora. What programs have we done in the past? What went well and what did not? Are we always on the giving end, or can we be a October 1992 recipient as well? What should we think about for the future?

The Professional Development Task Force encompasses many issues, including recruitment to the profession, the library school curriculum, continuing education, and equal opportunity/the glass ceiling. These are all important issues where strategic plan will serve us well.

The Services to Chinese Populations Task Force has the most obvious charge. What can CALA do to assist and encourage the efforts of libraries, librarians, and communities to provide and improve library services to Chinese populations?

The Technical Issues Task Force will address mostly technical services issues. Will we, here in the U.S, someday have online public access catalogs in Chinese? Then there are union catalogs and ILL - all those activities which take place behind the scenes. These task forces will present their agenda for adoption in New Orleans. One need not fear that there will not be enough time for a perfect document. That is not what we are looking for. What we will have are guidelines, goals and objectives, which will be revised as our experience shows what is realistic and what is not. These task forces will welcome everybody's input.

The committee appointments were accurate as of the editorial deadline, but that does not mean that there is no room for more volunteers. Just let me know if you are interested.

Likewise, I do not mean for local and individual initiatives to halt while the task forces are putting together a general plan. By all means, start that project! It will surely have a place in our plans.”

(CALA Newsletter, No. 56, Oct. 1992, p. 1)

1993-1994 Betty Tsai (蔡林麗蓉)



CALA President 1993-1994
APALA President 1987-1988

Brief Biography (生平)

Ms. Tsai, Professor Emerita of Bucks County Community College at Newtown, Pennsylvania since 2005. Over the years, Betty has worn a number of hats, including Assistant Director of Library Services, Technical Processing Librarian, Systems Librarian, Professor, general leader in adopting technologies, and mentor to new faculty and staff member. Prior to Bucks County Community College, she worked as a Cataloging Librarian at Trenton State Collage from 1969-1970 and as a Cataloger at State University of New York at Stony Brook from 1965-1969.

Photo from: CALA Newsletter, No. 60, Feb. 1994, p. 1.

Betty received her B.A. degree from the National Taiwan University in 1962, majoring in Foreign Language and Literature, and received her M.S.L.S. from

Rutgers University in 1965. She taught an Integration of Knowledge course, "Food and Culture", and language classes. Ms. Tsai is very active in professional organizations such as ALA, ACRL, and GODORT. She was elected as an ALA Counselor two terms during her career. She served as President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) from 1993 to 1994, and as President of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) from 1987 to 1988. Betty has been honored with numerous awards, and in 2002 was the Bucks County Community College nominee for the Bucks County YWCA's "Salute to Women Who Make a Difference" award.



Betty has always been a true educator, representing Bucks County Community College as a member of multiple Middle States Accrediting teams. She also served as an OCLC delegate representing PALINET several terms.

In June of 1987, Ms. Tsai served as guest lecturer in the Department of Library Science at Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, China. In addition, she has also presented papers at professional conferences and has published in several professional journals. Betty is a dedicated leader and librarian with outstanding contributions in the area of minority concerns and cultural diversity. She not only serves as a role model but is also an essential mentor to her colleagues.

Betty was honored to be the recipient of the first Ching-chih Chen Leadership Development Award, co-sponsored by the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association and the Chinese American Librarians Association in 2001.

Life after retirement: Betty enjoys her retirement. She and her husband travel all over. Before her retirement in 2005, she studied Japanese tea ceremony, art of tea in Taiwan and China as a sabbatical project in 2004. Since 2008 she also studies Ikebana, Japanese flower arrangement.

(Source: Ms. Betty L. Tsai. Available at: <http://cala-web.org/node/195>. Betty's own narrative sent to the CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce.)

Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"Betty TSAI is the 1987/88 President of the Asian/Pacific Librarians Association (APALA)."
(CALA Newsletter, No. 42, Winter 1988, p. 8)

"Betty Tsai, former president of APALA, attended the National Asian American Leadership Conference on Political Awareness sponsored by the Asian American Voters Coalition in mid-October 1989. President George Bush welcomed the delegates and

1993-1994 Betty Tsai (蔡林麗藝)

several White House officials provided briefings on issues affecting Asian Americans and Asian countries.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 48, Spring 1990, p. 8)

“**Betty Tsai**, Program chair for 1993, announced that the ALA theme for the annual conference is ‘**Empowerment.**’ Also, CALA will be celebrating its 20th anniversary.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 56, October 1992, p. 2)

“**President’s Message** – Congratulations on CALA’s 20th anniversary celebration! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made it possible. All of us catch the sense of excitement that is clearly in the spirit of the Association. CALA has come a long way. Our pride is expressed in the vitality of our organization. While I was working on the committee assignment, I could not help feeling proud of the Association. What a talented and accomplished group... Looking ahead, we need to actively recruit new members. If every one of us can bring one friend into CALA, we will double our strength...

In an age of new information technology, the theme of this year’s ALA annual program will emphasize customers’ services. All information superhighways lead to our users... President Carl Chan appointed several task forces last year. They had worked hard and had submitted reports to the board. We will see what should be accomplished and prioritize those valuable recommendations... Financially we want to bring CALA to a healthier situation. At the beginning of our 21st year, I will ask our Finance Committee to give us a new analysis and recommendations. We also plan to hold some fund raising activities... We all recognize the Newsletter is the main vehicle of communication among CALA members and friends of CALA. The editors have tried to make every effort to strengthen its effectiveness. Every member is encouraged to share her/his professional achievements...”
(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 59, Oct. 1993, p. 1-3)

“Many **local chapters** are very active. I attended a very exciting multimedia event sponsored by the Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter. Dr. Ching-chih Chen’s presentation was fascinating. Li-mei Ku, President of the Midwest Chapter sent me copies of their Electronic Mail Bulletin. They are extremely informative. My salute to the dedication and hard work of many individuals in local chapters. Local chapters are the unique feature of CALA. Our success really depends on locals... Now I am calling all the elected officials and Board members to work. I have requested that every board member submit two ideas in writing on how to improve CALA. Committees and Task Forces are all hard at work. We are all looking forward to their progress reports...”
(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 60, Feb. 1994, p. 1)

“**President’s Message** - CALA celebrated its 20th anniversary last year. I have been the most fortunate president to work with so many members to bring our association into a new era. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and commitment. Sheila Lai is always helpful and resourceful and Committee chairs and members have spent endless hours and efforts to help our association grow. I was interviewed by Carol Liu, LAMA President, on ‘**Cultural Diversity: A conversation with the Presidents of ALA’s Ethnic Caucuses.**’ (Cultural diversity: a conversation with the presidents of ALA’s Ethnic Caucuses, Library Administration & Management, Spring 1994, 8(2): 70-74). We want to work with other associations to place cultural diversity and ethnic concerns on the agenda. The Task Force of CALA/APALA Relations is still working on a plan to bring closer cooperation between our two organizations and others...”
(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 61, June 1994, p. 1)

“**Betty Tsai Won the CALA Distinguished Service Award** - The Award Committee is pleased to announce that Betty Tsai, Systems Librarian at Bucks College, and CALA’s former President, has won the 1997 CALA Distinguished Service Award. The Award will be presented at CALA’s Award Banquet on Saturday, June 28, at 7p.m. in Royal Jade Restaurant, San Francisco. Congratulations, Betty!”
(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 70, June 1997, p. 2)

“**Betty Tsai** was elected the first chairperson for the newly established ALA Diversity Council during the recent ALA annual conference in San Francisco.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 71, October 1997, p. 17)

CALA Presidents

1994-1995 Linda Tse



Photo taken in 2002. Linda Tse was Multicultural Services Librarian, Montgomery County Public Libraries. From left to right, David Cohen, **Linda Tse**, Fred J. Gitner, Irina A. Kuharets, Olga Kuharets, John Barnett, Brigid A. Cahalan, and Bosiljka Stevanovic
(Photo source: <http://www.ala.org/emiert/emiertawards/galeaward/galewinners/galewins>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“**Linda Tse**, President of the Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter, is a member of the Advisory Committee, Office for Library Outreach Services, ALA.”

(CALA Newsletter, No. 49, June 1990, p. 8)

“**Maryland Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services** - Three CALA members, Helen Wang, Harriet Ying and **Linda Tse**, were selected as delegates to the Governor's Conference. They organized a Chinese Community Forum to address issues important to the Chinese Community and formulated issue statements for the Resolution Committee's consideration.

The Conference produced five resolutions which were forwarded to the White House Conference:

- 1) Standards for School Library Media Programs,
- 2) Institutional Library Funding,
- 3) Preservation,
- 4) Marketing and Public Relations, and
- 5) Need for Revised State Formula.

Resolutions of interest to CALA members included:

- 1) Multicultural/Multilingual Services,
- 2) Racially and Culturally Representative Administrators and Staff, and
- 3) Minority Recruitment.”

(CALA Newsletter, No. 51, February 1991, p. 7)

“**Services to Chinese Population Task Force** - **Linda Tse**, Chair of the Task Force, have completed several preparatory works for the Task Force such as: 1) drafting a tentative work plan; 2) collecting the 1990 census data on Chinese population; 3) designing a questionnaire; and 4) compiling a list of potential target libraries which will receive the questionnaire...”

(CALA Newsletter, No. 57, February 1993, p. 4)

1994-1995 Linda Tse

“President’s Message - It is a great honor for me to serve as your president for this coming year. I am grateful that you have given me this opportunity to serve you and CALA. I will do my best to fulfill the promises I made in my nomination statement. With your support and cooperation, I am confident that the following tasks can be achieved.

To Promote Chinese American librarianship:

I will work closely with the Public Relations Committee and CALA Chapter Presidents to promote the librarianship profession in the Chinese American community.

I will work closely with the Scholarship Committee to publicize the Sheila Lai Scholarship and to find ways to encourage Chinese American college graduates to enter the library and information services profession.

I will work closely with the Nomination Committee to recognize accomplishments and contributions of CALA members.

I will work closely with the Paper Presentation Committee and the Program Committee to sponsor a professional paper presentation at the 1995 CALA Annual Conference Program.

To work closely with ALA organizations, especially, the affiliates:

I will work closely with Sheila Lai, Executive Director, to network with these organizations.

I will work closely with the Membership Committee to conduct a survey on CALA members’ ALA affiliations. If CALA members are willing to represent CALA at other ALA organizations, CALA would be represented at all important ALA activities through each of you.

CALA was invited by the ALA Information Office to participate in the special issue of its publication ‘PR Activity Report’ on Customer Service.

To promote literary services to the Chinese American population...

To encourage communication and exchange with librarians and library associations in the Chinese-speaking counties and regions...

To encourage community involvement of all chapters and individual members...”

(*CALA Newsletter*, o. 62, Oct. 1994, p. 1-3)

“President Linda Tse’s Message - Happy New Year! Gung Hay Fat Choy! Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Boar...

In October, I took a brief trip to Taipei. I was very fortunate to have opportunities to visit several libraries and library schools. I met with leaders in the field of library and information services. I was very impressed by the overall progress and enjoyed their hospitality as well... CALA’s relatively new International Relations Committee has been established to implement this role.

In November and December, I enjoyed receiving and reading the Midwest Chapter’s Electronic Journal and E-Bulletin. I also attended the Great Mid-Atlantic Chapter’s very successful 1994 Fall Program featuring Shu Yi, son of the famous Chinese writer Lao She...

I would like to commend and congratulate CALA members listed below for their outstanding contributions and tasks well-done. Wilfred Fong, Chair of the Publications Committee and Editor of the *Journal of Library and Information Science* for the latest scholarly informative issue; Emily Fang and Vicki Toy-Smith, editors of the *CALA Newsletter* for a great October 1994 issue; and Sheila Lai, Executive Director and many CALA officers and members who are currently working hard on various tasks.”

(*CALA Newsletter*, No. 63, Feb. 1995, p. 1-2)

“Past **GALE/EMIERT Multicultural Award Winners** - Please join us in applauding **Ms. Tse** for her commitment and contribution to multiculturalism in libraries. The EMIERT Award Committee wishes to thank all nominees for this year's award and looks forward to receiving nominations for the 2003 award.”

(Source: <http://www.ala.org/emiert/emiertawards/galeaward/galewinners/galewins>)

1995-1996 Wilfred Fong



Brief Biography (生平)

Wilfred Fong, Chief Information Officer and Director of IT & Digital Learning, University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies, is former President of CALA (1995) and Executive Editor of the *Journal of Library and Information Science* from 1995-2007. He was also Editor of the *Asian Pacific Asian Librarians Association (APALA) Newsletter*. A Founding Faculty and the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Business and Information Technology at University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Wilfred Fong joined the University in 2003. He helped build the Business and IT programs, and developed the first graduate program in IT security, as well as the inaugural Study Abroad Program at UOIT. Previously, he was the Assistant Dean of the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and initiated a distance education program that was ranked as one of the ten best web-based programs in 2001 by the *US News and World Report*. CIO Fong has developed and taught courses in information technology and leadership, as well as management. He has been a visiting professor at various universities including Hong Kong, Mexico, Egypt, Kuwait, Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia and is the author of two books and extensive journal articles. He is currently the Program Chair of the 6th Inter-

national Conference on Hybrid Learning 2013.

(Source: <http://cala-web.org/node/1536>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“Journal Publication - Wilfred Fong was appointed the new Journal Editor for a three-year term. The Board agreed that papers presented at the CALA Conference should be accepted for publishing in the Journal.” (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 50, October 1990, p. 3)

“CALA 1993 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: A REPORT by Wilfred Fong. CALA held its 1993 Annual Conference on Monday, June 28, 1993 in New Orleans. More than 70 people participated in the Conference entitled “Empowerment: The Asian American Perspective...” (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 59, October 1993, p. 3)

“One Step Beyond for the ALA [by Ching-chih Chen] - First of all, I'd like to take this chance to thank CALA, its Executive Board under the leadership of **Wilfred Fong**, and many CALA members for your wonderful **support** and encouragement to my **candidacy for the ALA President Elect**. I would not be honest to say that I am not delighted to receive the CALA's endorsement! But, what has excited me ten times more is the fact that the **CALA's resolution for endorsement** was not lightly given simply because I am one of you as a Chinese American. I am grateful to the resolution makers for their tremendous efforts in analyzing my background and my performance throughout the years as a library and information professional; in considering the issues which I have worked hard on throughout the years; and in deciding to side with me finally because of what I stand for and what I can bring to this world's largest 57,000-member association of ours...” (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 66, Feb. 1996, p. 1)

“Message from the President [by Wilfred W. Fong] - 1996 is an important year to the CALA. **Dr. Ching-chih Chen**, a longtime member of CALA and the first recipient of the CALA Distinguished Service Award in 1980, is **running for the ALA president-elect candidate**. Dr. Chen is the first Chinese/Asian American to be nominated to run for this honorable position. ALA, with its 120 years of history, now has approximately 57,000 members. It is the association which enhances the status of librarians and information specialists in our profession and is considered as one of the most powerful bodies on Capitol Hill to lobby on the issues of intellectual freedom and censorship. CALA is affiliated with the ALA. In Oct. 1995, the CALA Board passed a resolution to support Dr. Chen. This Feb. issue is devoted to supporting Dr. Ching-chih Chen's election for the ALA President-Elect.

As of today, there are more than 230 subscribers to the **CALA listserv** which has served as a very important communication tool among members in this electronic era. Thanks to Betty Tsai (President, 1993-94) who initiated this idea. The Board also has its own list for discussions of various issues prior to its meeting significantly enhancing communication. Internet has become a vital part in our profession. More and more of our members have now access to the Web. If you have surfed some good Web sites of interest to the CALA membership, please feel free to share them with everyone on the CALA listserv. The listserv is a forum for sharing ideas among our members.

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The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chaired by Pei-Ling Wu, is drafting a policy on the voting process by the Board using the Internet email system. The draft has now been distributed to all the Board members electronically for comments and suggestions. Members who do not have access to the Internet will receive the draft policy via fax. The final draft will be tabled at the MidWinter Conference for discussion. On the other hand, the CALA Homepage will be made available very soon. The CALA Homepage Task Force, chaired by Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, is working on the official procedures for the CALA Homepage. Again, this will be another item to be discussed at the Board meeting in San Antonio.

In closing my remarks, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our **Newsletter co-editors**, Vicki Toy-Smith and Philip Ng. It is not an easy task to publish a Newsletter. From the gathering of materials to the preparation of page layout. It is a tedious job and responsibility. I would also like to thank all those members who have contributed to this issue. I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio." (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 66, Feb. 1996, p. 2)

"Message from the President - This is the last President's message that I will be writing as the President of CALA for the 1995-1996 year. It has been a rewarding and challenging year. The existence of CALA is a team effort of many dedicated members who have sacrificed their valuable family and personal time to contribute their best to the association. For this, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the CALA committee members and those whose names that I might not know. I wish to thank you in person at the CALA Annual Conference which will be held in New York from July 5 to 7, 1996.

With the development of the Internet, the CALA Board has passed a new bylaw on e-mail voting. In my capacity as a member of the ALA Ad-hoc Task Force on Electronic Communication, CALA is one of the first associations who has this kind of e-mail voting. Thanks are due to Chair Pui-Ling Wu and her constitution and by-laws committee members. They have been working extra hard this year to make several changes to the bylaws. Another important issue that the committee is now studying is the length of the committee members' appointments. This will ensure the continuity and workings of a given committee. Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, chair of the newly established Electronic Publishing Task Force and her committee, is reviewing the policies for the CALA home page and other electronic publications such as the e-journal.

Dr. Tse-Chung Li, chair of the Long Range Planning Task Force, is submitting a proposal regarding long range goals and objectives for CALA. The proposal is expected to be discussed at the board meeting in July. Julia Tung, Chair of the Books to China Committee, received about 3,900 books from members. Some of these books were sent to the Fu-tan University in Shanghai. The International Relations Committee is applying a new tax-exempt status for CALA. Under the new status, CALA will be considered a charitable organization. Finally, I cannot finish my message without thanking our Publications Committee, Emily Fang, Philip Ng, and Vicki Toy-Smith. Their invaluable services in the editing and publication of this fine newsletter are deeply appreciated." (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 67, June 1996, p.1)

"Summary of the **Midwest Chapter conference** [by Wen-ling Liu]- ...**Wilfred Fong**, Assistant Dean, School of Library and Information Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, gave a vivid report, 'Virtual Library, Reality or Dream'..." (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 70, June 1997, p.12)

"Dr. Wilfred Fong is Assistant Dean, School of Library and Information Science, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He established the **CALA listserv** in June of 1994 after discussions between himself and Betty Tsai, CALA President, 1993/ 94 at the 1994 ALA Annual Conference. He gave detailed instructions on how to subscribe were printed in the October 1994 issue of the CALA Newsletter. Dr. Fong, please accept our thanks for your time and tireless efforts during the past ten years in establishing, maintaining and taking care of the listserv. The listserv provides communication as a CALA online forum and information on continuing education, grants, scholarships and job opportunities through various announcements. You have inspired others through your outstanding service to the profession. Your achievements and contributions to CALA and to the library community are deeply appreciated. [by Sally C. Tseng]" (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 87, February 2003, p.14)

"[CALA 2013 Annual Program] Mr. **Wilfred Fong**, the Chief Information Officer and Director of IT & Digital Learning, University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies, is formerly the Assistant Dean of the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. He will expound on Preparing Information Professionals for Careers of Tomorrow." (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 108, Spring 2013, p.2)

"The highlight of our year is **the celebration of CALA's 40th Anniversary** with an annual conference program titled 'Together We Make a Difference.' The distinguished speakers are: Dr. Tze-chung Li, Julia Wu and **Dr. Wilfred Fong**..." (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 109, Fall 2013, p.50)

1996-1997 Mengxiong Liu (劉孟雄)



CALA President, 1996-1997

Vice President, 1995-1996

Board of Directors, 1998-2008, 2010-2013

Journal Editor, 1997-2002

Newsletter Editor, 1992-1994

Travel Grant Committee Chair, 2009-2010

California Chapter President, 1993-1994

Scholarship Committee, 1991-1992

Professional Award and Role:

Fulbright Senior Specialist, 2007

Fulbright Senior Specialist Program Peer Review Committee, 2010-present

Brief Biography (生平)

Dr. Mengxiong Liu is an Engineering Librarian and part-time Professor of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University, California, since 1989. She received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies from University of Michigan, MLS from University of Denver, and BA in English from Shanghai International Studies University. Her teaching and research efforts have been focusing on human information seeking behavior, reference and information services, and science and technology information resources. In 2007, she received the Department of State's Fulbright Senior Specialist Award and completed her lecture tour in Uruguay in November. In 2009, she was selected as one of the senior lecturers for the IMLS project "Think Globally, Act Globally."

She has published numerous research articles in scholarly journals, conference proceedings, and book chapters. Her articles on human citing behavior were frequently cited by researchers and scholars. Dr. Liu is also an active speaker at national and international professional conferences. She was invited to lecture on Digital Libraries and Reference Services in the Digital Environment in the National Library of China in Beijing and the National Taichung Library in Taiwan.

In addition to teaching and research, she has been actively involved in professional organizations, such as the American Library Association (ALA) and the ethnic librarians associations. She served on the Steering Committee of ALA Spectrum Scholarship and ALA's Diversity Council. She was the past President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) and currently serves on its Board of Directors. She also works at various capacities with the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA).

(Source: <http://www.evergreeneducation.org/itie2012/category.php?submenu=itie12bioliu>)

Message to CALA (祝語)

"My most memorable experience working with CALA was my participation in the First China-US Library Conference, and the CALA Forum at IFLA in Beijing, China, in the summer of 1996 when I was the CALA President. With the overall efforts of CALA officers and members, CALA played an important role in these international professional conferences, and successfully represented itself as a recognized professional organization in the international library arena.

Another big accomplishment during my presidency, for which I am proud of was, the publication of the CALA position paper 'CALA and ALA: Partners for Goal 2000' as the companion document to ALA Goal 2000. This document has been included in the ALA booklet 'Equal Voices, Many Choices: Ethnic Organizations Responding to ALA Goal 2000' and is being distributed at 1997 ALA Annual Conference. It serves a valuable purpose by providing a voice of CALA on many of the important library and information issues developed in ALA Goal 2000.

1996-1997 Mengxiong Liu (劉孟雄)



CALA members and officers at 1996 IFLA Conference in Beijing.

Inspiration and initiative are the keywords of my understanding of leadership. As a leader, it is important to initiate new ideas and seek new solutions. It is also essential, as a leader, to inspire others to be motivated to keep working on the common goal. During my tenure of CALA presidency, I followed my principles of leadership, with a goal of promoting CALA to an internationally recognized professional organization. I believe I had achieved my goal, but this was almost 18 years ago. After my presidency, I have seen more and more outstanding CALA presidents working on our common goal and have achieved even greater success. I take great pride of being a life member of CALA, and wish the best for CALA's future success!"

"[Dr. Mengxiong Liu] One of CALA's strength is 'opportunities.' CALA has created opportunities for members to build their professional network at local, national and international levels.

CALA may want to involve more new and younger librarians, especially those who were born Chinese Americans. I wish CALA would foster collaboration and partnerships with librarians all over the world."

(From "CALA Members' Greetings" at ALA Annual 2013)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)



B/W Photo from CALA Newsletter, No.68, October 1996, p. 1

"HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS (June 27th, June 30th, San Francisco) - ...**Mengxiong Liu** and Emily Fang were appointed as the CALA Newsletter co-editors..."

(CALA Newsletter, No.56, October 1992, p. 2)

"CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWS - An exciting program and banquet have been planned at the annual conference of the California Library Association by the CALA California Chapter... The program details are as follows: Chinese American Librarians' Banquet. [At the banquet,] Belle Yang, author of the book BABA, will speak. BABA is the story of Ms. Yang's father's life in China. Riding the Electronic Rooster. Speakers will explore the use of the Internet for access of information in Asian languages... [by Mengxiong Liu]"

(CALA Newsletter, No.65, October 1995, p. 13)

"Message from the President - First of all, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who was actively involved in Dr. Ching-chih Chen's campaign for the ALA Presidency. During her nationwide campaign trip, Dr. Chen was warmly welcomed and strongly supported by our CALA members everywhere. We showed our collective power. We did everything we could to support Dr. Chen. However, to our great disappointment, a most qualified candidate was not elected to the ALA President. Apparently ALA is not ready for an Asian President.

Through this very first campaign experience, we learned a lesson. We have to reach out further to our American colleagues, we need to unite all the ethnic caucuses, and we must make our voices even louder. With an even stronger united front, we can send a message to ALA. GET READY FOR AN ASIAN PRESIDENT IN THE FUTURE!

The second thing I want to report to you is our successful annual program and banquet held on July 6, 1996 in New York. The

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two events were very well attended. We had almost 130 people attend the annual program on July 6th in Javits Convention Center. The program topic was 'Global Information Internetworking: Pacific Rim Perspectives.' Five library leaders from the United States, Hong Kong, Singapore, and China shared their experience on information networking which arose great interest from the audience...

Our Annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet was another great success. It was well attended by over 170 guests, friends, colleagues, and most importantly of all, CALA members. The 1996 CALA Distinguished Award went to Mr. Gary Strong, Director of Queens Borough Public Library, and former California State Librarian. The three CALA scholarship recipients were also announced. They are Adrian Ho, Xiaotian Chen and Pui Ching Ho...

I am very glad to see more and more CALA members are taking active part in ALA activities... I look forward to working closely with you during 1996-97."

(CALA Newsletter, No.68, October 1996, p.1-2)

"Over twenty years ago, I came to America to pursue my graduate degree in library and information science. With the help and advice of a few well-established Chinese American librarians and senior CALA officers, I overcame the cultural shock, survived a Ph.D. program, and, with double efforts, established a successful professional career. Because I felt an urge to share my experiences and to promote better communication among fellow Chinese American librarians, I became active in CALA and served the organization in various capacities, including newsletter editor, journal editor, chapter president, member of the Board of Directors, and chair of many committees. In 1996-1997, I was elected to serve as CALA president.

During my presidency, with the combined efforts of CALA officers and members, the organization experienced great success in promoting Chinese American librarianship both domestically and internationally."

(*Bridging Cultures - Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance Back at the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003*, p. 214-215)

"Mengxiong Liu: My Fulbright Experience in Uruguay (VIDEO). Available at: <http://podgeist.com/podcast/1966995/mengxiong-liu-my-fulbright-experience-in-uruguay-video/>"

"[Mengxiong Liu] Inspiration and initiative are the keywords of my understanding of leadership. As a leader, it is important to initiate new ideas and seek new solutions. It is also essential, as a leader, to inspire others to be motivated to keep working on the common goal." (*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

1997-1998 Harriet Ying (英惠奇)



CALA President, 1997-1998

CALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 2006-2007

CALA Annual Conference Program Planning Committee, 2006-2007

Brief Biography (生平)

Harriet Ying was born in China and raised in Taiwan. After graduating from college she came to the U.S. to pursue higher education. She graduated from Soochow University Law school in Taipei with a LLB degree in Comparative Law; received a MA degree in Library and Information Science from Peabody college of Vanderbilt University and later a second MA from Florida State University in Asian Studies.

While still in Library School she was recruited and offered a position by Sweet Briar College in Virginia. She worked there for three years as a Cataloger; she also helped to establish department libraries and supervised them. Upon receiving a full scholarship from FSU she left SBC to pursue a second master degree in Asian Studies and Linguistics.

After receiving her second MA degree she went to work for Prince George's County Public Library System in Maryland, a reputable county public library system in the suburban Washington DC area. She worked mainly in public services and held manage-

1997-1998 Harriet Ying (英惠奇)

ment positions in different branches. She retired four years ago. Her last position was branch manager of Surratts Clinton library overseeing a cluster of branch libraries. Her specialty is in public library management and administration. She has lectured extensively in China and Taiwan over the past 15 years to promote public libraries. She served as CALA president and also served on ALA council.

(Source: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/China/programinchina/nov2009/abstract.html#ying>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“Under the leadership of **Harriet Ying**, Vice President, CALA's annual program and dinner at ALA in San Francisco are being well planned. To comply ALA's theme 'Kid Can't Wait,' CALA's program is entitled 'Building the Future: Library Youth Service in Asia and the U.S.' CALA has received a generous donation of \$2000 to support the program and other activities. [by Mengxiong Liu]” (CALA Newsletter, No.69, February 1997, p.1)

“**President's Message** - Thank you for your vote of confidence and the honor you bestowed on me to serve as CALA president this year. I will definitely do my best to carry on the good works.

Our 1997 annual program '**Building the Future: Library Youth Services in Asia and the U.S.**' was a huge success. All four speakers were excellent in delivering speeches and sharing their professional experience with us....

One of the features added to our annual program this year was to invite publishers, authors, and illustrators to set up book display tables in the back of the meeting room. Each participant was given five minutes to talk about their new books. We hope this new feature will provide an opportunity in bringing authors, illustrators, publishers, and librarians a step closer.

The Distinguished Service Award Banquet was a smash success...

In recent years CALA has gained much recognition in the library profession both domestically and internationally. Our membership ranges from the U.S., Canada, to the Asian Pacific region. CALA members have been tapped to serve on ALA committees, panels, and included in the invitation lists on international meetings and conferences...

CALA members have contributed immensely to the library profession for a very long time in a quiet way... In order for us to have a strong voice in ALA, I urge you all to take up ALA membership.”

(CALA Newsletter, No.71, October 1997, p.1)

“In the capacity of CALA president, I attended a number of meetings and functions in ALA. I even had opportunities to travel to conferences and meetings overseas, which I enjoyed immensely. In 1999 I was asked to run for ALA Council but lost by a few hundred votes. Luckily I was nominated again the following year and was elected ALA Councilor-at-large for a three-year term. Once I became an ALA councilor, I had better opportunities to work in a much more complex organization, representing ALA members at large and Asian/Chinese American librarians in particular. Being a professional librarian means more than just working in a library and serving the immediate local community. We also need to study the impact of library services on society as a whole and to analyze the directions and goals of library services that are most suitable for this modern and diverse society. Libraries must keep pace with the progress of modern society and utilize the most up-to-date technology to better serve our clientele.

I feel privileged to have witnessed and participated in the strong growth of CALA over the past twenty years. CALA has many significant achievements, including providing meaningful programs and publications for its members year after year. CALA is now a viable part of ALA and the international library community. Since the Internet has come into libraries, CALA has become even more effective by utilizing modern technology. The discussion forum is open around the clock for members to share ideas, exchange opinions, and solve problems on line; officers can conduct business, even polling votes from time to time. One other outstanding achievement of CALA is building and maintaining the bridge between CALA members of North America and their counterpart of Chinese librarians in Taiwan and mainland China. The many exchange programs as well as joint conferences and workshops that take place year after year have benefited both parties. I am most grateful for the many opportunities that have enable me to share my professional knowledge and experience with a much larger audience in mainland China and Taiwan.”

(*Bridging Cultures - Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance Back at the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003*, p. 218-220)

“Editors' Notes: The following four news items are all from Harriet Ying, CALA President.

New Chapter Formed - A new Florida chapter has been formed during the mid-winter. Members in Florida wanted their own chapter...

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A New Task Force Formed - to work with APALA representatives on the first joint National Conference in the summer of 1999. Members appointed to the task force are Mengxiong Liu, Patty Wang, Linna Yu, and Ling-Hwey Jeng (chair).

Citizenship Tapes - The project of distributing 2000 free copies of Citizenship tapes untitled U.S. CITIZENSHIP: A DREAM COME TRUE to public libraries throughout the nation was delayed due to lack of fund for mailing. ALA tried to help CALA and APALA to obtain funds to complete this project. Thanks to the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium for coming up with the needed funds and they are also willing to donate their staff time to pack and mail these tapes. Both CALA and APALA will provide listings of libraries for distribution. All 2000 copies that were given to us are English version. The tapes are also available in Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean and Vietnamese for \$19.95 each..." (CALA Newsletter, No.72, February 1998, p.14)



(Photo) From right: Amy See too, CALA past President, Sheila Lai, CALA Executive Director, **Harriet Ying**, CALA President, and **Linna Yu**, CALA President Elect, during ALA Mid-winter Meeting in New Orleans, January 1998. (CALA Newsletter, No.72, February 1998, p.1)

"Greater Atlantic Chapter Hosts Taiwan Delegates - The Greater Atlantic Chapter of CALA had the honor to host a group of nineteen librarians from Taiwan for a one-week educational tour in the greater Washington, D.C. and Baltimore area during the week March 8-12, 1999... Arrangement of this one week educational tour was made by an Ad Hoc planning committee consisted of **Harriet Ying**, Chair, Tsai-Hong Miller, Rita Lewi, and Linda Tse..." (CALA Newsletter, No.76, June 1999, p.4)

"[Harriet Ying] A leader is a person with a clearly defined vision. Who is committed and dedicated to a cause and has the courage to face challenge. He/she must have good people skills to promote mutual trusts and respect among co-workers. Together they work to achieve the highest standard of the common goal." (Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership, July 2012)

1998-1999 Linna Yu



CALA President, 1998-1999
CALA Board of Directors, 2001-2004, 2005-2008
2004 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Brief Biography (生平)

Linna Yu came to the United States to further her education after graduating from Cheng Kung University in Taiwan with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She earned a Master Degree in Library Sciences from Vanderbilt University in 1966. Shortly after graduation, she joined the Queens Borough Public Library and served there for 38 years until her retirement as branch manager of the QBPL Elmhurst Branch. At the time of her retirement, Elmhurst had become one of the most active and important branches in the QPL system, ranking consistently number two in terms of circulation.

A long term member of CALA since 1983, Linna worked extremely hard to promote CALA's status to a professional library organization at the national level. She served as the chair of CALA's Fund Raising and International Relationship Committee from 2004 to 2006, as CALA's Vice President, President, and Past President from 1997-2000, and as CALA Northeast Chapter's Vice President, President, and Past President, 1996-1999. In 1998, she organized and presided over CALA's 1998 Annual Program, "CALA Reaches Across the Pacific". In 2004, Linna won one of CALA's most honorable awards, the Distinguished Service Award, for her outstanding professional achievements and her dedicated and valued contributions to CALA. To Linna, her relationship with CALA played a major role in her career. She said in her congratulatory comments on CALA's 40th anniversary: "Joining CALA, I met many librarians who became my best friends. We shared our experiences, discussed our common concerns, and learned from each other...The experiences I learned from CALA helped me to become a

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strong and knowledgeable leader in the library field as well as a capable leader in the community.”

Linna is happily married to architect Michael Yu. They have 3 children who are all successful professionals in different fields. Although Linna now spends most of retirement leisure in traveling, she is still very active in community work. Her accomplishments in the library profession are also well remembered and honored. To the current members of CALA, she sets a role model for them to follow her steps.

Message to CALA (祝語)

“My heart-felt congratulations to CALA on its 40th anniversary! As one of your long term members and a dedicated ex-officer, I am so pleased to see that CALA has grown from a regional association to a full- fledged professional library association at the national level. CALA’s success is the result of the relentless hard work of many dedicated and committed members. I am very proud of you and I thank you for allowing me to participate in this grand and great event.”

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“As we celebrate CALA’s thirtieth anniversary, I look back upon my twenty years with the association and am especially grateful for the dedication and support each member has invested in our organization. I remember Dr. Hong Chan Li’s tireless efforts twenty years ago. Dr. Li would make the long drive from Connecticut to pick me up in New York, and then we would pick up Diane Shih and go to meet Marjorie Li and other librarians in New Jersey so that we could have meetings to form a Northeast chapter. Not only would Dr. Li have to drive, but he would also buy all the food for all the meetings. Without his dedication and enthusiasm, the Northeast chapter might not have formed when it did. It pleases me that his value is still very much appreciated by members in CALA today.

During my tenure as president of CALA from 1998-1999, one of CALA’s achievements was the successful execution of the CALA Reaches Across the Pacific Conference. It was at this conference that we were able to bring together two special representatives—one from Mainland China and another from Taiwan. I had invited Dr. Margaret C. Fung, director of Taiwan’s National Library Association and Mr. Heping Zhou, deputy director of the National Library of China, to this conference. It was the first time that representatives from these two organizations were present at the same podium.

Throughout my time with CALA, I have met many talented librarians, each of whom I would consider a friend. An especially important relationship has been my friendship with Dr. Norma Yueh. Norma took me under her wings and was an incredibly important influence in my life. She taught me many lessons that have stayed with me in my professional and personal life. Not a day has gone by that I have not thought about her. CALA has afforded us all an opportunity to better ourselves. We have been able to grow together, help each other, and learn from one another. The relationships that we have built are long lasting, stretching outside the library walls.”

(Bridging Cultures - Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance Back at the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003, p. 220 -221)

“**Northeast Chapter** - Following the program, a brief Northeast Chapter business meeting was convened by **Linna Yu**, the chapter's president. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the chapter, Dr. Hong-Chan Li, the founder of the chapter, recounted how the Northeast Chapter was established. He and his wife were the honored guests at the subsequent banquet at the Peking Park Restaurant.”

(CALA Newsletter, No.73, June 1998, p. 11)

“**International Relations Committee** - As a 2003/4 objective, the International Relations Committee set itself a goal to explore opportunities to leverage relationships in the international arena. We have established an International Exchange Program with the Central Library of Macao. To initiate this relationship we had several discussions with the Director of Central Library of Macao. The Exchange Program will provide materials in Chinese and Portuguese. [By Linna Yu, Chair]”

(CALA Newsletter, No.90, Spring 2004, p. 6)

“On behalf of the Award Committee, it is my distinct honor to announce that **Linna Yu** is the **recipient of CALA 2004 Distinguished Service Award**. Please join me in congratulating Linna. The Award represents our special recognition of her outstanding professional achievements and her valued contributions to CALA... We are proud of choosing Linna Yu as this year's

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recipient of the CALA Distinguished Service Award. She deserves to be recognized. Her near forty years' exemplary experience and achievement will again, like our previous twenty-four recipients of this award, set a role model for us to strive for, and to follow her steps. [by Lisa Zhao, 2004 CALA Awards Committee Chair]"

(Source: <http://cala-web.org/node/189>)

"[Linna Yu] CALA [has] provided a valuable network for librarians to exchange information, discuss issues, and learn new ideas and knowledge. Joining CALA, I met many librarians who became my best friends. We shared our experiences, discussed our common concerns, and learned from each other. CALA also provided opportunities for me to learn to be a leader, to preside over meetings and conferences, and to work well with colleagues in committees. The experiences I learned from CALA helped me to become a strong and knowledgeable leader in the library field as well as a capable leader in the community."

(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

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Brief Biography (生平)

"[It is with great honor and privilege that the Award Committee announces Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng is the recipient of the 2010 CALA Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Jeng has impressed the Committee with her outstanding accomplishments and extraordinary success at national and international levels in her 33 years of services.]

Professor Jeng has been the Director of Library and Information Science at Texas Woman's University since 2004. The university has one of the largest library science programs offering master's and doctoral degrees for over 500 students. Dr. Jeng is the only Chinese American now serving in such an important position. She also had teaching experience at University of Kentucky, University of California, Los Angeles and University of Maryland.

Dr. Jeng is an exceptional leader and remarkable achiever in librarianship and library science education. She has been highly recognized both in the United States and Taiwan. As a prolific writer, she has more than 40 publications. As a professor, she has not only taught 20 different graduate courses, but also advised 18 doctoral students on their dissertations. As a scholar, she has made more than 80 presentations at conferences, meetings and workshops. As a librarian, she is the recipient of eight honors and awards. As a professional, she has applied for more than 20 grants, of which 16 have been granted in the total amount of more than a million dollars including the IMLS National Leadership Grant of \$200,000. As a distinguished Chinese American, she has tirelessly dedicated herself to the recognition and development of Chinese Americans in her professional career.

Dr. Jeng's contribution to librarianship particularly in Chinese American librarianship is immense. She has been professionally active in ALA, CALA, and other organizations. She served CALA in various capacities with distinction and was elected CALA's president 1999-2000. As APALA Executive Director, Dr. Jeng played a key role for the first joint conference – National Conference of Asian Pacific American Librarians- a success, involving both Chinese American Librarians Association and Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association.

Dr. Jeng demonstrated strong commitment to promote and advocate the library. She has testified at the National Library Commission on Libraries and Information Science. A commensurate professional, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng has generously lent her support to new CALA leaders. She has been elected to the ALA Council multiple times and is currently serving as a Councilor-at-Large. Her colleagues witness her passion and strong advocacy for library and information science professionals and other issues that are important to the profession. She stands out particularly on her support for minority students and equal access for all. She has a passionate spirit, and she is always engaged in the process to move the work forward in a positive manner. She is a friendly colleague to all, even those who may have opposed to her particular points of view.

The establishment of the Distinguished Service Award is to recognize Chinese American's achievements and contributions in librarianship in general and Chinese American librarianship in particular. The Award Committee has carefully reviewed all sub-

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mitted materials. After thorough discussion and deliberation, the Award Committee believes, unanimously and strongly, that Dr. Jeng is a well qualified individual to receive the 2010 CALA Distinguished Service Award. The Committee truly appreciates the genuine recommendations and nomination from the nominator and supporters.” [by The CALA 2009-2010 Award Committee, Li Fu, Chair, Wen-Ling, Liu, Lan Shen, Yingqi Tang, Raymond Wang, Jing Xu, Li Zhang]]

(Source: <http://cala-web.org/node/1227>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“The Chinese-American Librarians Association's **1989 Annual Conference** will be held on Tuesday, June 27th in Dallas, Texas. The theme of this year's program is ‘Information Access Commitments: a Multi-cultural Perspective’ and we are very fortunate to be able to feature three well-known librarians as our speakers: Dr. Susan K. Martin... Agnes M. Griffen... and **Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng**, Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Library and Information Services.”

(CALA Newsletter, No.46, Spring 1989, p. 1)

“**GREATER MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER** - Professor **Ling Hwey Jeng**, who initiated a newsletter and set up a membership directory for this chapter, has moved on and will be teaching at the School of Library and Information Science at the University of California, Los Angeles in the fall of 1991. The chapter appreciates her contributions and wishes her all the best in her new position.”

(CALA Newsletter, No.53, October 1991, p. 3)

“**Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng**, chair of the newly established **Electronic Publishing Task Force**, and her committee is reviewing the policies for the CALA home page and other electronic publications such as the e-journal.”

(CALA Newsletter, No.67, June 1996, p. 1)

“This past April, **Ling Hwey Jeng** represented CALA at the Congress on Professional Education in Washington DC. She did a great job voicing our concerns regarding diversity and sharing CALA's views with others...”

(CALA Newsletter, No.76, June 1999, p. 1)

“Report of **Midwest Chapter Annual Conference** [By Marian Chou] - **Prof. Ling Hwey Jeng** offered some observations on the aggregate and individual patterns ascribed to Asian American librarianship. Jeng spoke on multiculturalism as interaction; and the expectation that placed upon the librarian with ethnic minority background. As an Asian American librarian, she wants patrons to expect her to fill the real need in library services and not treating her as a stereotype of Asian American.”

(CALA Newsletter, No.76, June 1999, p. 7)

“**Message from the President** - ... Among the many things that happened since June, I want to report to you two very important issues that have great impact on CALA as a whole and on you as a CALA member. One is the **Sheila S. Lai Scholarship**, and the other is the **Journal of Library and Information Science**.”

...I believe personally that, after more than 10 years of contribution from a single donor, CALA has the obligation to give our commitment to sustain the scholarship on a permanent basis beyond the efforts of its original donor. This is the reason I decided, after learning about Sheila's decision, to launch a personal fund drive as a stopgap measure to solicit \$1500.00 to sustain the Sheila S. Lai Scholarship Award for another three years... Today, I want to report to you that we have reached the goal of \$1500 which I set at the beginning of August, thanks to the collective efforts of many wonderful CALA members who pledged donations during my personal fund drive...

The second issue whose impact every CALA member will probably feel directly if the matter is not resolved soon is our CALA journal, *Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS)*... Should the issue prove to be impossible to resolve because of lack of interest and commitment of CALA to continue its co-publishing role or other procedural difficulties, it will be necessary for the CALA membership as a whole to decide on the future of our CALA journal...”

(CALA Newsletter, No.77, September 1999, p. 1-2, 4)

“**Report from the President** - ...**Donations to CALA** - The first significant news in our San Antonio meeting is the Board's acceptance of a donation of \$10,000 from our long-time, devoted CALA member, twice Executive Director, Ms. Sheila Suen Lai. Ms. Lai's generous donation is for establishing a ‘Sheila S. Lai Research Grant’ Endowment Fund...”

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NCAPAL Preparation - The progress of our planning for the first National NCAPAL, is an important undertaking at CALA this year. The Conference will be held on June 13-15, 2001 in San Francisco, immediately preceding the ALA Annual Conference. NCAPAL is a joint venture between CALA and APALA, with its Conference Planning Committee co-chaired by Dr. Ken Yamashita of APALA and me... The Conference theme, 'Shared Visions,' celebrates the pride of diverse heritages among librarians of Asian and Pacific Islander descent, the excellence of Asian American scholarship, and the progress in Asian American librarianship...

Board Forum and Orientation - A third piece of news worth mentioning from our San Antonio meeting is the Board Forum and Orientation. I had planned the Board Forum and Orientation at our Mid-Winter, with the graceful help of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, after realizing the need for all CALA Board members to be intimately knowledgeable of CALA Constitutions & Bylaws and other business-related rules and protocol...

All these are major accomplishments that CALA officers have achieved in serving its members..."
(*CALA Newsletter*, No.79, June 2000, p. 1-2)

"Report from the Past President (1999-2000) - CALA has made quite a list of accomplishments this year. In summary, we have:

1. Increased CALA membership from last year's 307 paid members to 374 current paid members, a 23% increase;
2. Accepted a total of \$19,905 contribution to CALA from 36 individual and institutional donors, in addition to pledges of \$200 from two individual donors and \$1,000 from Li Educational Foundation for the next two years;
3. Paid our debt of \$4,000 to the National Taiwan Normal University for printing and mailing *Journal of Library and Information Science*;
4. Re-established budgeting process for CALA;
5. Established an Operational Manual for CALA Officers and Board Members;
6. Established a Board Forum to provide orientation and information exchange forum for all voting and non-voting Board members;
7. Clarified the roles and functions of major CALA Officers;
8. Implemented a new financial reporting procedure beginning January 2000;
9. Proposed due increase to reflect the current CALA operations for membership voting;
10. Established a "Sheila Suen Lai Research Grant" Endowment Fund with the personal donation of \$10,000 from Ms. Lai;
11. Established a "CALA Officer Continuing Education Fund" with the personal donations from the President, Ling Hwey Jeng, and the Vice President/President-Elect, Yu-Lan Chou;
12. Contributed \$1,000 to Library Association of China (Taiwan) to support their relief and recovery activities after the 921 earthquakes;
13. Wrote letters in support of the release of Mr. Song Yongyi, while he was detained by the Chinese government for collecting materials related to the period of Cultural Revolution;
14. Clarified the eligibility of Scholarship application to accommodate LIS doctoral students;
15. Re-established the guideline for "CALA Distinguished Service Award;"
16. Adopted the guidelines for "Ching-chih Chen Leadership Development Award;"
17. Continued to collaborate with APALA in actively planning for the National Conference on Asian Pacific American Librarians, to be held on June 13-15, 2001, in San Francisco.

I am grateful for all elected and appointed CALA officers who have given their best to CALA and exhibited their high spirits of volunteerism and dedication. My thanks to all CALA members who have given me the opportunity to serve you during my presidency."

(*CALA Newsletter*, No.80, September 2000, p. 2)

"Wei Jeng Chu and **Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng**, CALA members, were elected as ALA councilors in 2005."

(*CALA Newsletter*, No.93, Fall 2005, p. 6)

2000-2001 Yu-Lan Chou



Brief Biography (生平)

Yu-Lan Chou has been the Program Coordinator -- Technical Services, Santa Clara City Library since August 2013. She has served as the Chair of the Awards Committee, California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners since 2002. She is the Commissioner, Library Advisory Committee at the City of Milpitas. She worked as Head of Technical Services, East Asian Library at the University of California Berkeley from 1996 to 2001, and Chinese/Korean Studies Librarian at Ohio State University Libraries from 1991 to 1996. She has a MLS from University of Pittsburgh with a MLS and a BA in Chinese Literature and Linguistics from National Tsing Hua University.

(Source: <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/yu-lan-chou/11/47a/4b6>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“Report from the California Chapter, By Yu-lan Chou. The CALA California Chapter co-sponsored with the Bay Area Tsing Hua University Alumni Association for a workshop ‘How to Use Library Resources in Bay Area for Chinese Community’ on January 25th, 1998. Yu-Lan Chou, vice president/president elect of the CALA California Chapter presided the workshop on behalf of Carl Chan, President of the CALA California Chapter. About 50 people attended the workshop which was free and opened to the public.”

(CALA Newsletter, No.72, February 1998, p. 12)

“Yu-Lan Chou, Chair of the ALA International Relations Committee Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, delivered ALA President Ann Symons and ALA Executive Director Bill Gordons' congratulatory notes at the opening ceremony, as well as the greetings from CALA President Linna Yu...”

(CALA Newsletter, No.76, June 1999, p. 9)

“Message from the President - Six weeks after the State of California declared a stage 3 power crisis, there is yet light to be shed on a long-term solution... The skyrocketing energy price has already resulted in inflation of living cost and it will have an impact on the community service such as library hours... I urge all CALA members to pay close attention to this development. It is our natural interest to continue advocating the good quality of library services provided to all citizens.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention what was discussed at the **Midwinter CALA Board meeting**... ALA Presidential candidates Maurice J. Freedman, Ken Haycock, and William Sannwald were invited to the CALA Board meeting for a short Q and A session on their views of minority recruitment, retention, scholarship, and their presidential agendas. Each candidate talked about their experience and elaborated their future plans if elected. I recommend CALA members to exercise your voting power by carefully examining all the candidates' credentials. You will find some familiar CALA colleague names and those from our alliance ethnic caucus groups on the ALA Council ballot. Please do not hesitate to give a hand. I believe the unified voice will form a strong force to better represent us at ALA.

On a fundamental level, **the Constitution and Bylaws Committee** was charged to study the current constitution and bylaws and make recommendations for modification... The changes recommended by the committee will be voted on at CALA Board meeting this coming June.

Several CALA members will be attending the forthcoming **NIT Conference** in May and the **Oberlin-Yunnan University Conference** in June to present research papers... For the upcoming **67th IFLA Conference** in Boston, our past President Bessie Hahn (1982-83) has offered generous support at her host institution Brandeis University Library, should there be a CALA gathering...”

(CALA Newsletter, No.81, February 2001, p. 1)

2001-2002 Liana Zhou



CALA President, 2001-2002
CALA Board of Directors, 1998-2001, 2004-2007, 2007-2010
ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2007-2010
CALA JCLC Scholarship Taskforce Chair, 2012
CALA Presidential Initiative Taskforce Chair, 2012
2006 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Brief Biography (生平)

Liana Zhou is Director of Library and Archives at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, Bloomington, Indiana, USA. She received her MLS in Library and Information Science from Indiana University (Bloomington) and her Bachelor's in Philosophy from Sichuan University in China. She studied on the graduate level at Nanking University (Western Philosophy) in China, and at Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Indiana. She has been working at the Kinsey

Institute Library since 1990, first as the Head of Technical Services, later as Head of Library, and now serving as a Director of Library and Archives. She oversees all aspects of library, films and archives including access, organization, digitization, collection development, and preservation. One of the most important aspects of her work is work with people who are donors and users and supporter of the Kinsey Institute Library. Students, faculty and researchers from around the world come to utilize the resources at the Kinsey Institute. She works with hundreds of donors whose generosity has greatly expanded and enriched the scope and depth of the Kinsey Institute's Collections. She has co-authored a Chinese book on Alfred Kinsey, introducing the American Sex scientist to the new Chinese audience. She also translated John Money's publication of *Sex Error of the Body* into Chinese language.

She served as president for the Chinese American Librarians Association and is currently serving as a council member for the American Library Association. She received the 2008 Equality Award from the American Library Association.

(From <http://www.library.illinois.edu/China/programinchina/nov2009/bio.html#zhou>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"THE COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - The Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) consists of three members from CALA: Margaret S. Feng (chair), Lydia Luh, and **Liana Zhou**. This is an ad hoc task force serving for one year, e.g. 94/7-95/6. Our charges are to gather information about CALA members who serve in his/her community in any official/ nonofficial capacity such as volunteering to tutor English to new immigrants, Chinese school, library, community groups, or leadership in community affairs, etc. The main objective for this committee is to publicize CALA members' achievements and contributions to the community not only through his/her professional, but also through community /volunteer activities..." (CALA Newsletter, no. 63, February 1995, p.4)

"MIDWEST CHAPTER: INDIANA LOCAL SPRING PROGRAM REPORT - We had a wonderful meeting at the Mark Pi Restaurant in Greenwood, Indiana, with 18 people attending the program. The highlight of the meeting was the program on the World Wide Web. The program presenters are Jian Liu and Ma Xuan... Submitted by **Liana Zhou**, Chair, CALA/Indiana Local Chapter" (CALA Newsletter, no. 67, June 1996, p.4)

"Midwest Chapter [Report], by Liana Zhou - We had a wonderful conference day on May 10th, at Indianapolis, Indiana. The enthusiastic participants represented 4 states (Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois), totaling 31 attendees... The audiences are most impressed with Dr. Fong, Jian Liu, Julie Su, and Prof. Chang's presentations on how technology has evolved, how librarians should be the 'keeper of the knowledge,' how to organize electronic information, etc. Ms. Nelson's presentation on powerful speaking is educational and inspiring..." (CALA Newsletter, no. 70, June 1997, p.12)

Excerpts from President's Message (2002):

[The ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King] - "Attending the ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King early in the morning on January 21st in New Orleans was one of my highlights during the ALA Midwinter Conference this year..."

2001-2002 Liana Zhou

[Midwinter Board Meeting, Research and Scholarship Fund, Mentoring Program, Membership] – “I am pleased to report that we had a very productive Board Meeting on January 18th, with special thanks to Sally Tseng, our Executive Director who put in great amount of time and energy to prepare for this meeting. Ms. Katina Strauch and Dr. Carla Hayden, two ALA Presidential candidates, were invited to the meeting to present their visions for ALA. There were a number of decisions made during this meeting including the approval of CALA’s Huang Tso-ping & Wu Yao-yu Research and Scholarship Memorial Fund. In addressing CALA members’ needs to stay in touch with each other, I’d like to bring your attention to the Midwest Chapter’s Mentoring Program initiated and led by Vickie Full Doll and Pei-ling Wu. I hope other chapters will follow the fine example of pairing up your members so that new professionals can have seasoned librarians to communicate with. Membership drive is one of the main thrusts of this year. Please help bring in new members to the organization. Lisa Zhao, Chair of the Membership Committee has done a great deal in this regard...”

[Collaboration and cooperation: Joint Conference of Librarians of Colors, National Library of Medicine Preconference, Chinese Society of Library Science’s Annual Conference] – “Collaboration and cooperation are essential for CALA and its members. On that note, I have two items to bring to your attention. First, in year 2005, there will be a joint conference for librarians of color organized by AILA, APALA, BCALA, REFORMA (Associations or Caucuses for American Indian Librarians, African-American Librarians, Asian Pacific Librarians, Hispanic American Librarians) as well as CALA. The conference is entitled *Joint Conference of Librarians of Colors*. Sally Tseng, Angela Young, Zhijia Shen and I attended the first steering meeting which outlined its theme and mission. At the CALA Board meeting on January 18th, the Board unanimously approved that CALA commit itself to this first gathering of librarians of color to express our collective voice and strength. There will be many opportunities for CALA members to participate in planning for this conference in the coming years... Second, the National Library of Medicine is sponsoring a preconference, *Medical Resources for Diverse Communities @ Your Library*, training the trainers for librarians and library staff serving special populations... Collaboration and exchange with Chinese librarians during Chinese Society of Library Science’s Annual Conference held in Chengdu, China, fall of 2001, was another rewarding experience for CALA attendees led by Sally Tseng. Delegates all agreed that we learned much from our counterparts in China and were delighted to have the opportunity to share and explore...” (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 84, February 2002, p.1)

“Publications Committee [Report], by Diana Wu and Rosa Hsu... For Charge 3 (work with the editorial team for the publication of **the CALA 30th Anniversary Commemorative book**). Between the 2003 annual board meeting and now, the three editors (Zhijia Shen, **Liana Zhou**, and Karen Wei) have been working on manuscripts editing...” (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 70, March 2004, p.9)

“JCLC Representatives - Joint Conference of Librarians of Color scheduled for Oct. 2006 will be in Dallas, Texas and is a joint conference of 5 ethnic caucuses. CALA representatives are Linna Yu and **Liana Zhou**.” (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, August 2005, p.36)

“Great news and congratulations to Liana Zhou!! The Awards Committee unanimously selected **Liana Zhou as the recipient for the 2006 Distinguished Service Award**. Liana has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership ability within and outside of CALA. She has made significant contributions to librarianship, library and information science at the local, national and international levels. Liana first served as the vice chair and chair in CALA’s Indiana Chapter in 1994 and 1995. Immediately after that she became the president-elect and president in CALA’s Midwest Chapter in 1995 and 1996. She then served as the president-elect and president of CALA in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. In addition to these leadership positions, Liana also served in many of CALA’s committees, including being the co-editor of CALA’s 30th anniversary publication: *Bridging the Cultures: Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance at the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003*, published by Guangxi Normal University Press in 2004. She worked like an umbrella protecting benefits, creating opportunities, and building networks for all CALA members. Liana has also been very active at ALA, SLA, and the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC06).

Liana is a competent and vibrant library administrator, researcher, writer, and speaker. She serves as Head Librarian of the Kinsey Institute Library, overseeing all aspects of the Library including special collections, archives and films. She has more than 14 years of experience working with special collections, focusing on sexuality, gender and reproduction. By means of her own extensive research work, writings, and speeches she is able to enhance the reputation of the Institute and its treasured collections. Liana’s superior achievements and her outstanding contributions to her Library, her community, ALA, CALA, ACRL, the Chinese Sexology Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, JCLC06 and others make her a credit to our profession. The Awards Committee strongly believes that Liana deserves the recognition for which the CALA Distinguished Service Award is especially established and designed.” (Yu, Priscilla. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 95, September 2006, p.24)

2001-2002 Liana Zhou

"**JCLC Planning Committee** came up with 3 awards and 25 travel scholarships for students. The 3 awards are: the Best Author (five awards - one from each caucus), Distinguished Services Award (five awards - one from each caucus), Advocacy Award (five awards - one from each caucus), Travel Scholarship (25 scholarships - five from each caucus at \$1000 each). Please see details, application criteria and forms at <http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/jointconferenceoflibrariansofcolor/awardsandscholarships.htm>. You can also contact **Liana Zhou** and Linna Yu for more details."
(CALA Newsletter, no. 94, February 2006, p.2)



Picture on left: CALA President Haipeng Li and Executive Director Sally Tseng, on behalf of CALA, received another JCLC06 check in the amount of \$1,7000 from **Liana Zhou** and Linna Yu. CALA and the other 4 cosponsors (AILA, APALA, BCALA, REFORMA) benefited from the successful JCLC06 Conference with a total of \$27,000 for each caucus in addition to awards and scholarships.
(CALA Newsletter, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.3)

"**Liana Zhou Winner of the 2008 ALA Equality Award.** Please join me to congratulate Liana Zhou, CALA Past President, and Director of Library and Archives at the Kinsey Institute, Indiana University, on receiving the 2008 Equality Award by the American Library Association. The ALA Equality Award recognizes Liana Zhou's significant and outstanding contributions that promote equality in the library profession. The award includes \$500 and a 24k gold-

framed citation generously donated by Scarecrow Press, Inc... Sally C. Tseng, CALA Honorary Executive Director."
(CALA Newsletter, no. 98, Spring 2008, p.15)

"2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, by Yi Liang - Hong Xu and **Liana Zhou** both presented their great efforts to support and help **rebuild libraries in the Earthquake Disastrous Areas in China.**" (CALA Newsletter, no. 101, Fall 2009, p.26)

"Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant - On behalf of the 2009 Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant Committee, I'm pleased to inform you that **Liana Zhou** has been awarded \$1,000 from the **Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant** for her project titled '**Sex Education and Its History, Progress, and Struggles in the United States: Thoughts and Analysis for Today's Chinese Sex Educators.**' Congratulations, Liana! Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant Committee. Lian Ruan, Chair. Jian Anna Xiong. Yunshan Ye. Wenxian Zhang." (CALA Newsletter, no. 100, Spring 2009, p.5)

"To demonstrate CALA's commitment to diversity, CALA spearheaded a fundraising effort called '**Food, Fun and Fundraising for Diversity**' to encourage members at chapter and national levels to continue the support to the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program. Task Force chair **Liana Zhou**, together with Maria Fung and Sha Li Zhang as national co-coordinators have been successful in working with chapters on this CALA initiative." (CALA Newsletter, no. 105, Winter 2011, p.3)

"THE CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION'S PARTICIPATION In **THE 2nd NATIONAL JOINT CONFERENCE OF LIBRARIANS OF COLOR... TAKING DIVERSITY ONE STEP FURTHER: SUCCESS STORIES.** Introduced and moderated by Esther Lee, CALA President, five outstanding leaders from CALA each gave an excellent presentation...**Liana Zhou** talked on Building Diverse Collections and Relationships with Donors." (CALA Newsletter, no. 107, Fall 2012, p.12-13)

"Congratulations to Liana Zhou being identified as **the Chinese American Library Association winner of the Joint Conference for Librarians of color Advocacy Award.**" (CALA Newsletter, no. 107, Fall 2012, p.18)

"[Has your experience as a multicultural person affected your professional career? In what ways?] [Liana Zhou] It has given me a broader perspective to appreciate problems and solutions. In my work as director of library and archives, I am inspired by people's stories and collections of passion and aspirations. And I feel very privileged to be in the position to acquire, organize and preserve unique and amazing materials for scholars of now and future."
(Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership, July 2012)

2002-2003 Angela Yang



CALA President, 2002-2003

CALA Mentorship Program Committee, 2006-2007, 2005-2006

Brief Biography (生平)

Angela Yang, former President of Chinese American Librarians Association, 1992-1993. She received her M.L.S. from University of Oregon, and B.A. (Foreign Language and Literature) from National Taiwan University. Angela was the Manager of Fremont Libraries, and Manager of Alameda County Library Extension Services from 2002 to 2009. Fremont is the 4th largest city in the San Francisco Bay area, and is part of the Alameda County Library System. During her tenure at Fremont, she worked with City and County officials, departments, and community organizations; enlisted the support of strategic partners to obtain key resources and assistance to support the achievement of mutual goals. She led and implemented many multicultural library programs with the collaboration of local

school district and community organizations; and actively engaged the Chamber of Commerce, arts and cultural organizations, local print and non-print media to promote the library as a community information and cultural center. Prior to her arrival at Fremont, Angela spent eleven years as the first Outreach Services and Multicultural Services Librarian in the Research and Instructional Services Department at the University of California in Irvine. Where, in addition to providing research consultation, bibliographic instruction, and reference services, she planned and implemented UCI Library Outreach Services to Orange County community for resource sharing. Angela started her library career as a Children's Librarian, was later promoted to be branch manager and library administrator at San Diego Public Library. She participated in the planning and implementation of new library programs and services to children, senior adults, ethnic minority community, and adult literacy program. She was presented with the "Finest Citizen of the Finest City" Award in 1989 by the City Club of San Diego for her contribution to the city. Active in many professional and volunteer associations, she presented papers on various topics at conferences. She was a member of ALA Committee on Education and Committee on Orientation, Training, and Leadership Development; Assembly member of California Library Association and members of many CLA committees; various professional development and regional resource sharing planning committees at both California State Library and University of California Librarians Association. She was a California delegate to the Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and a delegate and translator to both U.S. - China Library Conferences. Angela has been a member of International Rotary, Literacy Volunteers of America, Local Historical and Cultural Foundations, Gifted and Talented Education Association, etc. Her most favorite gig was the volunteer kayak tour guide in Upper Newport Bay.

(Source: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/China/programinchina/May2011/abstract.html>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"**Angela Yang**, Membership Chair, reported that there are 87 CALA members in California, and they are revamping the recruitment brochure to let people know what are the benefits in joining CALA."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 51, February 1991, p.3)

"**CHAPTER NEWS - CALIFORNIA CHAPTER ...Angela Yang**, Outreach Librarian, San Diego Public Library, encouraged advocacy for public service in multicultural communities."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 51, February 1991, p.4)

"**1993 CALA ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM IN NEW ORLEANS** - Please mark your calendar and join us to celebrate CALA's 20th anniversary. Program Outline: Time: Monday, June 28, 1993... Theme: **Empowerment: the Asian American Perspective...**

Speakers: Joy Cherian, Commissioner of U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Prof. S.T. Hsieh, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Director of Pacific Rim Center, Tulane University; **Angela Yang**, U.C. Irvine, on Skills enhancement..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 57, February 1993, p.4)

"**CALA 1993 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: A REPORT** by Wilfred Fong - ... **Angela Yang**, Multicultural Services Librarian at the University of California Irvine, was the third speaker. Ms. Yang presented 'Stand Up, Speak, Enjoy: Enhance Our Public Speaking Skills,' a timely and important topic for many Asian Americans who were always shy of speaking in public. She suggested ways

2002-2003 Angela Yang

to prepare and present a good, professional speech, and to overcome the fear of public speaking. Ms. Yang had professional skills of public speaking. As she mentioned in her presentation, 'public speaking is a learned skill. It's simple, but complex...'" (CALA Newsletter, no. 59, October 1993, p.4)

"[The First] CHINA-U.S.A. LIBRARY CONFERENCE - Six CALA members have been selected to serve as translators. They are: Nancy Lee, Susan Liu, Amy Seetoo, **Angela Yang**, Sha Li Zhang, and Mia Wang Bassham." (CALA Newsletter, no. 67, June 1996, p.2)

"**Chapter Reports - California** (by Ja-Lih lee) ... CALA held a panel discussion on 'Public Library Services to Non-English Speaking customers' on Saturday, Nov. 13th. **Angela Yang** was the facilitator as well as one of the panelists at this meeting." (CALA Newsletter, no. 78, February 2000, p.5)

"As chair of the **2002 Conference Program Planning Committee** (members are Wen-Ling Liu, Wei Chi Poon and Harriet Ying), I can report that the 2002 ALA Conference program was a resounding success. Four outstanding speakers [Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Luis Herrera, Dr. Em Claire Knowles and Patty Wong] talked about different aspects of how Chinese American and Other Ethnic Librarians Building Library Community... By **Angela Yang**, CALA President 2002-2003" (CALA Newsletter, no. 86, November 2002, p.2)

Excerpts from President's Message (February 2003):

[Midwinter Board Meeting] - "All the CALA committees and local chapters have been thinking and working hard to carry out our missions to promote better communication among Chinese American librarians, to have a good forum for discussion of our mutual professional concerns, and to promote the development of Chinese and American librarianship. To that end, there was a very lengthy agenda, with 31 reports, at the Board meeting on Saturday, January 25. The hard working Board discussed, debated, and voted on many issues. Some of them include:

- Chapter Treasurer has to file a chapter **financial report** to the National Treasurer by January 31st each year, so that our organization can have enough time to file tax report to the IRS.
- A \$2,000 commitment was made from CALA towards the planning of the **Joint Conference of Librarians of Color**, to be held in 2005 (location to be decided). CALA representatives to the Planning Steering Committee are Zhijia Shen and Liana Zhou. Volunteers are very much needed for the planning of the important conference...
- The **distribution of CALA newsletters** in paper format. The president proposed a small budget this year for the printing and mailing of a paper copy to those who don't have convenient access to or don't prefer electronic copy...
- The **CALA Webmaster** will be an appointed position, not an elected position.
- All former presidents and executive directors will be invited to attend the **CALA 30th anniversary celebration** during ALA annual conference in Toronto. The Awards banquet will be held at the Bayview Garden restaurant on Sunday, June 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The California **chapter**, the Northeast chapter and the Midwest chapter shared their wonderful programs, field trips, parties and fundraising best practices in their reports. In our learning community, we find so many good teachers. We are so proud and appreciative of the good work the committees and local chapters have done. As part of our tradition during Midwinter, the **ALA presidential candidates** (Carol Brey and Herman Totten) were invited to briefly share their campaign statements with the board.

On a personal note, I attended the moving **memorial tribute of Dr. Arnulfo Trejo**, the founder of REFORMA on January 26. Beautiful music, elegant poems and loving speeches were given to celebrate his vision of making excellent library services to non-English speaking people a priority in this profession, his ability and passion of mentoring and developing future leaders in the field, his commitment to excellence in everything he touched."

(Yang, Angela. Message from the President. CALA Newsletter, no. 87, February 2003, p.1)

2002-2003 Angela Yang

"**Angela Yang**, 2002/03 president, proposed to launch 'each member brings a member' campaign. Hopefully, we can bring back at least 200 inactive and recruit 70 to 100 new members for the coming year..."

(Message from the President by Diana Wu. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, Fall 2005, p.1)

"**Mentor Committee Report - Angela Yang** has been providing mentorship to 3 mentees, including a junior librarian she herself recruited during a conference."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.19)

"**Library Branch Manager Angela Yang bids farewell to Fremont** - ...For the past six years, the pleasant voice and smile of Angela Yang has been a fixture of the Fremont libraries. Her demeanor and focus on the community has guided this institution through significant changes and difficult fiscal times... Recently, Angela announced her retirement as of May 3, 2008..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 98, Spring 2008, p.13)

"[Angela Yang] CALA provided unique professional and personal development opportunities for me. Working with colleagues on CALA committees and Board, and attending international conferences, helped broaden my appreciation and understanding of librarianship."

(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

2003-2004 Amy Tsiang



Brief Biography (生平)

Ms. Tsiang is Head of East Asian Library at University of California, Los Angeles, a position she has held from 1999... She is a long-time, active member of CALA. Ms. Tsiang was the CALA California Chapter President in 1988 and the Chapter Treasurer from 1980-1986. She has made significant contributions to CALA through serving on numerous committees. She has also played a significant role in various activities within American Library Association (ALA), Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), Council of East Asian Libraries (CEAL), Association for Asian Studies, and East Asian Academic Librarians of California (EAALC). Her dedication to the service of CEAL members is most noticeable and commendable at the national level. Ms. Tsiang is recognized for her outstanding leadership, strong

managerial and organizational skills, and innovation in library and information services at the national and international levels.

Ms. Amy Tsiang is an outstanding librarian as well as a prolific author. She has published numerous articles in scholarly and professional literature, ranging from a vast variety of topics including AACR2 and LCSH, Chinese librarianship, collection and services, library automation of Chinese materials in the USA, OCLC CJK cataloging system, Pinyin conversion, and various cataloging projects. She has also spoken widely on topics related to East Asian librarianship, in the U.S. and abroad. Ms. Amy Ching-fen Tsiang is the recipient of CALA 2000 Distinguished Services Award.

(Kuo, Jiun C. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 79, June 2000, p.5. Also available at: <http://cala-web.org/node/193>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"**CALIFORNIA CHAPTER AT THE 89th CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE** - In conjunction with the 89th California Library Association Conference, November 14-18, 1987, the CALA-California Chapter will present 'Public Library Services to Asian Americans.'... Moderator: **Amy Tsiang**, Oriental Library, University of California at Los Angeles..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 41, Summer 1987, p.14)

"**CALIFORNIA CHAPTER** - ...During the ensuing membership meeting, the following members were elected to the 1988 Chapter Board: **Amy Tsiang** (President), Gladys Chaw (Vice-President), Gloria Rogers (Secretary), Christa Chow (Membership Chair), and Janet Lai (Treasurer)..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 42, Winter 1988, p.4)

2003-2004 Amy Tsiang

Excerpts from President's Message (November 2003):

[2003 Program] - "... Since Dr. Hayden identified 'Equity of Access' as the topical focus for her term as ALA President, our 2003 program's topic 'Library Resources & Services for Chinese American/Canadian Communities' seemed to fit well. This year's Program Committee has planned on a very good 2004 program that supports the Equity of Access initiative and also accommodates the 2003 program. Some of the speakers who committed to attending in 2003 have kindly agreed to serve on the next year's program in Orlando."

[Facing budget cuts] - "California Governor recall, wildfire, and tight budget constraints are all part of daily routines close to home. Yet it is perhaps not uncommon to be engaged with the budget cuts in personnel, collection, and services elsewhere in the country. As academic libraries are striving to maintain the collection level as the most major concern, unfortunately public libraries have already been experiencing reduced hours. The economic recovery is not at full speed, however, a positive projection seems to be agreed upon in forecast."

For the extra burden born on our shoulders, I trust this is the time to explore new ways. CALA will also reach out to our peer organizations by participating in the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color'06. The CALA Board is committed to carrying out the duties by serving our members' interest. E-mail and online discussion forum played a significant role. CALA's forum is open for everybody to share his/her knowledge and experience. Together we can overcome the challenges and enrich our profession. I thank everybody's input and welcome everyone's comments and suggestions."
(Tsiang, Amy. President's Message. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 89, November 2003, p.1)

"The library is many things... Library is a safe shelter to many, regardless whether you are rich or poor, young or old. Despite of research suggesting that with electronic media the library as a physical place will disappear, the library stands strong as a place for community gathering, learning center, and symbolic domain. With more hiring freeze and layoffs possibility in queue, there is no doubt that eventually everyone will feel the heat. We hope we will gain more support in the next few years to come to help get the budget issue resolved. It would be sad to see library buildings closed during the weekends. Spring is also the season for hope. Let's work together and advocate more for libraries. We love our libraries and always want to make them better! Let's continue all the initiatives led by committees and chairpersons..."
(Tsiang, Amy. President's Message. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 90, Spring 2004, p.1)

"Membership Committee - Thanks to the great efforts of the President **Amy Tsiang**, Executive Director Sally Tseng, chapter presidents, and chapter membership chairs, we have had a big increase in membership this year. Our current membership has gone up to 503. There are 50 new members added to 2003 membership figure. We now have 147 total life members. We had sent membership drive letters to 96 potential new members in addition to the current members."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 90, Spring 2004, p.6)

"In order to help new officers get an easier head start, an **officer's handbook** is near completion. Dora Ho, **Amy Tsiang**, and Holly Yu spearheaded this important task..."
(Wu, Diana. Message from the Immediate - Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 90, Spring 2004, p.6)

CALA Presidents

2004-2005 Shixing Wen



CALA President, 2004-2005
CALA Executive Director, 2007-2008
CALA Board of Directors, 1998-2001
ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2006-2012

Brief Biography (生平)

Shixing graduated from Indiana University with an MLS degree in 1993. His first professional job was at the Southern Illinois University Library as Assistant Cataloging Librarian from 1994-1997. Then he joined the Florida Gulf Coast University Library as Technical Services Team Leader in 1997. He served as Coordinator of Technical Services at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2000. Later, for family reasons, he moved to Michigan and worked at the University of Michigan Library, initially as Head of Exchange and Gifts and later assuming other responsibilities, including Head of Monograph Receiving and Technology Coordinator.

Active in library professional associations, Shixing was President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (www.cala-web.org) in 2004-2005. He was elected as a Councilor-at-Large of the American Library Association in 2006 for a three-year term. He has been publishing *Chinese Librarianship: An International Journal* (www.iclc.us/cliej) since 1996.

Shixing's hometown is Hangzhou, China. Hangzhou is the capital city of Zhejiang Province, about 120 miles south of Shanghai. According to Wikipedia, Hangzhou was founded 2,200 years ago during the Qin Dynasty. It is listed as one of the Seven Ancient Capitals of China. The Venetian Marco Polo visited Hangzhou in the late 13th century and referred to the city as "beyond dispute the finest and the noblest in the world." An ancient Chinese saying goes, "There is a paradise in Heaven, and there are Suzhou and Hangzhou on Earth."

(*UMD Library Connection*, Volume 10, Issue 1, Fall 2006. From <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/newsletter/2006/fall-2006.htm>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"New Chapter Formed - A new **Florida chapter** has been formed during the mid-winter. Members in Florida wanted their own chapter. By following CALA Bylaws, they started a petition drive and obtained enough signatures. Mr. **Shixing Wen** presented the petition to the board and was approved, thus the birth of a new chapter. Congratulations. [By Harriet Ying.]"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 72, February 1998, p.14)

"News from CALA Chapters and Committees - Florida Chapter - The first annual meeting of the CALA's Florida Chapter was held in the Olin Library, Rollins College of Winter Park, Florida in the spring of 1999. Under the theme of reading Chinese on the Internet, **Shixing Wen** of the Florida Gulf Coast University and Wenxian Zhang of Rollins College demonstrated various ways of downloading special software programs from the Internet and searching web pages of Chinese language. CALA members from central and south Florida as well as local Chinese scholars attended and responded very positively to the annual meeting. (Contributed by Wenxian Zhang, Florida Chapter President)"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 77, September 1999, p.13)

"Shixing Wen, Head of Exchange & Gifts, and Monograph Receiving, University of Michigan Library, was recently appointed by Dr. Carla Hayden, ALA President, to serve on the **ALA Council Committee on Professional Ethics** for a two-year term from 2003 to 2005. Congratulations!"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 89, November 2003, p.8)

"CALA will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in Orlando, Florida in June 2004. **Shixing Wen**, Program Chair and the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Ying Zhang, have been working very hard on events. We shall hold a series of Board meetings and a membership meeting, and have an annual program and Awards Banquet... [by Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director]"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 90, Spring 2004, p.2)

2004-2005 Shixing Wen

Excerpts from President's Message (August 2005):

[CALA 2005 Program] - "At the beginning of the Year of the Rooster, let me wish you all happy, healthy, and prosperous! To echo the spirit of the Rooster, CALA 2005 Program is epithetically called '**Riding the Electronic Rooster: Equal Access Anytime, Anywhere in Your Language!**' The program has been designed under the leadership of Vice-President/President-Elect Diana Wu. The keynote speakers are Susan McGlamery (OCLC), Dr. Hao-Ren Ke (Associate Dean, Chiao-Tung University Library in Taiwan), Alma Ortega (University of California-San Diego), and Wilfred Fung (Assistant Dean, Business Information Technology, University of Ontario). We are looking forward to an illustrious and informative session on June 26 in Chicago!"

[2006 CALA Program Planning] - "In 2004, ALA requested that all ethnic caucuses plan their programs two years in advance. To accommodate ALA's request, I appointed an ad hoc committee for 2006 CALA program headed by Haipeng Li. In order to avoid appointing an ad hoc program committee each year, the Board has recently approved the Executive Committee's proposal to elect 2 Vice-Presidents/Presidents-Elect in the upcoming 2005 election..."

[CALA Online Election] - "Related to the 2005 election, the Board has recently approved the Executive Committee's proposal to conduct CALA elections online... I have appointed an ad hoc Election Committee (Amy Tsiang, Sally Tseng, and Shixing Wen). Those members with an email address will be provided with a username and password. The Taskforce on Electronic Vote, chaired by Jian Liu, is currently preparing for the online voting site. Those members who do not have an email address will receive a paper ballot."

The Joint Conference of Librarians of Color will be held in Adams Mark Hotel, Dallas, Texas, October 11-15, 2006. AILA, APALA, BCALA, CALA and REFORMA have each contributed \$2,000 as the seed money. I have set up a listserv (jclc@umich.edu) dedicated to the distribution of JCLC surveys and announcements. This will be the first joint conference of all ethnic caucuses in ALA history. I'd encourage you all to participate.

[JLIS Issue] - "The Publications Committee has recently conducted a survey of our members' interest in the *Journal of Library and Information Science*, published by the Graduate Institute of Library & Information Science, National Taiwan Normal University and CALA. The survey results show that most CALA members do not know JLIS is a joint publication and do not think that the coverage of the journal meet their interest. Based on the recommendations of the Publications Committee, I have appointed a team (Shixing Wen, Sally Tseng, Haipeng Li, and Zhijia Shen) to negotiate with NTNU and see if CALA can assume equal editorial authorities and thus cater better to our members' interest. Besides, we'd like to see that JLIS be published online so as to relieve CALA of an on-going financial burden of shipping charges."

"The **Membership** Committee, chaired by Jian Xiong and supported by all chapters, has done a great job. As you can see on the CALA listserv, 30 new members have joined CALA since July 2004, and quite a few members have upgraded to life membership. Li Fu has been redesigning the Membership web pages. A preview is available at: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/05members>. I'd encourage other committees to follow suit and make their committee web pages a valuable resource to our members. The Taskforce on Member Services, chaired by ShuYong Jiang, is currently conducting a survey. The survey results will reveal what areas our members need help and what areas CALA can enhance our services."

"**The Mentorship Program** is a service CALA provides to our junior members and library school students. Under the leadership of Vickie Doll and with the support from each chapter, currently we have 12 pairs of mentors and mentees. Some mentees are assigned 2 or more mentors to cover all areas they are interested in or need advice from our veteran members."

"**The Taskforce on Web Advertisements**, under the leadership of Li Fu, has created comprehensive guidelines for placing advertisements on the CALA website..."

(Wen, Shixing. Message from the President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 92, Spring 2005, p.1-2)

Excerpts from President's Message:

[CALA Online Election] - "CALA has successfully conducted its first online election. Thanks to the Nominating Committee under the leadership of Amy Tsiang, we have a strong pool of candidates this year. 61% of members with a valid email address have participated in the online election and 56% of members without an email address have mailed in their paper ballots. Sally Tseng, CALA Executive Director, together with Amy Tsiang and Maggie Wang, has tallied three times to ensure that the voting results are accurate and valid. Haipeng Li has been elected as the Vice-President/President-Elect for the tenure of 2005/2006 and Dora Ho as the Vice-President/President-Elect for the tenure of 2006/2007 respectively. Xudong Jin, Mengxiang Liu, Ying

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Xu, Linna Yu, and Priscilla Yu have been elected as Board members for the tenure of 2005-2008. Congratulations to them all!”

[Mentorship Program] - “CALA has launched its first national Mentorship Program... Under the visionary leadership of Vickie Doll, and with the able assistance from Ying Liu (CA), Ying Zhang (FL), Tammy Wong (MA), Xiaohong Xiao (MW), Carol Gee (NE), and Rosa Hsu (SW), the CALA Mentorship Program has attracted, in its first year, 21 mentors and 15 mentees, of which 6 are library school students. It is gratifying to learn that many participants find it helpful for their career development.”

“The establishment of the Taskforce on Member Services is a new initiative this year. Under the leadership of ShuYong Jiang, the Taskforce has diligently carried out their charges. ShuYong and Juan Wang have designed a comprehensive survey form on a wide range of CALA program and activities, Harry Ying and Xiwen Zhang have analyzed the data collected through the survey, and Wei Fu Bender has kept the records. The Taskforce has abided by the timeline it set in the beginning, followed a meticulous methodology of analysis, and made sound recommendations to the Board regarding how to improve services to our members.”

“Membership is the life and blood of any organizations. This year, the Membership Committee, under the innovative leadership of Jian Anna Xiong, with the assistance of the equally innovative Committee members Li Fu and Haiying Qian and each chapter’s membership committee, a record high of 46 new members have been recruited. What’s more, 30 members have upgraded their membership to Life members. That is really unprecedented! In addition, Li has designed a function-rich Membership website and Haiying has created, on a short notice, a beautiful camera-ready copy of the 2004-2005 Membership Directory with entries of 1,079 members. Another commendable feat is accomplished by Li, who has not only negotiated tirelessly with potential printers for a better price but also prepaid half of the Directory printing cost out of her own pocket. That exemplifies the very spirit of voluntarism and devotion to CALA!”

[Taskforce on Credit Card Use] - “In responding to our members’ need to pay membership dues with credit cards, this year I have appointed a Taskforce on Credit Card Use. Under the leadership of Yu-Lan Chou, the Taskforce has submitted 2 recommendations to the Board, which have approved both in Chicago. So it will be the first time in CALA’s history that our members have an option to pay their membership dues with credit cards.”

["Library Disaster Relief Fund" Contribution] - “CALA is the first professional library association that has contributed (\$3,940) to the ALA’s ‘Library Disaster Relief Fund’. It is a grassroots initiative, started by the Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter, in the wake of the Tsunami disaster, and materialized with Sally Tseng’s strong leadership and all chapters’ support. In a sense, CALA has prompted ALA to establish the first ‘Library Disaster Relief Fund’.”

[JLIS Agreement] “This is the first year that CALA has accepted paid advertisements on the CALA website. Thanks to a very comprehensive guideline drafted by Li Fu, Chair of the Taskforce on the Web Advertisements, we have so far placed 8 classified ads on the CALA website, with a total revenue of \$1,000 generated for CALA.

The Publications Committee, under the leadership of Haipeng Li, has worked on two major projects this year. It has conducted a survey of CALA members on the *Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS)* and made recommendations to the Board at Midwinter. I’m happy to report that Dr. Mei-Mei Wu, Editor-in-Chief of JLIS and I have agreed in principle that JLIS will be published online, starting in 2005 and free to CALA members and that CALA will assume full responsibility for publishing English papers.”

[Occasional Publication Series Proposal] - “Another project is proposed by Ming-Sun Poon, a Committee member, on CALA publishing an Occasional Publication Series so as to provide another channel for CALA members to publish research and scholarly papers. It is more flexible in publishing schedule as well as article length than that of a journal issue or a book. After rounds of feasibility studies, the Committee has recommended it for the Board to consider.”

[The president went on thanked the Scholarship Committee, the Awards Committee, Sally C. Tseng’s Professional Development Grant Committee and mentioned their awardees...]

“The 2006 Annual Conference Planning Committee, under the able leadership of Haipeng Li and with the active participation of Dongmei Cao, Chi-Chun Hsieh, Rosa Hsu, Angela Yang, Yunshan Ye, and Harriet Ying, has finished its initial planning for

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the CALA 2006 Program in New Orleans. Its program theme will be 'Chinese American Librarians: Identity and Professional Development.' Four keynote speakers have been selected: Xueming Bao (Systems/Digital Librarian, Seton Hall University Libraries), Patty Wong (Deputy Director of Stockton Public Library), Hwa-Wei Lee (Head of Asia Division, Library of Congress), and Mark Winston (Associate Professor, School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, Rutgers University).

Last but not the least, I'd like to commend the 2005 Program Local Arrangement Committee... To conclude, I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the CALA membership for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I'd like also to express my sincere appreciation to all CALA officers, board members, and committee/taskforce chairs and members for their unselfish contributions and innovative efforts that have culminated in the fine accomplishments of the 2004/2005 tenure."
(Message from the Immediate-Past President, by Shixing Wen. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, August 2005, p.3-5)

"Webmaster Major activities: Maintained and updated the CALA website. Prepared for and administered the 2005 CALA online election. Initiated a new source of revenue for CALA by posting paid job ads on the CALA website. Proposal approved by the Board. Created 8 library advertisements...under Classified Ads, with a total revenue of \$1,000 generated for CALA. Solicited 2 sponsors (Wanfang Data and Blackwell's Book Service) for the 2005 CALA Program, with a total revenue of \$600. Created the 2005 CALA Conference Program website. Moved the Mentorship website from University of Kansas to the CALA website. Created a Member Helpdesk. I'd recommend that the Web Advisory Committee be converted to a CALA standing committee of the Web Development Team with a staggered term of 3 years, headed by the Webmaster. Submitted by **Shixing Wen** (Webmaster)"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, August 2005, p.35)

"Under **Shixing Wen's** leadership, **on-line payment** has been implemented. CALA members can renew and pay membership dues on-line. Vendors are encouraged to pay for their advertisement electronically. With this new venue, payment is available 24x7 without geographical limitation."
(Message from the President Diana Wu. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 94, Spring 2006, p.1)

"Online Membership Directory – Minmin Qin is working with **Shixing Wen** to mount the membership directory online. This will make it easier to access the directory and to update the content."
(Message from the President Diana Wu. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 94, Spring 2006, p.2)

"Awards and Honors - This year, I am very proud to present to you Mr. **Shixing Wen** and Ms. Doris Tseng as the recipients of **2006 President's Recognition Award**. **Shixing established many 'first's' for CALA, e.g. CALA listserv, CALA website, online election, online payment, and online advertisement just to name a few.** For many years, he hosts CALA website in his company server free of charge. This saves CALA hundreds of dollars; more importantly, he manages all in an extremely efficient manner. He was 2004-05 CALA President."
(Wu, Diana. Message from the Immediate-Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 95, September 2006, p.4)

"My special thanks go to **Shixing Wen**, who has ably served in all three positions as the Newsletter Editor, the Listserv Administrator and the Webmaster, among others, for the past several years. His contributions to CALA are very much appreciated!"
(Li, Haipeng. From The Immediate Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.2-4, 12)

"[Shixing Wen] Leadership means that you not only have a firm belief in what is good for the profession but also courage to persist in a challenging situation. Another key element of leadership is integrity and altruism, without which you can't lead for long."
(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

CALA Presidents

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CALA President, 2005-2006
CALA Board of Director, 1997-2000
Mentorship Program Committee, 2009-2011
Annual Conference Program Planning Committee, 2004-2005
Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee Chair, 2000-2003

Sharing My Experience with CALA Friends for the 40th Anniversary

Y. Diana Wu

Early days

I started my career in library profession at San Jose State University Library in 1987 with two young children. At that time, Marjorie Li was CALA president. I was not active until 1990s, soon I was elected as the California chapter president. I was elected to be CALA president-elect in 2004. During these years, I have served as California chapter treasurer, Board of Director, chair of the following committees: PR/Fundraising Committee, Mentoring Committee, Nomination Committee, Program Planning, Local Arrangement; co-chair of Membership Committee, and member of Constitution & Bylaws Committee. According to Sheila Lai (then Executive Director), as chair of the PR/Fundraising Committee, I managed to raise enough fund to not just sufficient to cover all the expenses but with surplus for that year, including the printing of CALA Membership Directory. For the first time, no board members were expected to either chip in or help to get outside funding to cover the cost.

During my Tenure

1. As President-Elect

As Chair of the Program Planning Committee, I suggested the theme be "Riding the Electronic Rooster." It was the year of Rooster. The information technologies were evolving rapidly that allowed library to offer 24/7 online chat around the clock and around the world. We were very fortunate to invite 4 outstanding speakers: Susan McGlamery, Alma Ortage, Hao-Ren Ke, and Wilfred Fong. Susan McGlamery is queen and pioneer of 24/7 online chat. Alma Ortage is librarian at San Diego University where she offers online chat reference in Spanish language. Dr. Hao-Ren Ke was the Associate Dean of National Chiao-Tung University Library in Taiwan. He shared his insights as one of the pioneers to offer online chat reference in Chinese language. He came all the way from Taiwan just 4 days after his wedding with all his own expenses. Dr. Wilfred Fong was the Associate Dean of School of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

This program was a big hit at the ALA annual in Chicago. It attracted not only CALA members but member at large from all types of library with different level of responsibilities. I am very proud to lead a dedicated team who helped me putting this extraordinary program that shines at the ALA annual conference.

2. As President

As president in 2005-2006, I was facing big challenges since Katrina hit New Orleans. I worked remotely with committee members in Ohio, California, and Louisiana with many uncertainties. American Library Association decided to go as planned to have the annual conference in New Orleans. ALA was the first major convention held since Katrina. People in New Orleans were so grateful that passengers received VIP red-carpet with band at the airport. Half of the Convention Center was still under renovation from the damage.

The biggest challenge CALA Local Arrangement Committee was to find a local restaurant to hold the popular and famous annual

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fundraising banquet/service recognition ceremony. With helps from Amy Su Liu, Haipeng Li, Dora Ho, and other committee members, we were able to continue this tradition. Amy was the only local CALA member to help us with all the logistics when her home was destroyed by the hurricane and was misplaced to Texas. We were so grateful for Amy's help. Thank you!!

During my presidency, I initiated two major tasks: 1) to develop a handbook for CALA elected officers; 2) to create the Best Book Award. Thanks to Dora Ho's vision in helping me develop the Handbook. Cathy Lu helped set up guidelines and criteria for the Best Book Award. We were able to grant the first awards to the following authors: Amy Tan, Chieh Chieng, Cen Lan, Lisa Yee, Andrea Cheng, Chun Yu, and Ed Young. (see the photo dated June 2006, at ALA annual, New Orleans with publisher rep for Best Youth illustrated book: *Beyond the Great Mountain*). Read his interview by Paper Tigers at http://www.papertigers.org/interviews/archived_interviews/eyoung.html. To read the complete award list, go to <http://cala-web.org/files/newsletter/2006Fall.pdf>, on p.2.



I also got approval from the Board to have an official pennant and a gavel for the President as a gesture of presiding official meeting (see picture on right). This same year, CALA implemented online payment. Thanks to Shixing Wen and Holly Yu.

3. As Immediate Past President and Beyond

In this role, I not just chaired the Nomination Committee, I was later appointed by Dora Ho to chair the membership survey during her presidency. The main purpose of this survey is for self-assessment to find out how CALA has been doing and how CALA can better serve its members. This is the first time in CALA history. The return rate was 50%. The most desirable objective to join CALA is for professional development. The results have been published in *Journal of Library and Information Science* (see full article at Self-Assessment to Better Serve members of Chinese American Librarians Association, 35(1): 99-114, 2009). Click [CALA Self-Assessment](#) to read this article in full-text.

It's been a great experience to have the opportunity to serve CALA. This is a very diverse group of people with enthusiasms and passion. I would not be able to successfully accomplish all the above tasks without the generous support and assistance from our dedicated and talented members. Thank you for all your contributions to CALA.

My current job:

I am the Coordinator of Academic Services Department at the San Jose State University Library, California. There are 20 tenured or tenure-track and 7 part-time librarians. I am responsible for coordinating librarians work assignment and programs in Information Literacy, Collection Development, and Reference & Research Services. I also serve as the librarian liaison for WASC re-accreditation at San Jose State University, 2012-2015. I am also coordinating support for international students and extended programs. My subject expertise is in marketing/decision, management information systems, and transportation management.

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http://works.bepress.com/sjsu_diana_wu/

Brief Biography (生平)

Ms. Wu is the Coordinator of Academic Services at the San Jose State University Library. She is also the librarian coordinator for international students and programs. Her subject expertise is in business. She is a former council member of the American Library Association (ALA), the foremost professional organization for library professionals. Ms. Wu is a member of ALA Diversity Council from 2008 to 2010. She is a former president of Chinese American Librarians Association, which is an affiliate of ALA.

In 2007 Diana has been recognized as one of the 40 outstanding alumni by the School of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University to celebrate its 40th anniversary. She received a research grant from RUSA-BRASS, American Library Association, sponsored by Emerald Publishing Group. Ms. Wu has received many other awards and grants as well as has a substantial record of professional/scholarly publications and presentations. Her research areas include information literacy at workplace, lifelong learning, etc. She has very significant contribution in this field through research and publication. (Source: http://works.bepress.com/sjsu_diana_wu/)

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"I am pleased to let you know that **Diana Wu, Chair of the Public Relations Committee** is working diligently on publicity and raising funds for CALA's activities and scholarship funds..."

(Tseng, Sally C. Message from the Executive Director, *CALA Newsletter*, no. 81, February 2001, p.2)

"**Reaching Out to the Other Side of the Globe**, by **Diana Wu** – One of the highlights to celebrate the new millennium for libraries is the 'Sister Libraries' program initiated by the National Commission for Library and Information Services (NCLIS), which Hillary R. Clinton was the honored chair. The 'Sister Libraries' program was designed for public and school libraries to build a relationship with a library outside of the United States... Cupertino is a friendship city with Hsin-Chu City in Taiwan, so it made perfect sense to link the libraries together. As the Chairperson for the Cupertino Library Commission, it became apparent for me to bring to the Commission's attention and apply for the Sister Libraries program. In December 2000, I had the honor to represent the Cupertino Commission to visit the Hsin-Chu sister library..." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 84, February 2002, p.7)

"**Chapter reports: California Chapter**, by **Diana Wu**, CA Chapter President - CALA-CA co-sponsored two successful book talks by Iris Chang in Oakland (5/31/2003) and Cupertino (6/23/2003) with 200 and 130 attendees respectively. Her book 'The Chinese in America: a Narrative History' was well received. CALA-CA co-sponsored another book talk by Professor Qin Xiaomeng on "Heartbeats and Heartaches: Memoirs of a Chinese Intellectual Family"... CALA-CA board is working diligently on the program for the 2003 California Library Association annual conference to be held on Saturday, November 15, 2003 in Ontario. Program title: "Enhancing Library and Information Access: Implementations at the California State Library, the Library of Congress, and in China." Speakers: Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee... Dr. Kevin Starr... Xiwen Zhang..." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 89, November 2003, p.2)

"**Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee** - As charged by the president in July 2003, the committee is to continue ongoing efforts, in consultation with immediate past co-chairs **Diana Wu** and Esther Lee, to raise sufficient fund to safeguard the CALA Scholarship Programs for 2004..." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 90, Spring 2004, p.8)

"**2005 Conference Program Planning Committee** - The Committee members brainstormed on the topic and scope of 2005 CALA program at ALA annual... We came up with this wonderful idea of presenting: **Riding the Electronic Rooster: Virtual reference Services in User's Language**... At the 2005 ALA Annual Conference, we invite speakers from Canada, Taiwan and the United States to talk about the use of online live chat to reach users with different language needs, specifically in Chinese and Spanish. This program will include an overall picture on the current trends, staff training, user education, system/technical supports, marketing/promotion of such service... Submitted by **Y. Diana Wu** (Chair)" (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, Fall 2005, p.16)

"Southwest Chapter Report - Our annual program, entitled 'The Challenges of Serving Non-English Speaking Patrons in the E-Environment,' will take place on April 6, 2005 from 10:00 AM to 11:50 AM at the TLA conference in Austin. We are pleased to announce the three guest speakers for this program. **Diana Wu** (CALA vice president/president elect), Reference Librarian, San Jose State University, will present her topic 'Library Services Anytime Anywhere in Your Language...' by Peyyi Wann (President)." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 92, Spring 2005, p.10)

Excerpts from President's Message:

"2005-2006 has been a very challenging year and yet we managed to overcome many obstacles and accomplished very significant goals. Following are some major highlights:

Officer's Handbook: "In order to help new officers get an easier head start, an officer's handbook is near completion. Dora Ho, Amy Tsiang, and Holly Yu spearheaded this important task..."

Best New Book Award: "In order to help identify and promote outstanding works written by Chinese or Chinese American writers in North America with Chinese topics, the Best New Book Awards Committee was assembled in 2005. This new initiative was proposed by Cathy Lu, and co-chaired by Yi Liang, Julia Tung, and Ja-Lih Lee...They developed guidelines, application and review procedures, forms, and sent out a call for nominations in March 2006. The awardees were announced to the CALA listserv and a press release was issued and was published in ALA Cognotes at the annual conference on Monday, June 26, 2006..."

The First Joint Conference for Librarians of Color (JCLC): "This is the first in ALA history to hold a joint conference sponsored by the five ethnic caucuses; each caucus is entitled to sell 1000 raffle tickets. A shared of raffle tickets were distributed to each chapter presidents. The fundraising was very successful. 614 tickets have been sold. The Florida, NE, and SW chapters have

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sold their shares. The treasurer has sent a check to JCLC at the midwinter in San Antonio on CALA's behalf. The theme of the conference is 'Gathering at the Waters: Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories' to be held in Dallas, TX, October 11-15th, 2006..."

Official CALA Gavel: "An official CALA gavel has been ordered and was first used at the midwinter meeting. This is the symbol of presidency. It was passed on to Haipeng Li at the second Board meeting at the annual conference after the new president was installed."

CALA Pennant and Pencils: "Fifty mini pennants were ordered and distributed to the Executive Director and all chapter presidents at the midwinter meeting in San Antonio and at the annual conference in New Orleans. They are overwhelmingly popular and have been given to annual program speakers and other distinguished guests. The logo was designed by Annie Cheng, a member in California. An e-copy of the design was sent to the Executive Director for the CALA archive. One thousand pencils were ordered with CALA name and URL address. These pencils were distributed to chapter presidents/or the designees at the Board meeting. They were also distributed at the ALA affiliate booth and the Diversity fair."

English Journal Editorial Board Established: "An English editorial board has been formed for the joint CALA journal with Shida: *Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS)*. The editorial board members are in the process of getting this publication indexed in Social Science Citation Index and EBSCO database. It is already indexed in LISA, PAIS, and Ulrich's. Its English editorial board will be responsible for generating the English articles for inclusion in the journal."

Occasional Paper Series (OPS): "The Board approved Dr. Judy Jeng to be the first CALA OPS editor as recommended by the Publication Committee. The Board also approved the following documents in principle: OPS editorial statement and guidelines."

Awards and PR/Fundraising: "The fundraising this year was extremely successful; under Esther Lee and Linna Yu's leadership, \$6810 was raised..."

"This is an extraordinary year. Your support and great teamwork are most appreciated. I would like to thank each of you for all the efforts, energy and talents that you have devoted to CALA. It is really a privilege and honor to work with so many of you. Mission accomplished. Congratulations!"

(Wu, Diana. Message from the Immediate-Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 95, Fall 2006, p.2-4)

"Y. Diana Wu Receives an Emerald Research Grant Award - Y. Diana Wu, reference and instruction librarian, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, San Jose State University (Calif.), is a recipient of one the 2007 Emerald Research Grant Awards, administered by the Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS), a section of the Reference and Users Services Association (RUSA). This is one of two \$5,000 cash awards donated by Emerald Group Publishing Limited to an ALA member seeking support to conduct research in business librarianship."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.28)

"Diana Wu, Qi Chen and Win Shih were chosen to deliver **the first seminar in Taiwan on behalf of CALA**. The theme of this seminar is 'How to manage and evaluate academic libraries in digital era: experiences from the United States.'"

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 99, Winter 2008, p.5)

"North California Chapter Thinking Globally, Acting Globally Program, by Yiping Wang - The Chinese American Library Association, North California Chapter (CALA-NCA) undertook part of the Thinking Globally, Acting Globally (TGAG) Program, which was a cooperative program among San Jose Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chinese American Library Association, and supported by the IMLS grant. The reception was organized by CALA NCA members, Diane Lai, Yi Liang, Mengxiong Liu, **Diana Wu**, and Janet Lin. The program was a 7-days visiting trip for directors from China, who were Ms. Fengying Deng, Assistant Curator in Taiyuan Library; Ms. Yonghui Li, Deputy Director of Shandong Library; Mr. Yong Zhang, Director of Hunan Library; and Mr. Xuyan Tang, Director of Hubei Provincial Library..."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 103, Fall 2010, p.27)

"[What are the most challenging moments have you encountered as a leader and how did you overcome it?] [Diana Wu] When people challenge my authority. To overcome this challenge, I will find out what the challenge means. Often time, misunderstanding or miscommunication generates to this kind of challenge. Stay calm and find out the bottom line so a satisfactory solution can be worked on." (*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

CALA Presidents

2006-2007 Haipeng Li (李海鵬)



CALA Executive Director, 2008-2013
CALA President, 2006-2007
CALA MW Chapter President, 2002-2003
CALA Newsletter Editor, 2001-2004
JCLC Steering Committee Co-Chair, 2012
2008 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient
2009 CALA President's Recognition Award recipient
Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), life member
Hong Kong Baptist University, University Librarian

Committees (A Selected List):

Chair, Taskforce of CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series, 2007-2010
Co-Chair and CALA Rep for JCLC II Steering Committee, 2007-
Chair of the CALA Conference Planning Committee, 2005-2006
Chair of the Publications Committee, 2004-2005
Chair of the CALA 2006 Conference Planning Committee, 2004-2005
Chair of the Mentorship Committee, 2003-2004
Chair of the Nomination Committee of CALAMW Chapter, 2003-2004

Brief Biography (生平)

Haipeng Li is University Librarian at the Hong Kong Baptist University, leading the university libraries in strategic planning and development, among many other responsibilities. Prior to the position at Hong Kong Baptist University, he was Associate Director of the John Cotton Dana Library at Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, responsible for research support services, coordination of personnel administration, and library planning, assessment, and innovation. Before Rutgers, he had served as reference librarian at Oberlin College in Ohio, University of Arizona and Arizona State University.

Haipeng Li is active in professional services. He is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color 2012 (JCLC), Chair of the ALA IRC Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, served as President of the Chinese American Librarians Association 2006-2007 (CALA) and has been Executive Director of CALA since 2008. He has been actively promoting collaboration and exchange between libraries in China and the U.S. He is also chair of the Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee (JULAC) in Hong Kong.

Over the years, Haipeng Li has been involved in various leadership programs, providing training as well as mentoring services. His research areas include information literacy, library management and diversity, leadership development, international librarianship and global collaboration. He is frequently invited to speak at library events and serves as a consultant for academic libraries in China and the U.S. (Haipeng Li. *The Huffington Post*. Available at: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/haipeng-li/>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“**Chapter Reports: Midwest Chapter** - ...Haipeng Li, Program Leader, sent out an announcement to all library schools in the Midwest, inviting students to join our **Mentorship Program** on September 16...” (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, Fall 2005, p.3)

“**The Publications Committee**, under the leadership of **Haipeng Li**, has worked on two major projects this year. It has conducted a survey of CALA members on the *Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS)* and made recommendations to the Board at Midwinter... Another project is proposed by Ming-Sun Poon, a Committee member, on CALA publishing an Occasional Publication Series so as to provide another channel for CALA members to publish research and scholarly papers...” (Wen, Shixing. Message from the Immediate-Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 90, Spring 2004, p.4)

Excerpts from President's Message (Fall 2006):

[CALA 2006 annual conference] - “...all CALA events at ALA this year were very successful. It is apparent that CALA has gained

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more recognition in our profession over the years as more and more people have shown interest in our association. At ALA this year, we recruited nine new members, and more expressed interest in joining. We should be proud of our work and our members!

The CALA 2006 annual conference was very successful, thanks to the hard work of the 2006 Conference Planning Committee. The Committee consisted of Haipeng Li as Chair, Dongmei Cao, Chi-Chun Hsieh, Rosa Hsu, Angela Yang, Yunshan Ye, and Harriet Ying. My appreciation goes to all of them.

The theme of this year's annual conference, "**Chinese American Librarians: Identity and Professional Development**," was well reflected through the presentations by the four distinguished speakers: Dr. Xueming Bao, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dr. Mark Winston, and Ms. Patty Wong..."

[CALA 2006 Banquet] - "Organizing the CALA Annual Awards Banquet in New Orleans this year was a challenge because of Katrina... The number of people who came was far more than that of those who registered, and greatly exceeded our expectations. About 140 people showed up, including 34 delegates from China, five from Taiwan, and four ALA presidents! ..."

[CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Workshop Series] - "...This year, the CALA Midwest Chapter is piloting a project to conduct training workshops for Chinese librarians at Yunnan University in Kunming, China, from July 17-21, 2006. The title of this project is: 'CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Workshop Series.' This project will prove to have long term impacts on the promotion of Chinese librarianship..."

[CALA Delegation to the Library Society of China Annual Conference] - "This is an exciting time for all of us. Particularly with China's increasing recognition and importance on the world stage, there is a lot that CALA can do as an organization to promote Chinese librarianship. I will be heading a CALA delegation of 14 to the Library Society of China Annual Conference this year, also held in the city of Kunming, where most of us attending the conference will be presenting. I am glad to see the active participation of our members in this conference."

"As previously announced, all CALA 2006-07 officers are installed and committee chairs and members have been appointed. We have a strong team this year and I know you all are eager to get started. I believe this will be a wonderful year and I am greatly looking forward to working with all of you!"

(Li, Haipeng. Message from the President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 95, Fall 2006, p.1-2)

"ALA President Leslie Burger's initiative: Emerging Leader's Program - ALA President, Leslie Burger, is seeking emerging leaders to participate in an exciting initiative in our profession. This new initiative will 'enable 100 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership'... To support President Burger's Emerging Leaders Program and with the intent to develop leadership potential among CALA members, the CALA Executive Board has approved a \$500 sponsorship each to two CALA members interested in the ALA Emerging Leaders Program and non-monetary sponsorship to four other CALA members interested in the program...**Haipeng Li, CALA President**" (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 95, Fall 2006, p.42)

Excerpts from The Immediate Past President's Message (2007):

"...At the board meeting in Seattle, the CALA Board approved some important initiatives. Since then, the Board has had 5 online discussion meetings where other important issues have been discussed and approved. The following are the major highlights: **CALA 2010 Strategic Planning**...The Strategic Planning Task Force, which included Sha Li Zhang as Chair, Mengxiong Liu, and Harriet Ying, continued to work on the CALA 2010 Strategic Planning document this year..."

CALA Special Award for Sally Tseng...to recognize and celebrate her devotion, commitment and passion for CALA for over 30 years...

CALA Presidents Recognition Award... Xudong Jin and Guoqing Li, Co-Chairs of the International Relations Committee, have won the CALA Presidents Recognition Award this year.

CALA Participation in JCLC. CALA leaders and members actively engaged in the planning and participation in the first JCLC conference in October 2006, in Dallas, Texas...

CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series Program. The CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series project is going very well this year... 16 CALA members have been selected to conduct these seminars in July of 2007, including ALA Past President Barbara Ford, our life member...

CALA Investments... The Board approved that CALA take actions in investing at the Seattle Board meeting...

Fundraising. We have made great progress this year on every front in fundraising for CALA... [The total amount raised are:] \$45,275.

2006-2007 Haipeng Li (李海鵬)

Book Collaboration for CALA Members. A group of CALA members worked together and have written a book entitled: *Academic Libraries in the United States for the 21st Century: Theories and Practices*. This is a group effort of 12 CALA members working together under the leadership of IRC Co-chairs, Xudong Jin and Guoqing Li.

Southeast Chapter. CALA has established a new Southeast Chapter, which was approved by the CALA Board at the Seattle Board meeting. This Chapter includes 7 states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Chapter Websites. Thanks to the efforts from all chapter presidents and our Webmaster, Shixing Wen, currently all chapters have completed the project of creating and updating their websites.

JLIS. The collaboration between CALA and National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) on the publication of the *Journal of Library and Information Science* is moving forward...

CALA Constitution & Bylaws [revisions and amendments].

Life Membership Fee Reduction [from \$400 to \$300].

Task Force on Code of Ethics..."

(Haipeng, Li. From The Immediate Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.2-4, 12)



"Report on **Fourth China-US Library Conference**. October 23-25 2007 at OCLC, Dublin, Ohio. From Oct. 22-25, the 4th China-US Library Conference was held at OCLC, Dublin, Ohio. 50 delegates from China and US gathered together at OCLC for the 4th China-US Library Conference. Among the US delegates, **Haipeng Li** and Xudong Jin attended the conference, representing CALA; Shuyong Jiang, Guoqing Li, Haipeng Li and Haiwang Yuan from the CALA Midwest Chapter provided simultaneous interpretation at the conference..." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.6)

"Under the extraordinary leadership from **Haipeng Li**, CALA Executive Director and Chair for the CALA 21st Century Librarian

Participants of the Fourth China-US Library Conference.

Seminar Project Taskforce, and Lisa Zhao, Chair of the CALA International Relations Committee, three successful **CALA seminars** were conducted in Yunnan, Hubei, and Taiwan since July 2008."

(Zhang, ShaLi. A Message from CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 99, Winter 2008, p.2)

"**CALA Distinguished Service Award Haipeng Li** - Mr. Li is the Reference Librarian/Outreach Coordinator at the Oberlin College Library, a position he has held from 1993 to the present. In addition to outstanding leadership and achievements in his current job, as stated by Dr. Ray English, Mr. Li is a long-time, active member of CALA, serving in a variety of capacities from chapter presidency, CALA committee membership, to CALA committee chair. He has demonstrated distinguished contributions and services both at the national and international levels to the advancement of librarianship, particularly to Chinese-American librarianship. In addition to his service on numerous CALA committees over the years, Mr. Li was the CALA Newsletter Editor, 2000-2003, CALA Vice President/President Elect, 2005-2006, CALA President 2006-2007, just to name a few.

As pointed out by Ms. Barbara Ford, Mr. Li's appointment to the ALA International Relations Committee itself is quite an accomplishment. Also, his leadership role in the National Joint Conference for Librarians of Color program has undeniably been impressive.

The committee is especially impressed with Mr. Li's accomplishment in establishing the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series along with a team of CALA members, which is an innovative program that has been a great success in providing professional development opportunities for librarians in the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Li has been instrumental in moving forward the

2006-2007 Haipeng Li (李海鵬)

proposal to the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services that will allow this program to expand and grow in new ways. During his presidency, Mr. Li worked with other devoted CALA members to raise the largest funds (over \$50,000) in CALA history. As Ms. Ford stated, CALA has a long history of substantial programs and activities, and Mr. Li led the organization to additional innovative contributions and programs.

Mr. Li's outstanding leadership, strong managerial and organizational skills, and innovation in library and information services are clearly reflected in his supporting materials. The committee shares the sentiment expressed by his references that Mr. Li's effort has truly helped CALA and its members gain greater national and global visibilities. Moreover, Mr. Li has consistently been a strong advocate in providing mentorship to the new, emerging Chinese-American librarians.

Mr. Li is a prolific author. He has published numerous articles in the scholarly and professional literature, ranging from a vast variety of topics including diversity, leadership, information literacy, international librarianship, 21st Century reference services, just to name a few.

Mr. Li has also been invited to serve as reviewer for peer reviewed journals and granting agencies. Mr. Li has been a much sought-after speaker at state, national, and international conferences.

Furthermore, Mr. Li has received numerous recognitions, awards, honors, and grants from prestigious professional organizations, such as ALA, the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), Oberlin Shansi Association, Library Society of China (LSC), Beijing Normal University, etc.

A devoted library professional for over 16 years, Mr. Li has ably demonstrated his leadership in this field. The Awards Committee recognizes his outstanding contributions and services to CALA and Chinese-American Librarianship.

The 2008 Awards Committee: Jiun Kuo, chair, Elaine Dong, Jie Huang, Miao Jin, Li Sun"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 99, Winter 2008, p.14)

"Dr. Sha Li Zhang: I was very lucky for having unwavering support from **Haipeng Li**, then CALA interim Executive Director who has much needed knowledge on CALA's ongoing operations, regular communication with ALA and other library associations, and operational protocols and procedures." (Spotlight on Dr. Sha Li Zhang. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 103, Fall 2010, p.12)

"**2011 Conference Program Committee Annual Report**, June 19, 2011. - During and after the Midwinter meeting, the Committee Chairperson and the CALA Executive Director **Haipeng Li**, reached out to nine ALA offices, ethnic caucus organizations and library associations with aligned interest in the program theme to co-sponsor (name only) the program. All of them have enthusiastically agreed to support... The program theme 'Embracing the Change: Diversity and Global Vision in a Digital Age' sets the tone for the 2011-12 CALA Presidential Initiatives... The Chairperson [Min Chou] would like to thank CALA Executive Director Haipeng Li for his important role in the successful fundraising achievement..."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 105, Winter 2011, p.28)

"**JCLC CONFERENCE** - In September 2012, CALA had a strong presence at the 2nd national Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) in Kansas City, Sept. 19-23, 2012. Along with the other four caucuses (AILA, APALA, BALA, & REFORMA), CALA was one of the Co-Sponsors of the Conference, and **Haipeng Li** was one of the two Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee, while Dora Ho is another CALA Representative to the JCLC Steering Committee."
(Lee, Esther. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 107, Fall 2012, p.2)

"THE CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION'S PARTICIPATION in **THE 2nd NATIONAL JOINT CONFERENCE OF LIBRARIANS OF COLOR** - ...**Haipeng Li** talked on Library Collaboration and Global Outreach. Haipeng is a former President of CALA, the Executive Director of CALA, and the University Librarian of the Hong Kong Baptist University. He has received the CALA Distinguished Service Award, the CALA President's Recognition Award, and the ALA President's International Innovative Project Award." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 107, Fall 2012, p.12-13)

"[**Haipeng Li**] Leadership means taking risks, and creating opportunities, for others as well as for yourself."
(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

2007-2008 Dora Ho



ALA Executive Board (2012-2014)
ALA Councilor at large for three terms
CALA President, 2007-2008
CALA Board of Directors, 1998-2001, 2008-2009
CALA Treasurer, 2001-2004, 2004-2007
CALA JCLC Scholarship Taskforce, 2012
CALA Election Ad hoc Committee, 2012

Brief Biography (生平)

Ms Dora Ho, Young Adult Service Librarian/Program Specialist at Los Angeles Public Library, is a long-time and life member of CALA and has served in many leadership roles. She was the 2007-2008 President and 2001-2006 Treasurer of CALA, and a member of the Board of Directors for many years. She has chaired numerous committees, of which many led to great successes of projects that significantly impacted our organization and library communities.

Among many of the successful committees and projects that Dora chaired is the great effort to develop the *CALA Organization Manual*. In 2005, as part of President Diana Wu's initiative, Dora was appointed chair of the *Taskforce on Handbook of Officers*, which is now titled *CALA Organization Manual*, to provide the needed organizational guidelines and instructions for CALA officers. During Dora's presidency in 2007-08, she appointed a new taskforce chair to continue the work, which led to the completion and publication of the first edition of the handbook. Since 2010, she once again has served as chair of the taskforce to revise and update the manual. Dora has been instrumental in developing this significant document, which is essential in enhancing CALA as a professional organization and will benefit many new CALA leaders in years to come.

Besides her contributions and involvement with CALA, Dora has also accomplished significantly through her active participation in ALA, APALA, and JCLC. She has maintained an outstanding service record and developed a successful trajectory of leadership. She has served as a member, chair or co-chair, and in other leadership roles on numerous ALA committees. Since 2003, she has been elected and re-elected to serve for three terms as an ALA Councilor at large, and has recently been elected to the ALA Executive Board for 2012-2014.

Dora's excellent example has inspired many CALA members. Her special contributions to CALA through her hard work and distinguished leadership in developing the *CALA Organization Manual* have made a great impact on our organization. (2011 CALA President Recognition Award Announcement. Available at: <http://cala-web.org/node/1320>)

Message to CALA (祝語)

"It was a great honor to serve as the 2007-2008 president of the Chinese American Librarians Association. Because of the strengths and diversity of CALA members, the association is able to withstand forty years of tradition of promoting Chinese American librarianship. I hope that leaders in the future will continue to uphold this mission. During the 2007-2008, there had been more challenges. However that was a very rewarding year for me as the president because I was able to learn how to deal with difficult situations yet still fulfilled my duties as the president of the association. I hope that presidents in the future will have smoother year than I did. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the members who gave me the support and dedication during my term of your president."

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"**Membership Committee**- CALA has a big increase in membership this year. Our current membership has gone up to 365. We have 16 new life membership added to last year's figure, which made a total of 118 life membership. In addition, we have recovered 27 members, who have not renewed their membership for two or more years. So far, we have received \$1300 for advertisements and will be getting \$800 more after the directory is printed. Furthermore, we sold two sets of membership labels this year for a total of \$200. (Contributed by **Dora Ho**, Committee Co-chair)"
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 80, September 2000, p.7)

2007-2008 Dora Ho

“Call for Donation to the CALA Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, September 4, 2005. - ...Now these heartbreaking news caused by the Hurricane Katrina happened in the United States in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. We would like to call your financial support to some of our members or libraries in these disastrous areas. **Dora Ho**, CALA Treasurer and 2006/2007 President-Elect has set up a special account for CALA’s Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund...”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 80, August 2005, p.8)

“Treasurer and Finance Committee Reports and Proposals - Dora Ho/Esther Lee - The Board approved a Proposal by the Finance Committee to invest CALA special funds in mutual funds. Esther Lee and Dora Ho will investigate this matter and report back to the Board.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 92, Spring 2005, p.4)

Excerpts from President’s Message (Fall 2007):

[21st Century Librarians Seminars] - “During the past summer, CALA had conducted several successful 21st Century Librarians Seminars. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the project leaders: Xudong Jin, Haipeng Li, and Guoqing Li. This year the seminars were held in Jilin, Shanxi, and Yunnan. I had the privilege of joining the dynamic team of librarians who taught at the Yunnan Provincial Library; team members were Caroline Xiaofang Han, Jing Liu, Xudong Jin and myself. I was particularly delighted to see the enthusiasm of the participants who attended the training sessions. They had many questions regarding library services in the United States. Because of my recent team member experience, I have a better understanding of the tremendous amount of preparation required for these seminars. I applauded everyone for the hard work and efforts in this rewarding endeavor.”

[Library Society of China’s Annual Conference] – “In August, I participated in the Library Society of China’s Annual Conference in Lanzhou, China... Guoqing Li represented CALA on stage at the conferences general opening session. Mr. Li addressed the members of the Library Society of China in Chinese. He informed all participants about our on-going projects...Many of our own CALA members won awards for their research papers... Both of my trips to China this past summer have been rewarding to me. The acquaintances and friendships that I made over the summer are definitely worthwhile. I look forward to future opportunities in other CALA projects.”

[Committees Projects] - “This year, I have directed several committees to work on important projects to better serve our members and to provide more opportunities for membership participation:

1) **Expanding on the 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series to other regions of China:** Thanks to Guoqing Li, who was instrumental in contacting the Dongguan Library in Southeast China. Another team of librarians will be conducting another 21st Century Librarian Training Seminar in December 2007. They will be training public librarians from the Dongguan Public Library.

2) **Officers Handbook:** The Officers Handbook is in its final stage. Members of the committee are busy editing and formatting the contents so that a prototype will be ready for the board at the Midwinter Meeting.

3) **Self-Assessment Study Survey:** This year a task force is in charge of the Self-Assessment Study of the association. They will conduct surveys among CALA members to determine how the association is meeting their needs. I am eager to see the results of the survey so that the executive committee can develop more participation opportunities and improve services for our members.

4) **Membership Brochure:** The Publication Committee is in the development phase of a membership brochure. The brochure will be used at conferences and chapter programs in order to provide information for new members.

Currently, all of the committee chairs and chapter officers are busy with each of their prospective projects. I am excited to be working with all of them and I am looking forward to a prosperous year for CALA.”
(Ho, Dora. FROM CALA PRESIDENT. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.1)

“CALA Alire Initiative Taskforce - Based on ALA President Camila Alire's message, the CALA Alire Initiative Taskforce was established on July 22. Under the leadership of Nancy Sun Hershoff and **Dora Ho**, in only 40 days, they finished two documents. The project name is Dai Dai Xiang Chuan (代代相传/袋袋相传): Bridging Generations, A Bag at A Time...”
(Jin, Xudong. A Message from CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 101, Fall 2007, p.5)

2007-2008 Dora Ho

"Any handbook or organizational manual needs updating and maintenance to include new information and guidelines and to correct errors and discrepancies. The current Task Force on the **CALA Handbook of Officers** chaired by **Dora Ho**, who has chaired three of the four past taskforces and appointed one when she was CALA President (2007-08), has worked effectively to update the handbook. Through years of hard work of the task forces, CALA has accumulated much valuable experience in developing and maintaining this important document. Under Dora's leadership, this year the task force made a well-considered motion for the Board's approval to change the handbook task force to a CALA standing committee with the new name of CALA Organizational Manual Committee."

(Shen, Zhijia. A Message from CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 104, Spring 2011, p.3)

"2011 CALA President Recognition Award Announcement - I take great pleasure and pride in announcing that Ms. **Dora Ho**, Ms. Priscilla Yu, and Dr. Camila Alire are the recipients of the 2011 CALA President Recognition Award. The award was in recognition of their great enthusiasm, hard work, dedication, and outstanding contributions to CALA in the past year, and their extraordinary leadership and achievements in the advancement of the library profession. All recipients are nominated by CALA President, supported by glowing recommendations from CALA members and veteran CALA officers. I enthusiastically invite you all to join me in congratulating Ms. Dora Ho, Ms. Priscilla Yu, and Dr. Camila Alire for their outstanding achievements.

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(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 105, Winter 2011, p.19)

"[Dora Ho] Librarians require many skills to be successful. Yet, there are several important ones that they must possess: Communication, Code of ethics, organization skills, being able to take criticism and accept them and willingness to change for the better."

(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

CALA Presidents

2008-2009 Shali Zhang (張沙麗)



Dean of Libraries and Professor, University of Montana, a flagship university in the state, 2012 –

ALA Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship Jury Committee Chair, 2013-2014

ALA International Relations Committee Chair, 2010-2012

ALA International Relations Round Table Chair, 2009-2010

CALA President, 2008-2009

CALA Board of Directors: three terms

ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2004-2007

Brief Biography (生平)

Education:

B.A. from Lanzhou University, 1982

MLIS from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1988

Ph.D. from Kansas State University, 2004

Services to the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA):

2013-2016: Member of Board of Directors, an elected position

2012-2014: Co-liaison for CALA to IFLA

2012-2013: Chair, CALA Presidential Initiatives

2010-2011: Member, CALA Strategic Planning Task Force

2009-2010: Chair, Nominating Committee

2007-2008: President-Elect

2008-2009: President, an elected position

2009-2010: Immediate past president

2005-2007: Chair, CALA Strategic Planning Task Force, helped develop CALA's first Strategic Plan

2004-2007: Member of the Board of Directors, an elected position

2005-2006: Chair, Publications Committee

2004-2005: Chair, Scholarship Committee

2001-2004: Member of the Board of Directors, an elected position

2001-2002: Co-Chair, Awards Committee

1998-1999: Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee

1996-1998: Chair, International Relations Committee

Major awards:

American Library Association/International Relations Committee's John Ames /Humphrey/OCLC/Forest Press Award, to an individual for significant contribution to international librarianship, June 2014

Outstanding Alumni Award, School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2013

Distinguished Services Award at the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), Kansas City, Missouri, September 2012

Presidential Recognition Award by the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), 2012

Distinguished Service Award by Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), 2007

AMIGOS Year 2000 Fellowship Award, 2000.

American Library Association (ALA) STEP Award, 1987.



Shali Zhang receives the CALA Distinguished Services Awards, 2007. Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director, Haipeng Li, CALA President, and Rosann Bazirjian, Dean of Libraries at the UNC Greensboro, presented the award to Shali.

Expanding Horizons

Shali Zhang

[Message to CALA] On the occasion of celebrating CALA's 40th birthday, I want to express my deep appreciations to the CALA founders whose vision, passion, and professionalism have guided CALA to continue growing into and becoming a leading international library association, with its membership, professional affiliations, and services and programs around the globe. Serving as CALA President, on CALA committees, and other positions helped me develop leadership skill, expand my horizons beyond my daily library work, and connect me with many excellent librarians who are my role models in my library career. It is always gratifying feeling to see that more CALA members progress well toward their professional goals and take leadership positions in the field of library and information sciences. I want to take this opportunity to wish CALA the best for the next 40 years!

Participating in the first China – U.S. Library Conference

Shali Zhang's first CALA appointment was Chair of the International Relations Committee, 1996-1998. In August 1996, Shali and a group of CALA members were selected to serve as interpreters for the first China – U.S. Library Conference held in Beijing, China, prior to the 1996 IFLA Congress. At the Conference, Shali helped translate 11 panel sessions from English to Chinese and vice versa, and facilitated informal conversations among library colleagues from U.S. and China.



Shali Zhang and other CALA members at the Confernece, Beijing, 1996.



Shali Zhang with Dr. Betty Turock, ALA President 1996-1997, at the Conference.



The group of CALA translators has a reunion at the 2008 ALA Annual Conference, with Dr. Beverly Lynch, one of the conference series organizers.



Shali Zhang served as a Steering Committee member at the China-North America Library Conference held in Beijing, 2010.

2008-2009 Shali Zhang (張沙麗)

Serving as CALA President, 2008-2009

Shali Zhang served CALA President in 2008 – 2009. During her term, Shali focused on membership recruitment, enhancing services to CALA members, global outreach, and implementing CALA's Strategic Plan 2010. Through her efforts, CALA's membership increased 20 percent, despite of severe economic climate in U.S. in 2009; the first group of CALA members participated in the Think Globally Act Globally project in China which was funded by IMLS; CALA Board approved funding for establishing CALA Conference Travel Grants in supporting CALA members' participations in professional conferences.



As CALA President, Shali met with Dr. Joyce Chao-chen Chen, Taiwan Library Association President, at 2009 ALA Annual Conference.



Shali Zhang at the Think Globally Act Globally project opening ceremony at the National Library of China, May 2009. The program was funded by the IMLS grant.



Shali Zhang presents a CALA congratulatory gift to the officials of the National Library of China in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Library.



Shali Zhang representing CALA at the opening ceremony of the Library Society of China 2008 Annual Conference in Chongqing, China.

Directing a diversity recruitment project

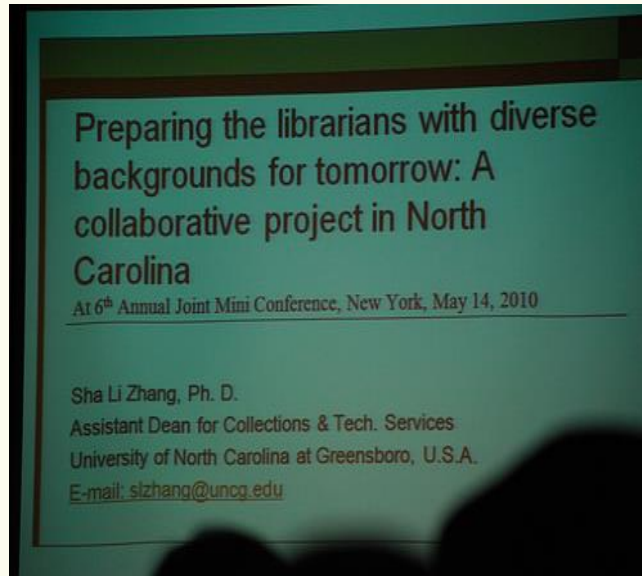
From 2008 through 2012, with her colleagues at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Libraries and the Department of Library and Information Studies, Shali Zhang was Project Director/Principal Investigator (PI) for two federal grants of close \$1.8 million from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)/Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, on a diversity recruitment projects, "Academic and Cultural Enrichment (ACE) Scholars Program: Collaborating with Libraries to Recruit and

2008-2009 Shali Zhang (張沙麗)

Prepare Ethnic Minority Librarians for the 21 Century. The ACE Scholars Program recruited a total of 34 students with culturally diverse backgrounds into a Master degree of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program at University of North Carolina in Greensboro. The project helped increase the number of librarians of color in the profession.



Shali Zhang presents a poster session on the diversity recruitment project at the ALA Annual Conference, 2009.



Shali Zhang gives a presentation at the 6th Annual Joint Mini Conference in New York, 2010.



Shali Zhang was invited to speak to a group of high school students at One-day Scholarship event at the ALA Annual Conference 2009. The event intends to recruit colored high school students into the LIS field.

2008-2009 Shali Zhang (張沙麗)

Sharing knowledge and connecting with library colleagues around the globe

Through her professional career, Shali Zhang visited numerous countries to give presentations, provide training sessions, and serve as a consultant. Here are a few examples:

- In 2007, upon invitations from Vice Rector of the Ivanovo State Textile Academy in Ivanovo, Russia, Dr. Zhang and the University of North Carolina in Greensboro (UNCG)'s team visited the Russian institution, met with library staff, and talked about budgetary models for library operations. Their visits helped the library develop a budget model to ensure the library's annual acquisitions funds.
- In 2008, Dr. Zhang and her UNCG team visited the Chiang Mai University and Payap University in Chiang Mai, and the Library at the Department of Science and Technology (a government library) in Bangkok, Thailand where they were invited to share best practices with subject liaisons serving academic departments and library budgetary models in U.S.
- In May 2009, Dr. Zhang led the first team from the Think Globally, Act Globally, U.S. – China Librarians Collaboration Project funded by IMLS in U.S. and the Ministry of Cultures in China. CALA is a partner of this collaborative project. Many CALA members participated in it. Dr. Zhang and her team participated in the opening ceremony of the Project at the National Library of China in Beijing and conducted a series of continuing education programs in Nanjing, China. The programs served not only as a platform to discuss the issues and share the ideas that librarians faced in U.S. and China, but also as an excellent networking opportunity with library colleagues in China. The bounds established through this connection helped generate new projects and initiatives among the libraries and librarians in both countries. Dr. Zhang was also a member of the Steering Committee of this project.



Shali Zhang speaks at the Chiang Mai University Library, Thailand, 2008.



Shali Zhang was at a meeting with library staff of the Ivanovo State Textile Academy (IGTA), Russia, 2007.



Shali Zhang visited the Department of Science and Technology Library in Bangkok, Thailand, 2008.

2008-2009 Shali Zhang (張沙麗)



Shali Zhang speaks to the Library Directors' Forum at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, 2010.



Shali Zhang with librarians at the University of Malaysian Technology, 2013.

Moving to Montana and going to wild, wild west

In 2012, Shali Zhang took new challenges and became Dean of the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana. The Library was named after the Montana's long-time senator Mike Mansfield who also served U.S. Ambassador to Japan from 1977 to 1988. Shali has provided a leadership role in many of the library's major programs and initiatives since she took the position. Shali also appreciates the beautiful scenes of the region, with mountains, rivers, lakes, trees, snow, and the most importantly, the people in the region who have wonderful work ethics, spirit of independency, and love for outdoor activities. Shali has kept running and hiking, visited back countries, and learned to be a better downhill skier.



Shali Zhang became Dean of the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana in October 2012.

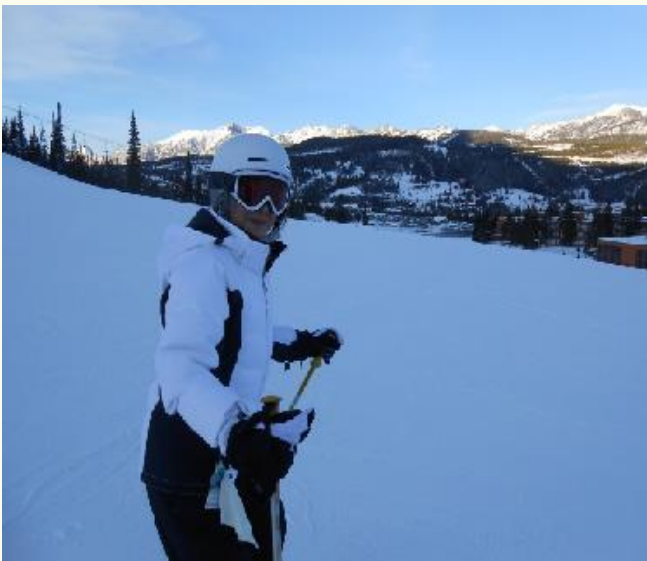


Shali hikes at the Mont Sentinel in Montana.

2008-2009 Shali Zhang (張沙麗)



Shali Zhang visited the National Bison Reserve in Montana, 2013.



Shali Zhang at the Big Sky Ski Resort in Montana, 2013.



Shali at the Flathead Lake, the largest fresh water lake in the west.

2009-2010 Xudong Jin (金旭東)



Library Director, Pitt Community College
Life Member of CALA
President of CALA 2009-2010
Vice-President/President Elect of CALA, 2007-2009
CALA Nominating Committee Chair, 2010-2011
Co-Chair of CALA International Relations Committee, 2006-2007
Chair of CALA Program Committee, 2007-2009
Member of CALA Program Committee, 2006-2007
Board of Directors of CALA 2005-2007
President of CALAMW Chapter, 2004-2005
Vice-President of CALA Midwest Chapter 2003-2004
Chair CALAMW Chapter Program Committee, 2003-2004
Member of CALAMW Chapter Program Committee, 2002-2003

Brief Biography (生平)

Xudong Jin has been Library Director at Pitt Community College since August 2011. He was Associate Director of Libraries and Head of Technical Services at Ohio Wesleyan University from 2000 to 2011. He also worked at Southern Oregon University Library (1996-2000), Elizabethtown College Library (1994-1996), York College (CUNY) Library (1993-1994), City College of New York (CUNY) Library (1992-1994), and Ohio University Library (1989-1991). He has been Advisor of Yunnan Provincial Library since 2005. Before coming to the U.S., he was Deputy Director of Yunnan Institute for Southeast Asian Studies at Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences from 1987 to 1989.

Mr. Jin serves/served in several ALA (American Library Association) committees, including Councilor-at-Large (2011-2014), Chair of the ALCTS Best of Library Resources and Technical Services Award Jury (2009-2010), Chair of ALA PromptCat Users Group (2003-2004), Member of ALA ALCTS CMS (Collection Management Section) Policy & Planning Committee (2008-2011), Member of ALA ALCTS CCS (Cataloging and Classification Section) Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials (2009-2013), As a CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) life member, he is the current CALA President.

Mr. Jin is one of the initiators of the CALA 21st Century Librarians Seminar Series. In July 2006, he led a five-librarian delegation from CALA to conduct a five-day seminar in Yunnan University Library based on a contract he signed with Yunnan in June 2005. The seminar has been called the first CALA 21st Century Librarians Seminar. *ALA International Leads* reported this event on its December 2006 issue.

He has published several books and many articles in high quality national and international journals including *Journal of the Library Science in China*, the *International Information & Library Review*, and *Journal of Access Services*. A book, entitled *Academic Libraries in the United States for the 21st Century, Theories and Practices*, in which Mr. Jin served as Chief Editor, was published by Beijing Library Press in June 2007.

Xudong Jin has received several honors, awards, grants, and scholarships. He has been listed on the 2010 and 2011 edition of *Marquis Who's Who in America*. He is ACRL Member of the Week, Nov. 25th, 2013.

Message to CALA (祝語)

"As a CALA life member and the CALA President for 2009-2010, I am so proud of having joined CALA in the 1990s. In the past 40 years, CALA has enhanced communication among Chinese American librarians as well as between Chinese American librarians and other librarians; served as a forum for discussion of mutual problems and professional concerns among Chinese American librarians; promoted Sino-American librarianship and library services; and provided a vehicle whereby Chinese American librarians may cooperate with other associations and organizations having similar or allied interests. Led by previous leaders and sup-

2009-2010 Xudong Jin (金旭東)

ported by all the members, CALA has made great progress.

Nevertheless, I feel we need to do more to make CALA a better, healthier, and more professional organization according to recent years' situation. With all the members' efforts and hard work, I believe our Association will be better and stronger.”

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“**[Major events or moments you consider important to be included in CALA's historical timeline:]** CALA Twenty-First Century Librarian Seminar Series is one of the most important events and achievements of CALA.

In summer 2005, I went back to Yunnan and signed an agreement with Yunnan Provincial Library Commission. The agreement states that I would lead a five CALA Midwest Chapter's librarians to do a 5 day seminar on topics of librarianship at Yunnan University in July 2006. The seminar conducted successfully as planned in summer 2006. The seminar's feedback from participants was very positive. The Seminar turned out to be so successful that the Yunnan Provincial Library Commission and CALA signed an agreement to conduct the training project for next two year period: year 2007 with Yunnan Normal University; and year 2008 with the Kunming Polytechnic University. The seminar in Yunnan University in 2006 was approved by the CALA Board later to be the first CALA Twenty-First Century Librarian Seminar Series.

I am so honored that I am the major initiator for the CALA Twenty-First Century Librarian Seminar Series.”

“**[If you ever served as a CALA President, please list what you consider the major milestones of your presidency:]** Stopped only one candidate for each election position presented by the CALA Nominating Committee which continued for many years. The results were the Nominating Committee had made the pre-election for CALA members. Since I made the change at Midwinter Meeting in 2010, we have had two or three candidates for VP position, two or three candidates for Treasurer position, and ten candidates for Board of Directors.”

(Interviewed by the CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce via online form)

“**Xudong Jin Appointed Long-Term Advisor by Yunnan Provincial Library** - Xudong Jin, Associate Director of Libraries and Head of Technical Services at Ohio Wesleyan University, made academic exchanges with libraries in Yunnan, China this summer. He did 6 seminars during this time... After the seminar, Yunnan Provincial Library appointed him as their long-term adviser.”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 93, Fall 2005, p.38)

“**CALA Delegations to China** - This summer, two CALA events took place in China, and both proved to be very successful. From July 17th-21st, the CALAMW Chapter delegation, which consisted of Shuyong Jiang, **Xudong Jin** (group leader), Haipeng Li, Haiwang Yuan, and Lisa Zhao, held a 5 day workshop on topics of librarianship at Yunnan University. The workshop, entitled 'CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Workshop Series (中美图书馆实务培训研讨会),' was co-sponsored by the Yunnan Provincial Library Commission, the CALAMW Chapter and Yunnan University. The focus of the workshop was to provide a practical way to examine librarianship in the United States. More than 100 librarians from China participated in the event...”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 95, Fall 2006, p.43)

“**MW ESTABLISHING STUDENT TRAVEL FUND** - In recent years, the MW Chapter has established a Student Travel Fund to encourage and support student members to attend the annual program. Many students have benefited by it. This year, Haipeng Li and **Xudong Jin** each donated \$200 for the fund...” (CALA Newsletter, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.32)

“I am also pleased to announce that Ebrary, an e-book vendor, has agreed to sponsor this year's project with \$2,000, thanks to the efforts of **Xudong Jin**, Co-Chair of the International Relations Committee... I am, therefore, proposing that we establish a CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series Fund...”

(Tseng, Sally C. Approved the Establishment of a Fund Account for the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series. CALA Newsletter, no. 96, Spring 2007, p.9)

“A Message from CALA President, ShaLi Zhang - ...The CALA Conference Program Committee, led by Xudong Jin, Vice President, is preparing an excellent program, 'International Outreach and Leadership: CALA 21st Century Librarians Seminar Series.’”

(CALA Newsletter, no. 99, Winter 2008, p.3)

Excerpts from President's Message (2009):

“With a lot of exciting news and achievements of CALA, I started my CALA presidential year in Chicago in July 2009. I would like to thank Sha Li Zhang, Immediate Past President, and other CALA former presidents for having made con-

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tinuous progress and solid foundation for CALA in the previous years. My major goals as CALA President this year are: Strive for organizational excellence; Make CALA a leader in global reach initiatives; Enhance services to CALA members; Provide educational opportunities; Advocate for users of Chinese heritage, Chinese culture, and Chinese language. In order to reach these goals, I have done and will continue to work hard on the following issues: CALA Committee and Taskforce Appointments... CALA 21st Century Librarians Seminar Series... Think Globally, Act Globally IMLS Grant Project... CALA Alire Initiative Taskforce... CALA Taskforce on Helping Taiwan Libraries Destroyed/Damaged by the 88 Typhoon Marakot... CALA Taskforce on Donations for Natural Disasters Guidelines... ALA Emerging Leaders Program Taskforce... Strategic Plan Taskforce... 2010 Local Arrangement Committee in Washington D.C.... CALA Chapters..."

(Jin, Xudong. A Message from CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 101, Fall 2009, p.5)

Excerpts from President's Message (Spring 2010):

[CALA 21st Century Librarians Seminar Series] - "The CALA 21st Century Librarians Seminar Series continues making achievements. Except two teams go to China, one in May 2010 to Shanxi University and the other in July to Yunnan Agriculture University, we are working a new contract for September 2010..."

[Think Globally, Act Globally Project] - "CALA is pleased to be in partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to work with the Library Society of China on the Think Globally, Act Globally IMLS grant project. A delegation of 10 Chinese library Directors from provincial libraries in China visited the U.S. in July 2009 as planned. Fifteen CALA members participated in the three continuing education programs professional in China in 2009. Three new teams will go to China in March, May, and July 2010. The Think Globally, Act Globally Project Director Shuyong Jiang and other people worked very hard to make these happen and success. Please visit <http://www.library.illinois.edu/China/overview.html> for details."

"We established a **CALA Alire Initiative Taskforce** to work on the CALA Family Literacy Project in July 2009."

"Other **committees and task-forces**, such as CALA Taskforce on Helping Taiwan Libraries Destroyed/Damaged by the 88 Typhoon Marakot, Taskforce on Rebuilding Libraries in 512 Earthquake Areas in China, CALA Taskforce on Donations for Natural Disasters Guidelines, ALA Emerging Leaders Program Taskforce, Strategic Plan Taskforce, Membership Management System Taskforce...have done tremendous work in short six months."

(Jin, Xudong. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 102, Spring 2010, p.1-3)

"[Xudong Jin] As a life member and President for 2009-2010 of CALA, I am very proud of CALA. Although CALA has made great progress, I feel we need to do more to make CALA a better, healthier, and more professional organization."

(From "CALA Members' Greetings" at ALA Annual 2013)

2010-2011 Zhijia Shen



CALA President, 2010-2011
Director of East Asia Library
University of Washington

Brief Biography (生平)

Zhijia Shen is Director of East Asia Library at the University of Washington and served as the chair of the committee on Chinese Materials of the Council for East Asian Libraries, 2005-2008 and President of CALA, 2010-2011. Her research focuses on East Asian librarianship and Chinese history and culture. Major publications include *Bridging Cultures-Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance Back over the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003* (coeditor and contributor, Guilin: Guangxi Normal University Press, 2004) and *The Chinese Cultural Revolution Database* (Chapter compiler and editor, Hong Kong: Chinese University of Hong Kong Press, 2002, 2006).

Message to CALA (祝語)

"My best wishes to CALA and all librarians of color for greater success in the next 40 years. Happy 40th Birthday! The 40th anniversary testifies CALA's great achievements in promoting diversity in our libraries and fostering leadership among ethnic minority librarians."

2010-2011 | Zhijia Shen

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“A \$2,000 commitment was made from CALA towards the planning of **the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color**, to be held in 2005 (location to be decided). CALA representatives to the Planning Steering Committee are **Zhijia Shen** and Liana Zhou...”
(Yang, Angela. Message from the President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 87, February 2003, p.1)

“The book, ***Bridging Cultures - Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance Back at the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003***, will be published in honor of CALA’s 30th anniversary, a very meaningful way to commemorate CALA. **Dr. Zhijia Shen**, Chair of the Publications Committee, and Liana Zhou, CALA immediate past president, led this major endeavor...”
(Tseng, Sally C. Executive Director Message. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 87, February 2003, p.2)

Excerpts from President’s Message (Fall 2010):

[2010 CALA Annual Program] - “...I am honored and excited to have begun my service to you as CALA president... At its 2010 annual meeting, CALA annual program, **‘The Sky is the Limit - Reaching out to the Minority Communities of Users and Librarians,’** focused on the theme of community outreach, bringing together a panel of distinguished speakers of library outreach and diversity...”

[Supporting the ALA Spectrum Presidential Initiative] – “During the summer conference, CALA Board of Directors voted unanimously in support of the ALA Spectrum Presidential Initiative with a contribution of \$6,500...”

[ALA Emerging Leaders Program] - “At the recommendation of the Review of Emerging Leaders Program Taskforce, CALA Board also voted at the summer meeting to continue to provide funding in support of two CALA members each year to participate in the ALA Emerging Leaders program...”

[Parliamentarian of CALA Board] - “In response to the suggestions and discussions of the Board at its annual meeting, I have appointed **Manuel Urizola** for the temporary position of Parliamentarian of CALA Board...”

[International Relations] - “CALA has been proactive in the area of international relations especially with China, through its outstanding partnership program with UIUC, Think Globally and Act Globally (TGAG), and its 21st Century Librarianship Seminars. Thanks to the successful programs in the past few years, the Library Association of China and the TGAG program hosted at University of Illinois and co-sponsored by CALA, have agreed to extend the program for another two years...”

“The **CALA 21st Century Seminar** has received new interests from Chinese libraries. The CALA International Relations Committee led by its co-chairs, Qi Chen and Shuyong Jiang, has worked hard to identify more opportunities for the seminars...”

“Between September 8 and 11th, 2010, the **China-North America Library Conference** (previously known as the 5th China-U.S. Library Conference) was held in Beijing. Four CALA officers attended the conference. They were Haipeng Li, Executive Director, Shuyong Jiang, Co-Chair of International Relations Committee, Shali Zhang, past CALA president, and myself...”

[Dr. Tze-Chung Li Student Membership Grant] – “In July, 2010, to boost CALA membership recruitment and to encourage students to join CALA, Dr. Tze-Chung Li generously donated funding to create the Dr. Tze-Chung Li Student Membership Grant to provide students with one-year free CALA membership.”
(Shen, Zhijia. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 103, Fall 2010, p.1-3)

“**2010 Best Books List** - Under the direct guidance of the CALA president, **Zhijia Shen**, the 2010 CALA Best Book Committee (aka CALA Best Book Award Committee) has been undertaking a historical transition from the primary goal of honoring the authors of Chinese descent who published the books in Chinese topics in North America to the goal of producing a list of best books on Chinese topics by Chinese or Chinese descent authors published in a designated calendar year in North America...”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 105, Winter 2011, p.23)

2011-2012 Min Chou (周敏)



Brief Biography (生平)

Min Chou has worked as a professional librarian at the New Jersey City University Library for 22 years. In her capacity, she has been able to effectively advocate the needs of her library users and the library's integral role in achieving the university's mission. Actively engaging in her professional career, Min was elected and appointed to more than 16 university committees and task forces. She has been recognized by the New Jersey City University through career development awards and various grants for her striving for excellence in librarianship, scholarly achievements, and dedicated service to the community.

For a long time, Min has been heavily involved in serving the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). During her CALA presidency, Min focused on international outreach, fundraising for the ALA's Spectrum Scholarship Program, mentoring for CALA Emerging Leaders' Prelude to the Celebration of CALA's 40th Anniversary's 40/40 Project, and engaging CALA leadership in using new technologies to conduct CALA meetings. She envisioned the need for CALA to be more engaged with the global library community, and was an instrumental leader in getting CALA to become a member of International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). Min's vision and accomplishments received much attention throughout the library community. Thanks to her devotion and efforts, CALA's profile in the library profession has been elevated.

As the chair of CALA Publications Committee, Min led the Committee in completing a series of initiatives and projects including CALA Fact Sheet, Spotlight on CALA Members, CALA Occasional Paper Series (OPS). As the CALA English Editor of *Journal of Library and Information Science (JLIS)*, Min worked closely with the entire editorial board members on soliciting and selecting manuscripts, peer-reviewing process and on communicating with the Chief Editor in Taiwan to ensure the timely publication of the English manuscripts. As the chair of the CALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Min led the Committee to review the Constitution and Bylaws to address such issues as voting procedure, chapter establishment, and made recommendations for changes where necessary.

Academically, Min is a productive author and sought-after speaker in US, China, Australia, Austria, and Finland. Her significant scholarly achievements and contributions to library profession on such timely topics as copyright, licensing, information literacy, international librarianship and diversity have brought well-earned prestige not only to herself at local, national and international levels, but also to institutions and library communities that she serves.

Min received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the Fudan University in Shanghai, her Master in Library Science from the Pratt Institute in New York, and her Master in Music Education at the New Jersey City University.

(Lee, Esther & Li, Haipeng. Distinguished Service Award to Min Chou. Available at: <http://cala-web.org/node/1698>)

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"Conference Circuit: CALA Members' Professional Enthusiasm Noticeable in **Kunming Conference - The International Conference on 'Academic Librarianship in the New Millennium: Roles, Trends and Global Collaboration,'** was held successfully on June 3-9 in Kunming, China... **Min Chou**, Reference Librarian at New Jersey City University; and a member of CALA, gave her keynote address on 'Academic Libraries and Copyright Protection in a Digital Age,' which discussed the role of academic libraries in the protection of copyrights in this digital environment."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 83, September 2001, p.8)

"**Min Chou**, Associate Professor/Reference Librarian of New Jersey City University, was a panelist on international perspectives on copyright at the **8th IFLA Interlending and Document Supply International Conference** held in the National Library of Australia, in Canberra, Australia, on October 28-31, 2003. The panel discussion focused on how the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Copyright Treaty was interpreted around the world. In addition, Ms. Chou also contributed a paper 'Copyright & Licensing Implications for Interlibrary Loan Practice' to the conference."

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 89, November 2003, p.8)

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“**The Constitution & Bylaws Committee**, under the able leadership of **Min Chou**, was working diligently on completing this task. The revisions & amendments were approved by the membership in the CALA election process in the spring.”
(Li, Haipeng. From The Immediate Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.4)

“**Report on 2009 ALA/CALA Annual Conferences**, by **Min Chou**. - As chair of the CALA J LIS (*Journal of Library and Information Science*) Editorial Board, I convened an editorial board meeting and presented an overview of the current state of the J LIS... It was the first time I signed up for the ALA affiliate booth at the exhibit hall on behalf of CALA this year, and the experience was both exciting and rewarding... I had the opportunities to meet and greet the leaders from ALA ethnic caucuses and we were very pleased to see the result of the joint efforts of the caucuses to address the issue of diversity, the impact of the first JCLC (Joint Conference of Libraries of Color)...”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 101, Fall 2009, p.27)

“**CALA Poster @ ALA Diversity Fair - Min Chou**, incoming CALA vice President, and Sai Deng, CALA Newsletter Co-Editor, presented a poster titled ‘Inspiration and participation: promoting diversity within the organization and beyond’ in ALA Diversity Fair, 2010 ALA annual conference, Washington D.C. This poster session presents how CALA thrives through promoting diversity as embodied in the organization's goals, and will also demonstrate how practically and creatively CALA works with other organizations in reaching out to people of all cultural backgrounds to make contributions to the diversity in the library profession, in promoting services to underserved populations, and in promoting diversity and international participation. Highlights of the presentation include such examples: CALA's active involvement in and contribution to the ALA's diversity initiatives and programs, JCLC 2006, the planning of JCLC 2012, President Alire's Family Literacy initiative; CALA's collaborative efforts and contribution to mini-conference (NE chapters of the five ALA affiliated ethnic caucus associations) and programs of other organizations with similar goals; CALA's publications that promote scholarship and research in diversity and showcase members' achievements to inspire others; CALA's progressive efforts for cross cultural fertilization in librarianship and to advance diversity at the international level.”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 103, Fall 2010, p.9)

“Spotlight on Dr. Sha Li Zhang - In 2008, the CALA Publications Committee through **Min Chou**, as Chair, created a special publication titled ‘**Spotlight on CALA Members**’. The purpose was to highlight the many talented members who have performed outstanding work and accomplishments in the library profession, furthering the goals of CALA and achievements in national and international organizations. This year the Committee chose Dr. Sha Li Zhang as the featured CALA member...”
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 101, Fall 2009, p.12)

Excerpts from President's Message (Winter 2011):

[Committees and Task Forces] - “...In this past summer, more than twenty committees and task forces were appointed owing to the enthusiastic responses from CALA membership...”

“**CALA 2011 program, ‘Embracing Changes: Diversity and Global Vision in a Digital Age’**, attracted more than 150 ALA attendees and launched this year's presidential theme. The program featured a stellar lineup of speakers, including Dr. Betty Turock, former ALA President; Michael Dowling, director of ALA International Relations Officer; Miguel Figueroa, director of the ALA Office for Diversity; Dr. Clara Chu, chair of the Department of Library and Information Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and Michael Porter, president and CEO of Library Renewal...”

[CALA 2015 Strategic Plan] – “In June 2011, during the ALA annual in New Orleans, the Executive Committee has approved CALA 2015 Strategic Plan... It sets out a vision for the future and provides five strategic goals to continue moving the organization forward: 1. Strive for Organizational Excellence; 2. Become a Leader in Global Reach Initiatives; 3. Enhance Services to CALA Membership; 4. Provide Educational Opportunities; 5. Advocate for Users of Chinese Heritage, Chinese Cultures, and Chinese Language.”

“CALA launched **2011-12 presidential theme “Diversity and Global Reach in a Digital Age: A Renewed Vision and Re-energized Commitment”** to embrace the changes...”

[International Librarianship and Diversity] – “To elevate CALA's international vision and to further CALA's participation in inter-

2011-2012 Min Chou (周敏)



national librarianship, Sha Li Zhang, Liana Zhou, and Mengxiong Liu have been instrumental in making CALA an association member of IFLA.

An **international conference on leadership and innovative management in academic libraries**, co-sponsored by CALA and Tongji University, has been planned for April 2012 in Tongji University, Shanghai, China, owing to the constructive work of Haipeng Li together with Michael Huang, chair of the International Relations Committee.

To demonstrate CALA's commitment to diversity, CALA spearheaded a fundraising effort called '**Food, Fun and Fundraising for Diversity**' to encourage members at chapter and national levels to continue the support to the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program..."

2012 CALA/ALA Conference Program "DIVERSE VOICES, ENRICHING COMMUNITIES."

"In August, CALA welcomed a **Chinese delegation** of 79 library administrators to the 'Future Development and Service of Global Children's Librarianship Conference' in New York City..."

In September 2011, CALA joined the **International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)**!...

CALA is a co-sponsor of the **Symposium of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee's Thoughts on Librarianship**, hosted by the Shenzhen Library in Guangdong, China in November 2011...

This year, two young CALA members, Yuan Li and Chris Kyauk, have been selected to the 2012 **ALA Emerging Leaders program**. In 2010, CALA Board approved to donate \$6,500. In recognition of this gift, the **ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program** has named Christopher Kyauk as the 2010 CALA Spectrum Scholar.

CALA presidential initiatives this year are aimed at achieving CALA's vision and strategic goals. I urge all of you to take a more active role in helping CALA achieve the goals in the years to come..."

(CALA Newsletter, no. 105, Winter 2011, p.1-4)

Excerpts from President's Message (Spring 2012):

[Membership and Sponsors] - "One of the highlights of this year's achievements is that CALA's active membership count for this year has exceeded five hundred (500). This is a hard earned success owing to the great efforts of our membership drive, orchestrated by membership committee and our embrace of cultural diversity and tolerance... Due to our great success, CALA has attracted many new sponsors who are willing to share our vision and successful future with us. We have also raised a large amount of funds to support CALA's Presidential Initiatives, programs and activities..."

"CALA's project '**A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40**' has been carried out by the group of very bright and aspiring young emerging leaders – Yuan Li, Laura Morlock, Candice Mack, and Chris Kyauk..."

[JCLC Scholarship] - "As a co-sponsor of the 2012 JCLC, CALA is committed to supporting the success of the Conference. CALA Executive Committee has approved to set up a \$5000 scholarship fund to support CALA members to attend the 2012 JCLC..."

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“Diversity: To demonstrate CALA’s continued support to the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program, the 2011-12 CALA Presidential Initiatives Taskforce spearheaded a very flexible fundraising model called ‘Food, Fun, and Fundraising for Diversity’...

CALA’s signature program ‘**21st Century Librarian Seminar Series**’ (<http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/project/workshop.shtml>) has been resumed after a one-year hiatus. This year, Yunnan Library Commission of Higher Education, Yunnan University of Nationalities, and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) will co-sponsor a seminar on library construction and development in multicultural contexts...

International Outreach: CALA co-organized an international conference on leadership and management in academic libraries, held in Tongji University, Shanghai, China in April 2012.

Technology Integration: In fall 2011, the Presidential Initiatives Task Force had a “test drive” on using webinar to conduct **online meetings**, and the feedback was very positive. On February 24, 2012, CALA Board held its first webinar meeting and all agendas were successfully completed within one hour...

CALA Facebook has been designed by Sai Deng - it was set up for the Board to review...

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as CALA’s president this year. Thank you for the extraordinary opportunity and tremendous support.”

(Chou, Min. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 106, Spring 2012, p.1-4)

“2012 CALA/ALA Conference Program and the Awards Banquet - **THE AWARDS BANQUET** - Planned by our CALA President **Min Chou**, this event was considered by many as one of the best ever. Among the distinguished guests were Dr. Ingrid Parent, IFLA President; Molly Raphael, ALA President; Maureen Sullivan, ALA President-Elect; and ALA Past Presidents: Robert Stevens, Dr. Camila Alire, Jim Rettig, and Barbara Ford. High officials and librarians from China, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Africa, Ghana, Brazil, APALA, and REFORMA were also present. The nine course meal was scrumptious. Professor Barbara Ford was the recipient of the CALA Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Clara Chu, Dr. Mengxiong Liu, and Dr. Sha Li Zhang received the CALA President’s Recognition Awards. Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee received a Special Honor Award for his book titled *Collected Works of Hwa-Wei Lee* (2v., 2011). Sharon Yang was the recipient of the Jing Liao Award for the Best Research in All Media. There were other recipients for the CALA Scholarships, CALA Travel Grants, the JCLC Scholarships, and other Awards. The fun part of the evening started with Manuel Urrizola as the Master of Ceremony...”

(Chou, Min. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 107, Fall 2012, p.9)

“About **Project 40/40**, by **Min Chou**, CALA President 2011-2012... As a proud sponsor of ALA’s Emerging Leaders Program, CALA is committed to mentoring young leaders to energize our organization and enrich our profession. Following this purpose, ‘A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership’ was created to promote diversity in leadership and provide role models to inspire new library professionals. Forty (40) quotations from a diverse group of library leaders in CALA were selected as dedication to CALA’s 40th anniversary celebration in 2013. As a team of the 2012 Class of Emerging Leaders, Christopher Kyauk, Yuan Li, Candice Mack, and Laura Morlock carried out this monumental project successfully. Their leadership abilities and their unparalleled efforts are highly commendable. Please read their final project report at: <http://cala-web.org/files/presidentinitatives1112/TeamFReport.pdf>”

(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

CALA Presidents

2012-2013, Esther Lee (李綺華)



CALA President, 2012-2013

CALA Board of Director, 2003-2006, 2006-2009

CALA Northeast Chapter President, 1999-2000, 2008-2009

Brief Biography (生平)

Esther Lee is a CALA life member and the 2012-2013 CALA President. She served as the Co-Chair of the CALA Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee (2001-2004), Chair of the CALA Finance Committee (2003-2005), and one of the CALA Board of Directors (2003-2006, 2006-2009). She has gone above and beyond the call of duties to utilize her network to raise funds for CALA. She and her committee members raised funds for CALA in the amount over \$11,500.00 in 2002

and over \$2,000 each year in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Furthermore, during her term as CALA President, Esther and the Public Relations/Fundraising Committee raised \$16,504.95 in addition to receiving \$11,756.00 from the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC). Esther's accomplishments for the Association are exemplary. As a CALA Board of Director, Esther has constantly made sound advice and recommendations to the Board. She has worked diligently to promote and publicize CALA's activities and events and spared no efforts to recruit new members for the Association. CALA's solid financial status should be attributed, in part, to Esther's tireless efforts, her leadership in fundraising and her devotion and support to CALA.

Esther Lee was one of the founding leaders of the CALA Northeast Chapter. She was elected Vice President/President Elect of the Northeast Chapter (1998-1999), President of Northeast Chapter (1999-2000), and Executive Board Member of the Northeast Chapter Board (2002-present). Under her leadership, vision and hard work, the CALA Northeast Chapter has grown to be one of the strongest Chapters within CALA.

Esther Lee is a dedicated CALA life member and a recognized leader in the library profession. She is one of the most outstanding and influential librarians. She has extended herself to make important and substantial contributions to CALA. She is also a top leader among Chinese American librarians. She received the 2005 CALA President's Recognition Award presented by the 2005 CALA president Shixing Wen in recognition of her professional achievements and contributions to the Chinese American Librarians Association.

Esther Lee received her Master of Librarianship from the University of Washington in Seattle, Master of Arts in Musicology from the same University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts in Music from Seattle Pacific College, and a Bachelor of Arts in German from the Hunter College of the City University of New York. She is the Manager of the Fine Arts and Recreation Division of the Central Library of the Queens Borough Public Library, New York and the Chair of the Audio Materials Selection of the Library. The Queens Borough Public Library serves a population of two million in the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. It has the highest circulation of any public library system in the country. In 2004, the Fine Arts Division alone circulated 709,552 items, including books, music CDs, audio cassettes, videos, DVDs, and VCDs. Under Esther's supervision are eighteen full-time staff members, twenty part-time members, and a few volunteers. Her contributions to the Library and the community in New York are noteworthy.

(Source: Wen, Shixing. Ms. Esther Lee. Available at: <http://cala-web.org/node/199>. Updated by Esther Lee and Sally Tseng)

Message to CALA (祝語)

"How wonderful it is to witness CALA celebrating its 40th Anniversary! CALA's greatest strength lies in its members, many of whom are very well-educated, service-oriented, and multi-talented. With continuous collaboration, CALA's fame and visibility will spread locally, nationally, and internationally."

"THANKS: To the many committee members, sponsors, friends and supporters, I give you my heartfelt thanks for making the year of my presidency such a huge success. CALA has indeed a vibrant and progressive year in celebrating its 40th BIRTHDAY. I have retired after working 40 years at the award-winning Queens Library, but I am still working part-time at my favorite Library. With your continuous support, CALA will continue to grow visibly strong and be of service to communities near and far!"

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"Chapters And Committees News - Northeast Chapter - On a rainy Saturday, May 20, 2000, over 60 people enjoyed a special program given by the Chinese American Librarians Association/Northeast Chapter. The event was held at the Mid-Manhattan Library. Two professional artists from the Chinese Music Ensemble of New York performed beautiful Chinese music... The keynote speaker of the day, Dr. Betty Lee Sung, the famous author of the 'Mountain of Gold' and 'Chinese American Inter-marriage,' gave an interesting talk on 'Changing Attitudes and Patterns of Inter-marriage among Asian Americans.' ...by **Esther Lee**, Chapter President"

(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 79, June 2000, p.8)

"Esther Lee has been awarded the **2005 President's Recognition Award** for her contributions to the solid financial status of CALA. As Chair of the Finance Committee and the Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee from 2001-2005, she and her committees raised funds for CALA in the amount over \$11,500 in 2002 and over \$2,000 each year in 2003, 2004 and 2005...'

(Wen, Shixing. Message from the Immediate-Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 79, June 2000, p.4)

"The **fundraising** this year was extremely successful; under **Esther Lee** and Linna Yu's leadership, \$6810 was raised. The Committee recommended using the fund to pay for the printing and mailing of the new membership directory, the rest will be evenly divided between the scholarship funds and the professional development grant..."

(Wu, Diana. Message from the Immediate-Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 95, Fall 2006, p.4)

"CALA 2006/2007 2nd Board Meeting Minutes - ...Voted and recommended **Esther Lee**, Chair of the Finance Committee to work with Maggie Wang, Treasurer, on investing CALA's money with special attention to the Vanguard Index Funds and higher interest rate CDs."

(Wen, Shixing. Message from the Immediate-Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 96, Spring 2007, p.8)

"[CALA's Poster at ALA Diversity and Outreach Fair] - Under the leadership of Vice President **Esther Lee**, and the hard work of CALA Newsletter co-editor Sai Deng and CALA's Honorary Executive Director Sally Tseng, CALA's poster won the 2nd prize at the Diversity and Outreach Fair during the 2011 ALA Annual Conference. Centered on the theme of diversity and global outreach, the poster showed how CALA as an ethnic library association can achieve national success and international recognition through its diversity efforts. If you missed the poster session, please visit it online at OLOS website: http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/olos/divfair/2011virtualdivfair/CALA_poster.pdf."

(Chou, Min. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 105, Winter 2011, p.2)

"[Esther Lee] To lead a team, I have to first earn my team-mates' respect, and also give them respect. Although my mind could be knowledgeable, disciplined and creative; my planning and organization great; and my output proficient; if I did not work well with or respect my customers and staff, I would achieve very little."

"To me, leadership means the ability in getting the work done through and with people. An effective leader sets good examples, inspires teamwork, takes risks, and makes changes."

(*Spotlight on CALA Members: A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40 on CALA Leadership*, July 2012)

Excerpts from President's Message (Fall 2012):

"ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: At our last annual program in June 2012, held in conjunction with the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Anaheim, on the theme of Diverse Voices, Enriching Communities, our distinguished library leaders shared with us their life's experiences. They were **Dr. Camila Alire**, **Dr. Ingrid Parent**, Director **James Rettig**, and **Dr. Shali Zhang**.

JCLC CONFERENCE: In September 2012, CALA had a strong presence at the 2nd national Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) in Kansas City, Sept. 19-23, 2012. Along with the other four caucuses (AILA, APALA, BALA, & REFORMA), CALA was one of the Co-Sponsors of the Conference, and Haipeng Li was one of the two Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee, while Dora Ho is another CALA Representative to the JCLC Steering Committee...

CALA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Thanks to the enthusiastic response to our call for serving in Committees, our long list of representatives and members to our 22 Committees and two Task Forces exemplifies our inclusive and cooperative nature.

CALA'S GLOBAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES: Seminar in Yunnan: ...in continuing CALA's 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series,

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some CALA members participated in the Seminar at Yunnan University in China, July 5-9, 2012...

Participation in the IFLA Congress: As a new member of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), several CALA members (including Min Chou, Clara Chu, Xiaofang Li, and Shali Zhang) attended in August 11- 17, 2012 the IFLA's World Library and Information Congress at Helsinki, Finland, and they brought back glowing reports...

Capital Normal University Conference: In October our International Relations Committee Co-Chair **Michael Huang** and **Dr. Camila Alire** (ALA President, 2009-2010), together with other members, attended the third International Conference in Library Cooperative and Resource Sharing at the Capital Normal University, Beijing, China (10/31/12- 11/2/12)...

Chinese Library Annual Conference and Exhibition: In November I'll lead a CALA/U.S. Delegation to attend the Chinese Library Annual Conference and Exhibition in Dongguan, China, Nov. 21-24, 2012..."

CALA'S EMERGING LEADERS: CALA nominated Emily Chan and Cen Wei to be CALA's Emerging Leaders, and they were accepted by ALA..."

(Lee, Esther. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 107, Fall 2012, p.1-3)



CALA/NE Members Seminar with Delegates from the Public Culture Department, PRC. In the picture from left to right: Hung-Yun Chang from Mid-Manhattan Library; Lina Ding from Brooklyn Public Library; Ka Chun Gee from Lehman College Library, CUNY; **Esther Lee** from Queens Public Library; Minglu Wang from Dana Library, Rutgers-Newark; Wang, Xiaowen from Liaoning Province Library; Bao, Shenghua from Jilin Province Library; Tang, Lin from Public Culture Department of China. (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 107, Fall 2012, p.16)

Excerpts from President's Message (2013)

"Thanks to the diligent work, creative collaboration, and strong support of many Chinese American Librarians Association members, committee members, donors and supporters, my presidential year, themed as *Celebrating CALA's 40th Anniversary*, is progressing nicely and leading to some exciting programs, soon to be held during the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago in June 2013.

DIVERSE PROGRAMS: CALA's annual free program, titled Together We Make a Difference – Celebrate CALA 40 Years and Beyond, will be held on Sunday, 6/30/13 [in Chicago]...Awards Banquet and at the: Cai Fine Dining and Banquet...

SPONSORS: Among our current year's generous donors who gave \$500.00 or more to CALA are: OCLC, Innovative Interface, Esther Lee... our 40th Anniversary we have raised more funds than the past few years, thanks to the hard work of the Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee.

LIBRARY CONFERENCES ABROAD: CONFERENCE IN DONGGUAN: A CALA/USA delegation of 10 people was led by Sally Tseng, Haipeng Li, and Esther Lee to participate in the 2012 China Library Annual Conference and Exhibition in Dongguan, China, 11/21/12 (Wednesday) - 11/24/12 (Saturday). Hosted by the China Ministry of Culture, the Library Society of China, the Dongguan Library, the government of Dongguan and other local government agencies, the Conference was a big success and

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attended by over two thousand people from China, Singapore and other countries. The theme of the Conference was Cultures Strengthened Country: Responsibilities and Missions of Libraries.

CONFERENCE IN GUANGZHOU The Delegation (except Haipeng and Molly) was later joined by Margaret Todd (County Librarian for the Los Angeles County Library) and Wenwen Zhang (Library Manager in Los Angeles and a CALA Mentorship Program Committee member) in attending the Library Conference in Guangzhou, China, held on November 25-27, 2012. The theme was Library Management and Service.

CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG: Our journey continued on to Hong Kong, where Haipeng Li, University Librarian of the Hong Kong Baptist University and our intelligent CALA Executive Director, welcomed us...
The entire China outreach journey was enjoyable, informative, and educational...

In reciprocating our visit, **the Library Society of China** (headed by Xiangdong Yan, Secretary General) will send a Delegation of 33 to visit New York's Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Library before attending the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago, and making a presentation on Public Libraries in China Today on Saturday, 6/29/13, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the McCormick Place Convention Center...

RDA WORKSHOP AT THE NATIONAL CENTRAL LIBRARY, TAIPEI, TAIWAN: At the invitation of Director General Dr. Shu-hsien Tseng of the National Central Library in Taiwan and the President of the Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan), three CALA members [Sally C. Tseng, Charlene Chou and Wen-ying Lu] presented in their International Conference Auditorium a three-day Workshop on Resource Description and Access (RDA), sponsored by the National Central Library, for 170 librarians, library schools professors, system developers, publishers and students from various parts of Taiwan and other areas including Macao. The dates were May 21-23, 2013..."

(Lee, Esther. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 108, Spring 2013, p.1-7)

CALA 40th Anniversary Awards Banquet: For CALA's 40th Anniversary, the Chair of the Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee, Sally C. Tseng, worked closely with the Executive Director Haipeng Lee and President Esther Lee to raise more funds than any of the previous years, to the tune of over \$16, 500.00, in addition to receiving an additional \$11,756.00 for the next Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. The year's Celebration culminated in the very successful Awards Banquet, well attended by over 180 people, an unprecedented number. They included ALA Presidents, IFLA President Elect, representatives from China and Taiwan, library leaders, CALA members and friends. The well-deserving award winners made us all proud of their achievements. Among them were: Min Chou (New Jersey City University) for the CALA Distinguished Service Award; Sai Deng (University of Central Florida), Maria Fund (New York Public Library) and Michael Bailou Huang (Stony Brook University) for the President's Recognition Awards; Dr. Tze-chung Li for winning the CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee for his nearly 40 years of outstanding service to CALA, and Clement Chu-Sing Lau for winning the Jing Liao Award for the Best Research in All Media. Besides the Lion's Dance, there were other performances, fun, games, fine fellowship, gourmet food and souvenirs for all. For photos of this memorable event, please see:

<http://youtu.be/WQqfVxj4q2c>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/98720729@N08/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/50439724@N04/sets/72157634548814065/>

<http://youtu.be/2w7qjXQPbHE>

(Provided by Esther Lee)

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CALA President, 2013-2014
Board of director, 2009-2012
MW Chapter President, 2001-2002
Database Maintenance Librarian, Assistant Catalog Librarian,
Clinical Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

Brief Biography (生平)

"I started to work in University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) in 1990. I have my first master degree in Mass Communication in 1988 from UIC; and second master degree from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In 1986 I started to work in the library of University of Illinois at Chicago as a student employee. Later I become a support employee. After taking advantage of the library 'Friday Only' program - the library support to people who qualified to drive to the library school of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign every Friday to take classes, I became a professional librarian. I am an original cataloger, librarian of database maintenance, and clinical associate professor.

My research interests are divided into two fields: 1) to support users to find information in the library, what we can do; 2) to spread the concept of American librarianship worldwide.

I was elected to the position of CALA 2013/2014 President.

Committees and working groups I served on:

2013 CALA Annual Program Planning Committee, 2011-2013
CALA Leadership Mentorship Committee, 2010-2012
Board of Director, 2009-2012
CALA Taskforce on Donations for Disasters Guidelines, 2009-2012
Mentor of CALA Emerging Leaders, 2009-2010
International Relations Committee, 2005-2009
CALA Public Relations/Fund-Raising Committee, 2004-2005, 2009-2010
MW Chapter Treasurer, 2003-2007
CALA Award Committee, 2003-2004
CALA Nominating Committee, 2003-2004
CALA Membership Committee, 2001-2003
MW Chapter President, 2001-2002
Webmaster of the MW Chapter, 1998-2010

The picture on right was taken at the CALA MW chapter 1998 Annual Conference held at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. I took the picture with the chapter president 1998/1999 Marian Chou, CALA senior member. Marian Chou worked very hard not only for the chapter programs but also for CALA other programs. She was the first chair for CALA best book award committee."



Message to CALA (祝語)

"Congratulations for CALA 40th Anniversary! Study hard and work diligently are Chinese-American librarians characteristics. Only organized together, help each other and enhance our identity can Chinese-American librarians have strength to achieve and overcome the obstacles we are facing.

I join CALA simply because I am a Chinese American librarian. Many pioneers of Chinese American librarians have contributed to CALA and set a real role model for us to continue. To make CALA a forum and home for Chinese American librarians, my wish is

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to make CALA attractive and cohesive to more Chinese American librarians through everyone's work. I hope CALA will provide more opportunities and fun for members and be more responsive in order to attract more librarians to join us. Member-participation will make CALA stronger and more attractive.”

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

“**[Major events or moments you consider important to be included in CALA's historical timeline:]** The CALA delegation was in the Library Society of China (LSC) 2000 Annual Program. This is the 2nd LSC annual program. It maybe is the first time CALA has a delegation to attend LSC annual program. From then on, CALA starts to participate in the LSC annual program.”



CALA delegation led by Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, participated in the 2nd Library Society of China annual conference, 2000, in Hulunbeier, Inner-Mongolia, China. Many members had presentation at the program. After participating in the conference, the delegation visited other places in China. (Front row, left to right: Hwa-Wei Lee, daughter of CALA member, Julia Tung (Stanford, retired), Guoqing Li, James Ho. Back row, left to right: Chou Yu-lan (CALA President in the year), Karen Wei, Wei-ling Dai (UCSB retired 厉玮龄), Cathy Chiu (UCSB 丘冬银), Lisa Zhao, Nelly Gonzalez (UIUC librarian colleague, retired), Thomas Lee (李学博), Linda Tse, Wen-kai Kung (龚文凯, Yale, retired), Westerner (not identified), Charles Wu (Columbia, retired))

“**[What CALA traditions have you witnessed? Please elaborate:]** To get more people involved; to assist younger people arise; to help each other.”

“**[If you ever served on a CALA committee or task-force, please list the major accomplishments achieved by you or your group:]**

1998-2010: MW chapter webmaster:

- I have opened a site for CALA 21st Century Librarianship Series where all CALA delegations can be seen

(<http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/project/workshop.shtml>)

- With Li Fu (San Diego), we have made the MW archives available online

(<http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/archive/index.shtml>)

2001/2002: As the MW President, we have had a big chapter annual conference. Participants are more than 40 people.

(<http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/archive/2002/2002.shtml>)

2009/2012: As the chair of CALA Taskforce on Donations for Disasters Guidelines, the Taskforce has worked out the guideline (<http://cala-web.org/node/1339>)

2011/2013: Chairing the 2013 CALA Annual Program Planning Committee, we have successfully had CALA 2013 Annual Program to celebrate CALA 40th. The program had both CALA senior and younger generations as speakers (<http://cala-web.org/node/1536>).”

“**[If you ever served as a CALA President, please list what you consider the major milestones of your presidency:]**

- Reinstate CALA's legal status in Illinois.

- Activate most Committees/Task-Forces and to have more people get involved.

- Had a successful 2012/13 CALA Annual Conference to celebrate CALA 40th Anniversary. In the speakers, we have CALA members from the senior to younger ones. First time four CALA young members were added as in speakers. The conference received many libraries/associations' greetings that including Library Society of China, Peking University Library, Harbin Institute of Industry, ALA as well as some State Officers, such as State Governor Quinn, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Illinois senators. Please see more details about the program at: <http://cala-web.org/node/1536>.

-Activated Board members to discuss and approved the CALA annual budget. This is the first year the Board members discuss the budget item by item.

-This year CALA Emerging Leaders will promote two more CALA outstanding Chinese American librarians - Tze-chung Li, and Lois Mai Chan."

(Interviewed by the CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce via online form)



Picture on left: Zhao featured in *American Libraries*, Grassroots Report, November 2002, p. 15.

"CALA at the CSLS 2000 Conference - CALA had a 17-member delegation attended the 2nd Annual Conference of the China Society for Library Science (CSLS) held in Hailar, China from July 17 to 21, 2000 which attracted more than 700 participants. At the opening ceremony, Yu-Lan Chou, CALA President, delivered ALA President Nancy Kranich and Executive Director Bill Gordon's congratulatory greetings, and presented a plaque to Mr. Zhou Heping, Deputy Vice-President of CSLS and Deputy Director of the National Library of China, as a token of friendship for the future collaboration between CALA and CSLS. CALA delegation members: Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee and Prof. James Ho served as keynote speakers; Karen Wei, Linda Tse, Thomas Lee, Cathy Chiu, Yu-Lan Chou, Lisa Zhao, Charles Wu, Julia Tung, and Wen-kai Kung gave presentations at group discussion sessions. CALA will organize a delegation again to the CSLS 2001 conference which will be held in Chengdu, Suchuan Province, China." (Chou, Yu-Lan and Zhao, Lisa. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 80, September 2000, p.8)

"...I'd like to commend the **2005 Program Local Arrangement Committee**. Connie Haley and Lisa Zhao have co-chaired and coordinated the logistic support for the CALA Program, Membership Meeting, Awards Banquet, and booths at ALA..." (Wen, Shixing. Message from the Immediate-Past President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, Fall 2005, p.5)

"**Midwest Chapter Report - ...Webmaster**. The Chapter's Webmaster Lisa Zhao has done a wonderful job to maintain and keep the Chapter's Website accurate and updated." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, Fall 2005, p.14)

"**2005 Conference Program Local Arrangement Committee - ...Lisa Zhao** is in charge of entertainment and publicity (will send news about CALA events at ALA 2005 to local media)..." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 93, Fall 2005, p.16)

"Lisa Zhao has been appointed chair of the **Taskforce on Guidelines for Donations to Natural Disasters**. We hope to receive guidelines and recommendations from the Taskforce before our Board meeting at ALA in June 2010." (*CALA Newsletter*, no. 101, Fall 2009, p.5)

"Thanks to the leadership of Lisa Zhao and Karen Wei, co-chairs of the **Mentorship Committee**, CALA will offer the Leadership Orientation for its officers." (Shen, Zhijia. Message from the CALA President. *CALA Newsletter*, no. 104, Spring 2011, p.2)

Editors' Notes: Included interviews in "The Chronicle of CALA Presidents" and submitted materials from the presidents were conducted and solicited by Sai Deng, Yuan Li, Ximin Mi and Priscilla Yu via emails, phone calls and online forms. "The Pearls and Citations" were compiled by Sai Deng and Priscilla Yu. The president entries were reviewed by Sally Tseng, Hwa-Wei Lee, Tze-chung Li and many of the other CALA presidents.



CALA Timeline



CALA Timeline

1969-1973

Informal Gathering

On November 19, 1969, twenty Chinese librarians met at Rosary College.

In May 1970 at Northwestern University. William Sheh Wong (汪變) presided over the meeting. Nineteen Chinese librarians attended.

Forming the Association



On March 31, **1973**, a meeting at Rosary College (Name changed to Dominican University in 1997) with the very purpose of forming an association. Thirty-eight librarians from California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York attended.

Association Formed

At the meeting, we decided to establish an association, named Mid-West Chinese American Librarians Association (MWCALA), adopted its constitution, and elected eleven board directors.

In May **1973**, the board elected **Tze-chung Li (李志鍾)** as president and Peter S. Wang (王實青) as treasurer-secretary.

On June 5, the association was registered as a not-for-profit organization with the Illinois Government.



Dr. Tze-chung Li.

1969

First Annual Conference

CALA's 1st Annual Conference was held in **Chicago**, Mar. 31, **1973**. Five papers were presented: "Problem of the Chinese Language" by Y.C. Kiang of South Bend, Indiana; "Problems in Automating the Chinese Language" by Nelson Chou of the Rutgers University; "Chinese Classification Schemes" by John Lai of Harvard -Yenching; "Problems of Acquiring Chinese materials" by John Ma of the Hoover Institution and "Mary Elizabeth Wood" by William Wong of the University of Minnesota.

First Newsletter Published

September **1973**, CALA published its first Newsletter, entitled **Letter to Members and Friends**, [no. 11. Title changed to: "Newsletter to Members and Friends", [no. 41-12 (Mar. 1975 Apr. 1978); to: "Newsletter", no. 13 (Aug. 1978).

1973

1974

The Second Annual Conference

CALA's 2nd Annual Conference was held in Chicago, May 4, **1974**. The theme was "**Library Science Education for Foreign Students and the Problem of Their Employment in the U.S.**". Lester Asheim of the University of Chicago and Melvin Klatt of Rosary College were the speakers.

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Chinese Librarians Association (CLA) Formed in California

"In **1974**, a handful of Chinese librarians in California initiated and formed the Chinese Librarians Association while unaware of a similar group forming in Chicago. These Chinese librarians from UC Berkeley, Stanford University, Golden Gate University, San Francisco State University, San Mateo County Library, Sacramento State University, San Francisco Public Library soon found more colleagues throughout California who shared the purpose of the organization for professional support and development. Its cooperation with and recognition by the California State Library and the ALA in the 70s fostered a professional home base and a safe haven for the pioneering Chinese librarians in California."



Photo taken in 2013 at a lunch celebrating CALA's 40th anniversary and their resultant lasting friendship. Only California CALA founding members are fully named below.

The front row (L-R): **Irene Yeh (葉方光瑋)**, **Susana Liu (陳著美)**, Mrs. Wong, **T. C. Wong (汪同甲)**, Mrs. Cheng, Elizabeth Sor (張麗綺). The back row (L-R): Mr. Yeh, Mr. Sor, **George Cheng (鄭繼宗)**. (Photo and narrative provided by Irene Yeh.)

1974

Journal to be Published

1974, seeking Professor Cheng-ku Wang (王振鵠) 's cooperation and support. Professor Wang was then Director of the National Central Library in Taiwan.



王振鵠

- Seeking financial support from the Asia Foundation.
- With an initial support of US\$3,000 from the Asia Foundation, the *Journal of Library and Information Science* (圖書館學與資訊科學) was born in 1975.

Journal of Library and Information Science

圖書館學與資訊科學



CALA Timeline

3rd Annual Conference

CALA's 3rd Annual Conference was held in Chicago, May 10, **1975**. Its topic was: "**Humanism, Librarians and the Quality of Life.**" The speaker was David Kaser of Indiana University.

4th Annual Conference

CALA's 4th Annual Conference was held in Chicago, May 8, **1976**. George Bonn of the University of Illinois spoke on "**The Librarians and the Library Community.**"

CALA Constitutions

May 8, **1976** Chinese American Librarians Association Constitutions first adopted.

American Chinese Librarians Association Constitutions

First adopted 5/8/1976
Amended 6/28/1983
Amended 12/31/1985
Amended 12/31/1996
Amended 2/28/1997
Last revised and amended 4/10/2007

- [Article I. Name](#)
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- [Article VII. Membership and Program Meetings](#)
- [Article VIII. Chapters](#)
- [Article IX. Affiliates](#)
- [Article X. Amendments](#)

CALA Constitutions website:
<http://cala-web.org/node/7>

1975

1976

1977

Organization Expansion and Name Change

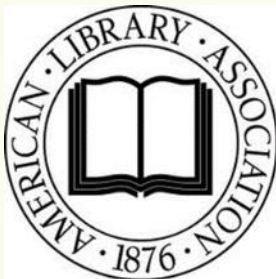
In **1976**, the association was expanded into a national association. The name of the national association is **Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)**, dropping the word "Mid-West."

CALA became ALA Affiliate

1976 CALA started to be an active affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA) and a member of the Council of National Library and Information Associations (CNLIA).

5th Annual Conference

CALA's 5th Annual Conference was held in **Detroit, June 19, 1977**. Its central theme was: **Chinese Contributions to American Librarianship**. Three papers were presented: "A profile of Chinese American Librarians in the U.S." by Tze-chung Li of Rosary College; "Chinese Cataloging in the U.S." by Joseph Wang of the Library of Congress; "Alfred K'ai-ming Ch'iu: Father of The East Asian Collections in the U.S." by William Wong of the University of Minnesota.



CALA Timeline

6th Annual Conference

CALA's 6th Annual Conference was held in **Chicago, June 28, 1978**. Its topic was: **New perspectives for Chinese American Librarians**. Three papers were presented: "Opportunities and Challenges in Being a Chinese American Librarian" by Gloria Hsia of the Library of Congress; "The Future role of Chinese American Librarians from the View of a National Library Planner" by Julia Li Wu of the NCLIS; "Being an East Asian Area Librarian" by John Lai of Harvard-Yenching Library.

Chapters started to be created

Beginning in **1979**, CALA expanded to create chapters in difference regions, in California, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West, Northeast, and Southeast.
1978 Northeast Chapter established.
1979 Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter established.
1979 Southwest Chapter established.
September 1980 CALA California Chapter was established.

1978

1979

1980

Bylaw Adopted

June 30, 1980 Chinese American Librarians Association Bylaws first adopted.

8th Annual Conference

CALA held its 8th Annual Conference in **New York, June 30, 1980**. The conference theme was: **Current Issues in Descriptive Cataloging**. Ben Tucker of the Library of Congress discussed the implementation of AACR 2. Beatrice C. Ohta of the Library of Congress talked about the LC's decision in regard to the Pinyin system.

American Chinese Librarians Association Bylaws

First adopted 6/30/1980
Amended 6/28/1983
Amended 12/31/1995
Amended 2/28/1997
Amended 1/21/2002
Last revised and amended 4/10/2007

- Article I. Membership
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CALA Timeline

Distinguished Service Award

In **1980**, CALA established Distinguished Service Award to recognize a retired library professional in recognition of his/her contribution to librarianship in general and Chinese American librarianship in particular. The first recipient is **Ernest Wolff (華祿夫)**. One criteria for this award is retirement. But, later this requirement was removed.

9th Annual Conference

CALA held its 9th Annual Conference in **San Francisco, June 30, 1981**. The conference Theme was: **Public Services Going online - Challenge of the 1980's**. Barbara Evans Markuson discussed "The Librarian as Performer: Networks and Public Service" and Jeanette Mosey focused on "The Effect of Online Catalogs on the Patrons."

Books to China

Committee on Books to China was appointed by David Liu on June 30, **1981**. The charge of the committee is to cooperate with the newly organized Foundation for-Books to China in seeking books for library and classroom use to the people of China. Dale Bratton acted as the Executive Director. By 1981 more than 90,000 volumes had been shipped.

10th Annual Meeting

CALA held its 10th Annual Meeting in **Philadelphia, July 14, 1982**. The conference theme was: **Strengthening Leadership Qualities in Chinese American Librarians**. The workshop was led by Ms. Deanna B. Marcum, formerly management training specialist at the Office of Management Studies, ARL.

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Merge with CLA

In **1983**, merged with California's Chinese Librarians Association. Thanks to David Liu (劉大經), Susana Juh-mei Liu (陳著美), Irene Yeh (葉方光瑩), Eunice Ting (丁陳澤豐), Cecilia Chen (陳美智) and Sally C. Tseng (曾程雙修) for their efforts to accomplish the merge. The new entity used the "CALA" as its English name and Chinese Librarians Association's Chinese "華人圖書館員協會" as its Chinese name.



David Liu (劉大經)



Susana Juh-mei Liu (陳著美)

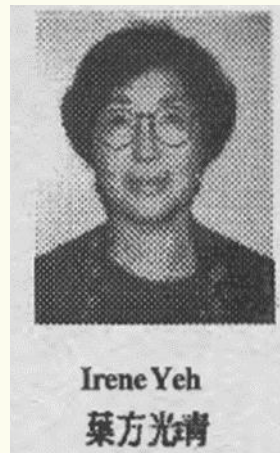


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Newsletter, no. 58, June
1993.



Sally C. Tseng (曾程雙修)

CALA Timeline

11th Annual Conference

CALA held its 11th Annual Conference in **Los Angeles, June 28-29, 1983**. The conference theme was: **Areas of Cooperation in Library Development in Asian and Pacific Regions**. CALA Joint program with the Asian Pacific Librarians Association. It was moderated by Sally C. Tseng, APALA President and Norma Yueh, CALA President. Speakers were: Warren Tsuneishi of the Library of Congress; Ching-chih Chen of the Simmons College; Cheng-ku Wang of the National Central Library, Taiwan; Donald Haus-rath of the USIS; Kenneth Roberts of the UNESCO; Robert M. Hayes of UCLA; Hwa-Wei Lee of Ohio University; Ter-rance L. Lindemann of the World Bank. The Proceedings was published by the Ohio University Press in 1985.

12th Annual Conference

CALA held its 12th Annual Conference in **Dallas, Texas on June 24, 1984**. Theme of the 12th annual conference at Dallas was "**Technologies for Libraries**." It's presided by Norma Yueh, Sally C. Tseng, Amy Wilson and Eugenia Tang. William J. Welsh, Library of Congress, spoke on his recent visit to China and LC's experimentation in new technologies. Other speakers were Kenyon Rosenberg, NTIS, and Andrew H. Wang, OCLC. Program concluded with a panel discussion on Information Technology and Services in Taiwan, ROC.

Librarians from China and Taiwan Together

In **1985**, IFLA held its annual conference in Chicago. Li-brarians from China and Taiwan attended the meeting. Dr. Tze-chung Li invited librarians from China and Taiwan and some Chinese librarians in the United States to get together at his home.

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CALA Scholarships and Re-search Grant Awards Estab-lished

1985 CALA established its CALA Scholarships and CALA Research Grant Awards under the leadership of the then presi-dent **Sally C. Tseng**.

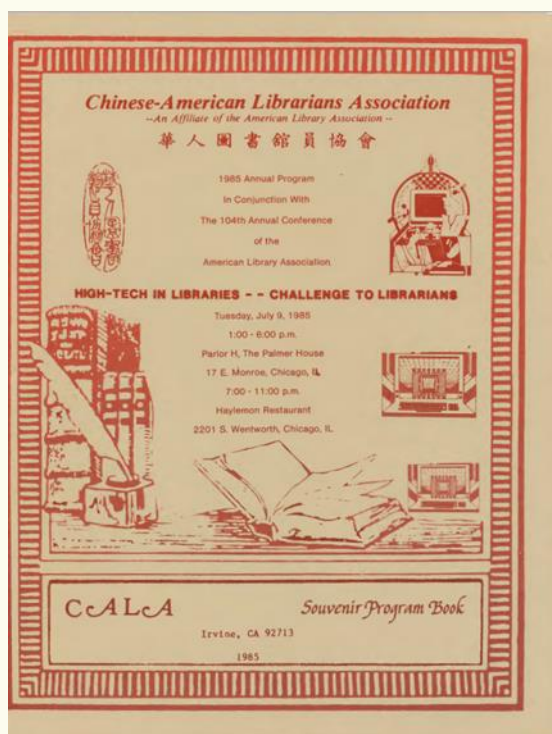


CALA Newsletter, No. 32, February 1985.

CALA Timeline

13th Annual Conference

The 1985 CALA program, "**High Tech in Libraries - Challenge to Librarians**," was held on July 9, 1985 in Chicago during the ALA Annual Conference. It was presided by William Wan. Gary Strong, State Librarian of California, spoke on "Challenge of Meeting Information Needs in the 1980s." Thomas P. Galvin, Dean of School of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh, gave a talk on "From Librarians to Information professions: The Challenge to Professional Education." Henriette Avram of the Library of Congress was keynote speaker at the evening banquet. She spoke on "Marc International Activities and the Potential for Resource Sharing."



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14th Annual Conference, 1986

CALA's 14th Annual Conference was held in **New York, July 1, 1986**. Its theme was "**The Roles Of Writers, Publishers, and Librarians in the Asian American Context**." Ms. Ruthanne Lum McCunn, Librarian, Writer, Publisher spoke on "Translating Research into Fiction." Mr. William F. Bernhardt, Executive Editor, Columbia University Press, spoke on "University Press Publishing." Dean Robert Wedgeworth, School of Library Services, Columbia University, talked on "Language and Geographic Area Special Collections."

15th Annual Conference, 1987

CALA held its annual program on **June 30th** during the annual ALA conference in **San Francisco**. Ling-chi Wang, Chairperson for the Asian American Studies Program at the University of California, Berkeley, spoke on "Asian Americans in the 1980s and 1990s."

CALA Attended the National Library of China Symposium

In **October 1987**, CALA was invited to attend the inauguration of the new building of the National Library of China and a symposium following the ceremony, along with library leaders from the Library of Congress and other countries. The CALA delegation, led by **Irene Yeh**, CALA President of 1987-1988, presented a plaque to the Director of the National Library of China at the ceremony.

16th Annual Conference, 1988

CALA held its annual program on July 12 in New Orleans. Its theme was, "Leadership: The Asian American Perspective." The speakers were: Harry Lee, Sheriff, Jefferson Parish, La., and Dr. Ching-chih Chen, Professor and Associate Dean, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College. It's moderated by Dr. Robert Chang.

1988 CALA established sister relations with the Library Association of Central Governments Units and Scientific Research Networks of Beijing, and with the Library Association of China in Taipei.

CALA Timeline

17th Annual Conference, 1989

CALA's 1989 Annual Conference was held on **June 27th in Dallas, Texas**. The theme of this year's program was "**Information Access Commitments: a Multi-cultural Perspective**." The speakers were: Dr. Susan K. Martin, Executive Director of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Services; Agnes M. Griffen, Director of the Montgomery County (Md.) Public Library system; and Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Library and Information Services.

The Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science

1989 the Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science was established. The scholarship awards \$500 to a full time minority student at an ALA-accredited library school in North America.

18th Annual Conference, 1990

The Joint Conference of Chinese-American Librarians Association and Library Association of China and CALA Midwest Chapter was held on **June 24, 1990**. The conference theme was "**International Access to Specialized Information**." It featured a bilingual book exhibit by Ed Young, a banquet, a publication, and 10 papers on Chinese American Resources.

China and Chinese Culture: A Selected booklist

1990 Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter published *China and Chinese Culture: A Selected booklist to promote a better understanding, Grades K-8*. In 1993 A revised edition was issued with the support of ALA Presidents Committee on Cultural Diversity.

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The Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services

The second White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS II) was held in July **1991**. The theme of the Conference is: **Library and Information Services for Productivity, for Literacy, and for Democracy**. Peter Young, 1989-1990 President of CALA,



Peter Young.

submitted to Linda F. Crismond, Executive Director of ALA, a statement in 1990 to support the WHCLIS II theme. Many Chinese Americans including Julia Li Wu, Hwa-Wei Lee and Bessie K. Hahn participated in this historic event.



Hwa-Wei Lee is a member of the Ohio Delegation.

CALA Timeline

19th Annual Conference, 1991

CALA's 19th Annual Conference was held in Atlanta, June 30. (Details unknown to the editors due to the missing of some CALA Newsletters.)

20th Annual Conference, 1992

The CALA 20th Annual Conference was held in **San Francisco, June 29, 1992**. The program theme was "**Librarians Make Diversity Happen.**" Elaine Kim of the UC Berkeley spoke on the social context of diversity, Peter Young addressed national policy on diversity, California State Librarian, Gary Strong spoke on making diversity happen in California, and Gus Lee, the noted author of *China Boy*, presented an author's perspective. Besides the program and the awards banquet, a dance and Karaoke were included.

CALA President's Recognition Award Established

1991 CALA President's Recognition Award was established. **Agnes M. Griffen**, Director of the Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries (MCDPL), Maryland, was the first recipient of the President's Recognition Award of CALA.

CALA E-Journal Initiated

In November 1992, CALA E-Journal was initiated. **Borsheng Tsai** acted as its editor from 1992 to 1995, and **Shixing Wen** became its Editor-in-Chief in 1996 until 2008. The journal was maintained by the CALA Midwest Chapter. The previous six issues are available at: <http://cala-web.org/files/CALAEJournal6.pdf> and Issue 7-11 are at: <http://cala-web.org/node/166>.

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21st Annual Conference, 1993: CALA 20th Anniversary

CALA held its 1993 Annual Conference on Monday, **June 28, 1993 in New Orleans**. More than 70 people participated in the Conference entitled "**Empowerment: The Asian American Perspective.**" Dr. Joy Cherian, Commissioner, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, spoke on "Asian Americans: An Emerging Force to Break the Glass Ceiling." Dr. S.T. Hsieh, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Director of the Pacific Rim Center, Tulane University, spoke on "Empower Asian Americans: Some Reflections of an Old Fashioned Chinese Professor." Angela Yang, Multicultural Services Librarian, University of California-Irvine, spoke on "Stand Up, Speak, and Enjoy - Enhance Public Speaking Skills." This annual program was followed by the membership meeting and the Distinguished Award Banquet to celebrate CALA's 20th Anniversary. The Banquet, attended by more than 100 people, was held at the Panda Chinese Restaurant overlooking the Mississippi River.

CALA Listserv Launched

June 1994 CALA Listserv was launched at University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee. **Dr. Wilfred Fong** was the first list owner.



Dr. Wilfred Fong.

CALA Timeline

22nd Annual Conference, 1994

The 1994 CALA annual program was held on **June 27, 1994, Miami, Florida**. The theme was "**Customer Service: A Multicultural Approach**." Prof. Roy T. Chang, Cataloging and Access Coordinator, Western Illinois University Library, spoke on "The Internet: Access for All." Ms. Ginny Gong, Community Human Relations Advocate, Montgomery County (Maryland), Public Schools & National President, Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), talked on "Partners in the Emergence of the Libraries as Tomorrow's Community Centers." Mr. Raymond Santiago, Assistant Director for Collection Development, Miami-Dade Public Library System, spoke on "Collection Development for Multi-Cultural Community."

CALA Website Started

1995 CALA launched its first website. It's developed by **Shixing Wen** and was hosted by his own company without charges to CALA.



Shixing Wen

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CALA / C. C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship Established

1995 CALA / C. C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship was established. The scholarship awards \$500 annually to a full time student at an ALA-accredited library school in North America to attend the ALA Annual Conference and the CALA Annual Program. Its name changed to: C. C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship in 2002. It's active until 2009. The scholarship website is at: <http://cala-web.org/node/231>.

Chin-chih Chen nominated as a candidate for ALA President Elect

In **1995**, Dr. Chin-chih Chen, CALA member, Professor and Association Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, was nominated as a candidate for President Elect of the American Library Association (ALA). Dr. Chen is the first Chinese/Asian American to be nominated to run for this honorable position.

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CHING-CHIH CHEN ALA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Chin-chih Chen has been nominated as a candidate for President Elect of the American Library Association (ALA). Dr. Chen has spent over 35 years serving the library and information science community as an award-winning public and academic librarian, teacher, speaker, consultant, researcher, and innovator.

In addition to being author/editor of 26 books and over 100 journal articles and reports, Dr. Chen has devoted much of her career as an educator to prepare librarians and library workers for the new information age. She is a Professor and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, as well as an energetic director of over 60 continuing education institutes relating to information technology, management and policy. Her deep concerns in global internet working of libraries around the world prompted her to organize a series of in-

library and Information Technology Assembly (LITA), and other association participation. In addition to ALA, Dr. Chen has been actively involved in various professional committees and executive boards of organizations such as the American Society for Information Science (ASIS), the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

A representative sample of the many awards and honors that Dr. Chen has received include the Distinguished Alumnus Awards from her alma maters — the University of Michigan School of Library Science (1980), and National Taiwan University (1983); the ASIS Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award (1983); election as a Fellow of AAAS (1985); ALA Certificates of Appreciation (1985, 1989, 1993); the LITA/Gavford Award for Achievement in Li-

CALA Newsletter, No. 65, October 1995.

CALA Timeline

23rd Annual Conference, 1995

The 1995 annual program was held in Chicago on June 24, 1995. Its theme was "Internet: Highway to Cities of Multimedia and Chinese Resources." It's moderated by Dr. Yan Ma, Assistant Professor School of Library and Information Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Professor Qiang Zhu, Deputy Director and Associate Professor, Peking University Library, spoke on "Latest Developments of the Internet in Mainland China." Dr. Chi-chun Tseng, Director of National Central University, addressed "The Role of Libraries in the Information Superhighway: The Experience of the National Center Library, Republic of China." Yu-Lan Margaret Chou, Chinese Cataloger, The Ohio State University Libraries, talked about "Accessing Chinese Resources on the Internet." Trisha Fabugais, Law Librarian at Schwell & Riggs, Texas, spoke on "Mosaic: The Multimedia Internet."

24th Annual Conference, 1996

CALA 1996 annual conference was held on July 6, 1996 in New York. Almost 130 people attend the annual program. The program topic was "Global Information Internetworking: Pacific Rim Perspectives." Five library leaders, Gary Strong, Director, Queens Borough Public Libraries, New York, Gifford Lynch, Director, Information Systems and Administrative Services, UC Berkeley, Ling Hong Too, University Librarian, Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, Yuan-liang Ma, Director, Shanghai Library and Institute of Science & Technological Information of Shanghai and Michael Lee, Librarian, Chinese University of Hong Kong, shared their experience on information networking which arose great interest from the audience.

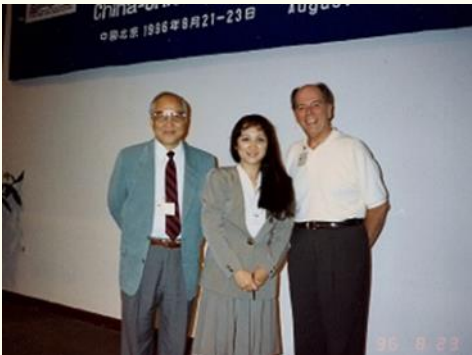
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The First China-U.S. Library Conference

The first China-U.S. Conference on "Global Information Access: Challenges and Opportunities" was held in Beijing on August 21-23, 1996. The U.S. Organizing Committee, co-chaired by Hwa-Wei Lee, included representatives of the American Library Association, CALA, the Library of Congress, and the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. A good number of CALA members were speakers and six members were selected to serve as translators. The conference site is at: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~felsing/ala/reports.html>



Mia Bassham at the 1st China-US Library Conference.



Mia with Winston Tabb and Hwa-Wei Lee (Winston was from LC then).

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Hwa-Wei Lee and some Chinese participants.



Mia with Betty Turock, the then ALA President.



Mia with Beverly P. Lynch, one of member from organizing committee.

CALA Timeline

CALA/IFLA Forum

IFLA sponsored the CALA forum "Chinese American Librarians' Activities in the Changing world," Beijing, China, August 27, 1996.

Dr. Ching-Chih Chen Appointed to Clinton's Advisory Committee

Dr. Ching-Chih Chen, a CALA member, was appointed to President Clinton's 20 member Advisory Committee on High performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet in 1997.

Florida Chapter established

1998 Florida Chapter was established under the effort of Shixing Wen, Wenxian Zhang, Nancy S. Hershoff, Ying Zhang and others.

25th Annual Conference, 1997

CALA 1997 annual conference was held in San Francisco on June 28. To comply ALA's theme "Kids Can't Wait," the annual program was entitled "Building the Future: Library Youth Services in Asia and the U.S." A panel of four speakers presented the program each representing a different field of services. Professor Cheng from the Graduate Institute of Library Science of National Taiwan University, spoke on Children Services in Taiwan. Susan Denniston, the administrative librarian at Sunnyvale Public Library in California, spoke on "Public Libraries Reaching Out to Kids." David Kakishiba, the executive director of the East Bay Youth Service Center at Berkeley, California, addressed "Information Needs of Asian American Youth." Janet Wong, attorney, also a Children's author and poet, spoke on "Children's Poetry across Cultures: Working with Children, Teachers, and Librarians in Singapore and the U.S."

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26th Annual Conference, 1998

CALA 1998 annual conference was held in Washington, D.C. on June 27. Its program theme was "CALA Reaches Across the Pacific." Moderated by Linna C. Yu, and there were four speakers. Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dean of University Libraries, Ohio University, spoke on "US-China Library Cooperation: Significant Developments in the 20th Century." Dr. Wilfred W. Fong, Asst. Dean, School of Library and Information Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, talked about "Hong Kong Librarianship: A Year After 1997." Dr. Margaret C. Fung, Professor of National Cheng Chi University, spoke on "New Library/Information Directions for the 21st Century in Taiwan, ROC." Mr. Heping Zhou, Deputy Director of National Library of China, spoke on "Library and Information Services in the PRC: Current Developments and Future Plans." It was well attended by over 150 members and friends.

June 25 1999 CALA Guidelines for Inviting Guests to the Annual Banquet was approved by the Board at the 1999 CALA Annual Conference.

27th Annual Conference, 1999

1999 CALA Annual Conference program was held in New Orleans on June 27th. Its featured topic was "Leadership, Socialization and Community Relations." The Program was moderated by the then President-Elect, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng. This program highlights the role of Chinese American librarians in connecting with and serving the library communities, especially the communities of minority groups. Program presenters included Drs. Christie Koontz & Dean K. Jue, both Co-Directors of Geo-Lib, a program of Florida Resources and Environmental Analysis Center, Florida State University; Sheriff Harry Lee, a prominent Chinese American in New Orleans; Ms. K.G. Ouye, City Librarian, San Mateo, CA & Chair of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program; and Dr. Ken Yamashita, Library Manager, Stockton Public Library, California. Dr. Koontz and Dr. Jue presented an excellent study they conducted on library uses by minority population with specific focus on library users of Asian heritage. Dr. Koontz pointed out some important variable associated with increased library use among library users of minority and economically/socially disadvantaged. Sheriff Lee shared his experience growing up as a Chinese American in Louisiana and his success in the local politics. Ms. Ouye in her speech emphasized the importance in cultivating our own people who will be with us, to help us. Last but not the least, Dr. Yamashita shared with the audience his views of how Asian American librarians can be a prominent force within American Library Association.

CALA Timeline

January 15, 2000 CALA Guidelines and Procedures for Financial Reporting was approved (<http://cala-web.org/node/132>)

The 2nd Library Society of China annual conference

In **2000**, CALA delegation led by Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, participated in **the 2nd Library Society of China annual conference** in Hulunbeier, Inner-Mongolia, China.



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28th Annual Conference, 2000

The 2000 CALA Annual Program entitled "**From the First Chinese-American Exchange of Publications in 1869: Review and New Challenges for Chinese Collections in the U.S. Libraries**" was held on **July 9 in Chicago**. Winston Tabb, Associate Librarian of the Library of Congress, introduced LC's recent effort in strengthening the collaboration with Chinese libraries, collection development, and digital library projects. Rush Miller, University Librarian of the University of Pittsburgh, briefed on the Pitt experience of allying with international partners and the Gateway Project of delivering timely journal articles trans-pacifically via the Internet. Ching-Chih Chen, Professor of the Simmons College, reported on her recent NSF awarded project "Chinese Memories", an exciting and unique mix of global partnerships with elite research organizations in China, Taiwan, and U.S. Eugene Wu, Retired Harvard-Yenching Librarian, served as the program commentator and gave an excellent and candid assessment of the East Asian libraries in U.S. The program was co-sponsored by the Council on East Asian Libraries, CEAL Committee on Chinese Materials, and the ACRL AAMES.

Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Research and Scholarships Memorial Fund

2001 Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Research and Scholarships Memorial Fund (美国华人图书馆员协会黄作平与吴耀玉教授纪念奖教/学金) was established at \$1,000 per year. The scholarship awards \$800 annually to one faculty member and two full time students at the Wuhan University, School of Information Management in China and \$200 to one Chinese student ALA-accredited library schools in North America. Read more at: <http://cala-web.org/node/248>

CALA Timeline

29th Annual Conference, 2001

The 2001 CALA annual program was held on **June 17, 2001 in San Francisco**. The program was **“Cultural Heritage: Preservation and Promotion with Pride.”** The speakers were: Yongyi Song, Gary Strong, Ann Von Camp, and Gordon Chang. Yongyi Song, an East Asian librarian at Dickinson College, discussed democratic movement during the Cultural Revolution that took place between 1966 and 1976. Gary Strong, the Director of the Queens Borough Public Library, spoke about the librarians' role in preserving and promoting cultural heritage in the communities. Ann Von Camp from the Research Library Groups (RLG) talked about a large-scale initiative of RLG toward cultural heritage projects. Gordon Chang from Stanford University addressed the topic of how the Chinese cultures have influenced the American societies.

31 CALA Delegation attended the 2001 CSLS annual Conference led by Liana Zhou, CALA President and Sally C. Tseng, CALA Executive Director. The Conference was held in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. Post Conference Cultural Tours, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2001 to Jiuzhaigou, Huanglong and Lhasa, Tibet.

Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant Established



2002 Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant was established. The purpose of this Grant is to support program and research related activities by CALA members. Read more at: <http://cala-web.org/node/205>.

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30th Annual Conference, 2002

The 2002 CALA annual program was held on **June 17, 2002 in Atlanta, GA**. The program theme was **“Chinese American and Other Ethnic Librarians Building Library Community.”** Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dean Emeritus, Ohio University Libraries, spoke on “Leadership Development and Coalition Building.” Luis Herrera, Director of Pasadena Public Library, Vice-President/President-Elect of Public Library Association, spoke on “Embracing a New Activism: REFORMA Leadership in Librarianship.” Dr. Em Claire Knowles, Assistant Dean of Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science, ALA Black Caucus Board member, discussed “Shared Visions: Building Coalitions.” Patty Wong, Deputy Director of Library Services, Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, APALA past-president, talked about “Community Outreach - Partnering for Better Library Services.”

In November 2002, CALA Newsletter became electronic version. Check out CALA Newsletters at: <http://cala-web.org/node/156>.

In December 2002, Guidelines for Advertisement in CALA Publications was approved (<http://cala-web.org/node/175>)

The China Society of Library Science (CSLS) Conference was held in **Xi'an, China from July 22 to August 5, 2002**. **18 CALA delegates attended** the CSLS Conference. CALA sponsored with the China Society of Library Science two very well received pre-conferences on public services and technical services with 8 CALA members as faculty. Faculty members included: Mia W. Bassham, Michael B. Huang, Julie Su, Sally C. Tseng, I-Chene Tai, Cathy Weng, Harriet Ying, and Haiwang Yuan.

36 delegates participated in the Post-Conference Silk Road Cultural Tour to Gansu and Xinjiang. It was an excellent experience for the delegates, especially for our Caucasian delegates.

Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Delegation participated at the first Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF), 2002 in Shanghai. The theme of the Forum was **“Knowledge Navigation and Library Services: International Cooperation.”**

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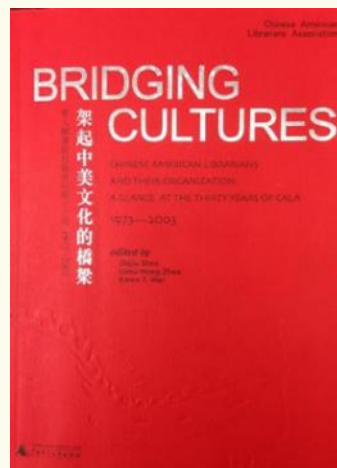
February 14, 2003, CALA Listserv moved to a new location: cala@umich.edu. The list owner during this period of time was Shixing Wen (shwen@umich.edu).

31st Annual Conference, 2003

CALA's 30th Celebration originally planned to be held at ALA Annual Conference in Toronto in **2003** was postponed to the 2004 ALA Annual in Orlando due to budget cuts.

2004. The CALA Scholarship of Library and Information Science was established. This scholarship awards \$1,000 annually to a full time student at an ALA-accredited library school in North America. Its first recipient was Donghua Tao, a doctoral student at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Information Science & Learning Technologies.

CALA 30th Book Published



2004, "BRIDGING CULTURES - CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS AND THEIR ORGANIZATION: A GLANCE AT THE THIRTY YEARS OF CALA, 1973-2003" (架起中美文化的橋梁 — 華人圖書館員協會回眸三十年, 1973-2003) was published by Guangxi Normal University Press." A history of

American Chinese Librarians Association, this book highlights leading and pioneering Chinese American librarians, features CALA award winners and major articles from annual programs." (<http://cala-web.org/node/163>)

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32nd Annual Conference, 2004

CALA held its 2004 conference program in **Orlando, Florida** on **June 27**. CALA took into consideration the 2003 Program theme "Library Resources & Services for Chinese American/Canadian Communities" and ALA President Hayden's initiative of "Equity of Access" and decided on the following theme for the 2004 Program: "**Library Resources and Equal Access: Serving Chinese Americans in the 21st Century Library Resources and Equal Access: Serving Chinese Americans in the 21st Century.**" Peter Zhou, Director of the East Asia Library at UC Berkeley, spoke on "Embedding East Asian Library in the University Community: Services for Chinese Scholars and Students." Thomas Alford, Deputy Director of the Queens Borough Public Library, discussed "Providing Urban Public Library Service in the 21st Century." David Hickey, Asian Studies Coordinator at University of Florida, addressed "Serving Sinologists and Chinese-Americans at the Local University Library." Ching-chih Chen, Professor at the GSLIS, Simons College, spoke on "Digital Libraries and Universal Access in the 21st Century: Potential for Chinese Americans."

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The China Society of Library Science (CSLS) Conference, 2004

CALA Delegation participated in Annual Conference of the China Society of Library Science (CSLS) held in **Suzhou, Jiangsu Province from July 20-24, 2004**. The theme was: "**Chinese librarianship in 100 years.**" CSLS also celebrated its 25th Anniversary during the Conference. Post Conference Cultural Tour was from July 27-31, 2004.

CALA Delegation participated at the 2nd Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF), October 12-16, 2004, Shanghai Library. The theme of this forum was "City Development and Library Service."

CALA was on *International News* for its Donation of \$3,940 to the ALA "Library Disaster Relief Fund" for Libraries in the Tsunami Areas in Asia during December 2004.

CALA Timeline

2005 LSC Annual Conference

Library Society of China (formerly: China Society for Library Science, name changed in 2005). 2005 LSC Annual Conference was held in China, July 20-31, 2005. The 2005 theme was: “以人为本, 服务创新” (“Innovative Services for the People”). Several CALA members, as in previous years, presented papers and won CSLS/LSC Best Paper Awards. Post-Conference Cultural Tour included Guilin, Guangxi, Guizhou and Yunnan Provinces.

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Some CALA Delegates with Library Society of China Dr. Zhan Fu-rui, LSC President, at the 2005 LSC Annual Conference in Guilin, Guangxi, China.



Some CALA Delegates visited Kunming, Yunnan during the South-West China Cultural Tours in Guangxi, Guizhou and Yunnan Provinces.



ALA President Michael Gorman, Sally Tseng, CALA Executive Director, Diana Wu, CALA President, attended the 2005 Library Association of China in Taiwan Annual Conference in Taipei. Next to Sally (in light blue suit) were Dr. Margaret C. Fung and Dr. Juang Fang-ron, Director of the National Central Library and LAC leaders. CALA established “CALA Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung” in 2012.

CALA Timeline

First Online Election Held

CALA held its first online election in **2005** under Shixing Wen's leadership. 61% of members with a valid email address participated in the online election and 56% of members without an email address mailed in their paper ballots.

On-line Payment Implemented

In **2006**, Online payment was implemented Under Shixing Wen's leadership. With this new venue, CALA members can renew and pay membership dues online and vendors can pay advertisement fees electronically.

"Book-for-China Fund" Launched

2005 "Book-for-China Fund" was launched by

John T. Ma. This project resulted in over 100,000 books shipped to China in less than 4 years which is considered an unparalleled success by any measurement.

(Read more at:

<http://cala-web.org/node/1226>)



Prof. John Ma.

2005

33rd Annual Conference, 2005

CALA held its 2005 conference program in **Chicago on June 26**. The program entitled: "**Riding the Electronic Rooster: Virtual Reference Services in User's Language.**" Susan McGlamery gave an overall introduction on the demographic changes in communities that will impact how libraries deliver services. Dr. Hao-Ren Ke, the Associate Dean at the National Chiao-Tung University Library in Taiwan, talked about the Library's QuestionPoint real-time virtual reference services in Chinese. Alma Ortega, reference librarian at the University of San Diego, shared her experience and tips in providing such service, and how to overcome the obstacles. Wilfred Fong spoke on how library education can help prepare future librarians who must be able to adapt to the rapid changing workplace due to the Internet.

2006

34th Annual Conference, 2006

The CALA 2006 annual conference was held in **New Orleans on June 25th**. The program theme was "**Chinese American Librarians: Identity and Professional Development.**" Patty Wong, Deputy Director of Stockton Public Library, spoke on "Working Together, Walking Alone." Xueming Bao, Systems/Digital Librarian, Seton Hall University Libraries, spoke on "Turning the pressure into a positive force: Going through the Promotion and Tenure Process in Academic Library Environment." Hwa-Wei Lee, Chief of Asia Division, Library of Congress, discussed "Be All You Can Be - Set High Career Goals!" Mark Winston, Associate Professor, School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, Rutgers University, talked about "Preparation for Leadership and Professional Success."

The Best New Book Awards

The Best New Book Awards was first announced at the annual ALA/CALA conference on **June 26, 2006**. It promotes outstanding works written by Chinese or Chinese American writers in North America with Chinese topics. The Best New Book Awards Committee was assembled in 2005. This new initiative was proposed by Cathy Lu, and co-chaired by Yi Liang, Julia Tung, and Ja-Lih Lee.

In 2006, CALA's Best Chinese Award on children's book was awarded to Belle Yang. A long promised visit was paid to Bella Yang, by Irene Yeh, Susana Liu, Elizabeth Sor, Julia Tung, Wendy Lin and Margaret Hsieh on November 15, 2013. Read more: 白雲深處有人家 (**A Visit to Belle Yang**) by Julia Tung.

2006



(Left to right) Elizabeth Sor, Irene Yeh, Margaret Hsieh, Susana Liu, Belle Yang, Julia Tung and Chi-shih Yang.



Standing at Belle's parents' house, Mr. & Mrs. He-fei Yang posing with Hsieh Chung-ming, Hamilton, Frank, three husbands of the Ladies.

CALA Timeline

A Special Story on The Best New Book Awards

白雲深處有人家

A Visit to Belle Yang

By Julia Tung, Librarian, Retiree, East Asian Library, Stanford University

As Belle Yang was one of our winners during CALA's Best Chinese Award on children's book while I was the Chairperson in 2006, we were invited to visit Belle's Gallery in Carmel. This dream finally realized on November 15, 2013.

Irene Yeh, Susana Liu, Elizabeth Sor, Julia Tung, Wendy Lin, Margaret Hsieh were the Librarians met with Belle Yang at her parent Hefei Yang (楊鶴飛)'s home in Carmel Valley. The site of their home was like a fairyland. We had a spectacular afternoon.

In my e-mail thanking her for the wonderful gathering and the gift of her book to each of us, I attached the following note: "Dear Belle, While I search World Catalog I found over 2,000 copies of your work *Forget sorrow* owned by world libraries. Of course this is a rough count, not including if library purchase more than one copy and personal owned copies from the audience in the world. Great!"

This graphic book is about the ancestors of the Yang family. She spent eleven years gathering information and laying out the book. It is a treasure of Chinese culture about the life of her family in American. She always reflected the great parents nourished her important life as a Chinese daughter and her art life due to her wonderful parents.



2006-----2013



A visit to Belle Yang (center), CALA's Best Chinese Award on children's book in 2006.

CALA Timeline

California Chapter Divided Into Two

The CALA California Chapter was divided into two chapters: Northern California Chapter (NCA) and Southern California Chapter (SCA) in July 2006. The geographic division between the North and the South is by the line on Luis Obispo and Bakersfield of California.

JCLC 2006

In 2006, CALA became a co-sponsor and a participant of the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC).

Taken from the CALA poster at the ALA 2011 Diversity and Outreach Fair: "Promoting Library Advocacy, Diversity, Family Literacy, and Global Outreach," by Chou, Min; Lee, Esther; Tseng, Sally and Deng, Sai.



Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) 2006

CALA actively participated in the first ever national conference jointly sponsored by five ethnic associations (AILA, APALA, BCLC, CALA, REFORMA), October 11–15, 2006 in Dallas, TX



2006

Sponsor of the ALA Emerging Leaders Program

In 2006, CALA became sponsor of the ALA Emerging Leaders Program. To support President Burger's Emerging Leaders Program and with the intent to develop leadership potential among CALA members, the CALA Executive Board approved a \$500 sponsorship each to two CALA members interested in the ALA Emerging Leaders Program and non-monetary sponsorship to four other CALA members interested in the program.

21st Century Librarian Seminar Series (中美图书馆实务培训研讨会)

Led by Haipeng Li and Xudong Jin, the CALA Midwest Chapter piloted a project to conduct training workshops for Chinese librarians at Yunnan University in **Kunming, China, from July 17-21, 2006**. The seminar, entitled "CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series", was co-sponsored by the Yunnan Provincial Library Commission, the CALAMW Chapter and Yunnan University. More than 100 librarians from eight Chinese provinces and regions participated in the event. This pilot turned into a multi-year

continuous project to enable collaboration and exchange between Chinese and American libraries and librarians.



The CALAMW Chapter delegation consisted of Shuyong Jiang, Xudong Jin (group leader), Haipeng Li, Haiwang Yuan, and Lisa Zhao.

CALA Timeline

35th Annual Conference, 2007

CALA held its 2007 annual conference program in **Washington DC on June 24**. The conference theme was **“Librarians of the 21st Century: developing solutions to new challenges at the global, national and local levels.”** The keynote speaker, Dr. Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian for Library Services, Library of Congress, addressed “Libraries in Global Dimensions.” Dr. Theresa Byrd, Chief Information Officer and Director of Libraries, Ohio Wesleyan University, spoke on “Library Leaders as Advocates for Professional Development.” Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, Director, School of Library and Information Studies, Texas Women’s University, delivered “Mentoring for Change: Keys to Success.” Michael Golrick, Director, L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, addressed “Digital Generation Librarians: What do You Do with Them.”

21st Century Librarian Seminar Series Officially Established

In **2007**, the 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series was officially established as a CALA project and managed by CALA International Relations Committee with Xudong Jin and Guoqing Li as co-chairs. A year later, CALA Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series Task Force was formed, consisting of Xudong Jin, Guoqing Li, Haipeng Li (Chair), and Lisa Zhao. It took over the management. Read more at: <http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/project/workshop.shtml>

2007



July 2-4, 2007, 116 librarians and information professionals from all over China participated in the three day conference in Changchun, whose theme was “Collaboration and Development of Chinese and American Libraries: Theories and Practices of Academic Librarianship” (“2007中美图书馆合作与发展国际学术研讨会”) Participants came from 11 Provinces and cities (Beijing, Tianjin, Jilin, Liaoning, Heilongjiang, Inner Mongolia, Sichuan, Zhejiang, Jiangsu, Shandong, Shaanxi, and Hong Kong), representing 36 universities and 2 provincial library commissions.

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In April 2007, **CALA Southeast Chapter was established.** The Florida Chapter was active from 1998 to 2006, and was incorporated into the Southeast Chapter. CALA Southeast Chapter homepage: <http://www.southeast.cala-web.org/index.htm>

In 2007, **CALA website** moved to its current location: cala-web.org. The move was coordinated by Bin Zhang and the Web Committee.

August 1, 2007, **CALA List** moved to its own domain: calalist@cala-web.org. The current list owner is CALA's webmaster. Listserv information is at: <http://cala-web.org/node/167>



cala-web.org

2007

The CALA Alire Initiative Taskforce

The CALA Alire Initiative Taskforce was established in **July 2007**. The project name is **Dai Dai Xiang**



*Camilla Alire,
2009-2010 ALA
President*

Chuan (代代相传/袋袋相传): Bridging Generations, A Bag at A Time and it is led by Nancy Sun Hershoff and Dora Ho.



Photo source: Pictures of how families who participated Dai Dai project through Cleveland Public Library. http://www.flickr.com/photos/dai_dai_xiang_chuan/tags/clevelandpubliclibrary/

CALA Timeline

The 4th China-US Library Conference

From Oct. 22 to 25, **2007**, the 4th China-US Library Conference was held at OCLC, Dublin, Ohio. 50 delegates from China and US gathered together at OCLC for the 4th China-US Library Conference. Among the US delegates, Hwa-Wei Lee, as a member of the U.S. Organizing Committee, continued to coordinate the planning and liaison work, Haipeng Li and Xudong Jin attended the conference, representing CALA.

Picture on right: Participants of the Fourth China-US Library Conference. (CALA Newsletter, no. 97, Fall 2007, p.6)



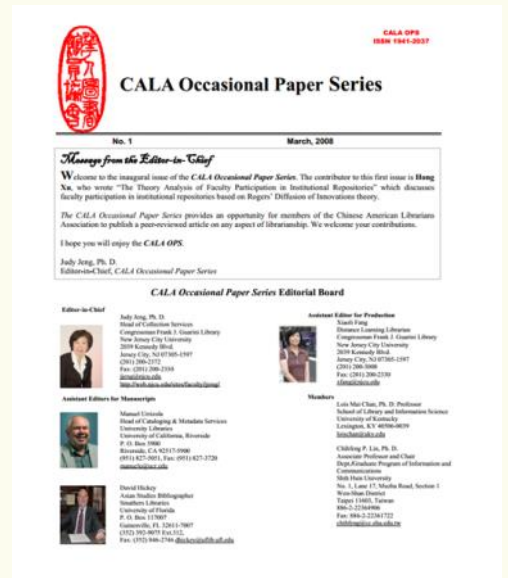
2007

2008



CALA Occasional Paper Series (OPS)

In March 2008, the first issue of **CALA Occasional Paper Series (OPS)** was published under the editorship of Judy Jeng. It provides an opportunity for members of the Chinese American Librarians Association to publish a peer-reviewed article on any aspect of librarianship.



(Photo source: <http://cala-web.org/files/ops/OPSMarch08.pdf>)

CALA Timeline

China Earthquake Relief Funds

On May 12, **2008**, devastated 8.0 magnitudes struck Wenchuan Earthquakes in Sichuan Province, China with thousands of aftershocks. It was a major disaster. CALA President Shali Zhang appointed a CALA Taskforce on Rebuilding Libraries in the Earthquake Disastrous Areas in China chaired by Sally C. Tseng. The total **China Earthquake Relief Funds** raised by CALA were in the amount of US\$20,800.00-US\$400.00 for PayPal fees = US\$20,400.00. These funds were sent to the Library Society of China to be distributed to the library victims and libraries who lost lives or got hurt, or whose homes and libraries were damaged, to rebuild their collections due to the Earthquakes. It is the largest fundraising effort in CALA history.

36th Annual Conference, 2008

CALA held its 2008 annual conference program in **Anaheim, California on June 29**. The conference theme was **"Global Outreach: A U.S. - China Experience."** The keynote speaker was Beverly Lynch, Professor, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies University of California at Los Angeles. The panel speakers included: Haipeng Li, Reference Librarian/Outreach Coordinator, Oberlin College Library, Trisha Davis, Head of Serials, Electronic Resources and Rights Management Department, Ohio State University Libraries, Qiang Zhu, Director of Peking University Library, China, and Lian Ruan, Director/Head Librarian of Illinois Fire Service Institute Library.

Spotlight on CALA Members

In 2008, CALA launched "Spotlight on CALA Members." Its first issue features Dr. Mengxiong Liu. It was initiated by the Publications Committee chaired by Min Chou. Its purpose was to highlight the many talented members who have performed outstanding work and made accomplishments in the library profession.

2008

"Think Globally, Act Globally"

"Think Globally, Act Globally" is a US-China Collaboration Project started in **2008**. It is a partnership to enhance communications and relations between American and Chinese public librarians; it is part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, funded by Institute of Museum and Library Service from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2012. Read more at: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/China/overview.html>



(The signing ceremony. Photo source: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/China/index.html>)

2009



The Launching Ceremony in Beijing for the "Think Globally, Act Globally" project.

CALA Timeline

37th Annual Conference, 2009

CALA held its **2009** annual conference program in **Chicago on July 12**. The conference theme was "**International Outreach and Leadership: the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series Program**." Six panelists presented different viewpoints on how to successfully create outreach programs for these Chinese libraries. In her keynote speech, Barbara Ford demonstrated the impact of the CALA Seminar Series on ALA, IFLA and librarianship. Guoqing Li reviewed the Series' origin, goals, achievements, and future plans. Shuhua Liu, Anna Xiong and Hilary Davis (not present) made an analysis report of the Series from 2006-2008. Mengxiong Liu gave a great Grant Seeking and Financial Support presentation.

Guideline For CALA's Fundraising And Donations Due To Major Disasters

2009 CALA created "Guideline For CALA's Fundraising And Donations Due To Major Disasters." Read more at: <http://cala-web.org/node/1339>

CALA Taskforce on Helping Taiwan Libraries Destroyed/Damaged by the 88 Typhoon Marakot

was created in August **2009**. It raised more than \$6,100 led by Sally Tseng and Dr. Tzi-Chung Li. The Library Association of China in Taiwan assisted in the distribution of the fund to two libraries in Taiwan.

Support ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program

In the **2010** summer conference, CALA Board of Directors voted unanimously in support of the ALA Spectrum Presidential Initiative with a contribution of \$6,500. In recognition of this gift, the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program has named Christopher Kyauk as the 2010 CALA Spectrum Scholar.

Best Books List

2010, CALA created the Best Books List, a list of best books on Chinese topics by Chinese or Chinese descent authors published in a designated calendar year in North America, under the leadership of Zhijia Shen.

2009

2010

2011

38th Annual Conference, 2010

The 2010 CALA annual program was held in **Washington DC on June 27**. The program title "**The Sky is the Limit - Reaching out to the Minority Communities of Users and Librarians**," focused on the theme of community outreach, bringing together a panel of distinguished speakers of library outreach and diversity. Satia Orange, former Director of ALA Office of Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS), called for librarians to "Sharpen our skills and enhance services to minority communities!" Rush Miller, University Librarian of U of Pittsburgh, spoke on "Building diverse staff and collections in American libraries through international outreach--Success of University of Pittsburgh." Karl Ku, Director General of National Central Library of Taiwan, spoke on "Building global connection; bridging Chinese studies librarianship." Virginia Van Wynen Baeckler & Carol Quick, Director and Assistant Director of Plainsboro Public Library, talked about "How 'Jin Huo Long' took up residency at Plainsboro Public Library: A 19 year retrospective." Susan Hildreth, City Librarian, Seattle Public Library, delivered "Embracing diversity with community partners."

In the **2010** ALA annual conference, CALA presented a poster titled "**Inspiration and participation: promoting diversity within the organization and beyond**" in **ALA Diversity Fair in Washington D.C**. It is created by Min Chou, the then incoming CALA Vice President, and Sai Deng, *CALA Newsletter* Co-Editor.

2011, the CALA handbook task force was changed to a CALA standing committee with the new name of "CALA Organizational Manual Committee."

CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research in All Media was established in 2011. Starting from 2012, an award in the amount of \$500 each year is to be presented to its recipient at the annual CALA meeting, with a citation by

the CALA Board to read at the CALA Annual Award Ceremony.



Jing Liao.

CALA Timeline

39th Annual Conference, 2011

CALA 2011 annual program “**Embracing the Changes: Diversity and Global Vision in a Digital Age**” was held in **Washington DC on June 27**. Keynote speaker Betty Turock, Former ALA President, Professor and Dean Emeritus, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University, spoke on “Access to Information in a Digital Age.” Michael Dowling, Director of the Chapter Relations and International Relations Offices, ALA, gave a talk on “Digital age provides opportunities for ALA to increase international connectivity.” Miguel Figueroa, Director of Offices for Diversity and OLOS, ALA, addressed “Diversity—where we are and where we are going.” Clara Chu, Chair and Professor, Department of Library and Information Studies, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, spoke on “A CALL to LEADD (Librarians Enhancing Access, Diversity and Development).” Michael Porter, President & CEO of Library Renewal, spoke on “Unity through libraries and global electronic content access.”



In 2011 ALA Annual Conference, CALA’s poster won the 2nd prize at the Diversity and Outreach Fair. This poster was created by Min Chou, CALA President, CALA Vice President Esther Lee, CALA’s Honorary Executive Director Sally Tseng and CALA Newsletter Co-Editor Sai Deng. In picture (L-R): Maria Fung, Esther Lee, Sally Tseng, Manuel Urrizola and Haipeng Li gathered at the poster.

2011

CALA Welcomes Chinese Delegation

In August 2011, CALA welcomed a **Chinese delegation** of 79 library administrators to the “Future Development and Service of Global Children’s Librarianship Conference” in New York City.

CALA Joins IFLA

In September 2011, CALA joined the **International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)** as a national association member. CALA representatives Min Chou and Shali Zhang attended the IFLA WLIC 2012 in Helsinki, Finland and represented CALA at this flagship event of international librarianship.



CALA Representatives with IFLA President Ingrid Parent.

CALA Timeline

Symposium on Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee's Thoughts on Librarianship

In November 2011, the **Symposium on Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee's Thoughts on Librarianship** (李华伟博士图书馆学术思想研讨会) was held on **November 17, 2011** at the Shenzhen Library in Shenzhen, China. It was co-sponsored by the Shenzhen Library, Zhongshan University Library, Guangdong Public Library and the Chinese American Librarians Association.



2011

Project 40/40

CALA's "**A Prelude to Celebration: Project 40/40**" was created in fall **2011** under the leadership of Min Chou, selected by the **ALA Emerging Leaders Class of 2012**, and completed in June 2012 by a team of emerging leaders Yuan Li, Chris Kyauk Candice Mack, and Laura Morlock. The team conducted interviews with generations of library leaders in CALA membership and generated 40 leadership quotations.



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CALA on Facebook

On February 7, 2012, CALA started to be on Facebook through the effort of CALA Newsletter Co-Editor Sai Deng and the 2011-2012 CALA President Min Chou.

2012 CALA established "Guidelines on Nominating CALA Members to Serve on IFLA Section Standing Committees."



2012

JCLC 2012

2012. CALA participated and co-sponsored the **second Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC)** held in **Kansas City, Missouri** from September 19 to 23. Haipeng Li was one of the two Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee, and Dora Ho is another CALA Representative to the JCLC Steering Committee.



CALA Timeline

40th Annual Conference, 2012

CALA 2012 annual program “**Diverse Voices, Enriching Communities**” was held in **Anaheim, Ca. on June 24.**

Dr. Camila Alire spoke on “What Makes a Leader Tick? Personal Reflections.” Dr. Sha Li Zhang addressed “Recruiting Future Librarians with Culturally Diverse Backgrounds: Progress Report.” Director James Rettig spoke on “Bridges, Ships, and Connections.” Dr. Ingrid Parent, the Keynote Speaker, delivered “Future Library in the Digital Age.”

In November **2012**, Esther Lee led a **CALA/U.S. Delegation to attend the Chinese Library Annual Conference** and Exhibition in Dongguan, China, 2012.



2012 Library Conference in Dongguan, Guangzhou, China

2012

In June 2013, CALA created “CALA Channel” in YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel>) and published its first video “The Life of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee: A Scholar, A Library Leader, An Ambassador (李華偉博士之旅：學者，圖書館界泰斗，文化使者)” in YouTube. The video was created by Sai Deng and Rosaline Flowers to accompany the special issue of “Spotlight on CALA Members: Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee” which was edited by Shali Zhang.

2013

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A video on the life of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, one of the founders and a past president of the Chinese American Librarians Association ...

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2013: CALA 40th Anniversary

In June 30, 2013, CALA held its Annual program and banquet to celebrate its 40th anniversary in Chicago, IL.

The theme of the conference program was “Together We Make a Difference – Celebrate CALA 40 Years and Beyond.” The speakers were: Dr. Tze-chung Li: “Look Forward for CALA,” Minyan Li, Min Tong, Ning Zou: “Voice of CALA Emerging Leaders,” Julia Wu: “From an International student to a Pioneer in Education, to a Public Elected official, and to U.S. Presidential Adviser,” and Dr. Wilfred Fong: “Beyond The Horizon.”

The conference program included exhibitions: Posters from CALA Chapters, CALA 21st Century Librarianship Series and CALA Members in the IMLS Project “Think Globally, Act Globally.” It also played a slide show of Greetings from CALA Members and Friends. The program website is at: <http://cala-web.org/node/1536>.

The CALA banquet was a historic and grand occasion, attended by over 160 members, dignitaries and friends of the Association. Among them were some ALA Officers, CALA Award Winners, CALA Program Speakers, Honored Guests, Donors and Sponsors. Check CALA Facebook for banquet photos at: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.527497607316752.1073741829.281336511932864&type=3>



2013

Editors' Notes: “CALA Timeline” was compiled by Sai Deng based on the CALA early history materials provided by CALA’s founder, Dr. Tze-chung Li, “CALA chorology” from the CALA 30th anniversary book, *Bridging Cultures - Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance at the Thirty Years of CALA, 1973-2003*, and information collected from CALA newsletters and CALA website. It was reviewed by Sally Tseng and Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee.



CALA Leaders/People



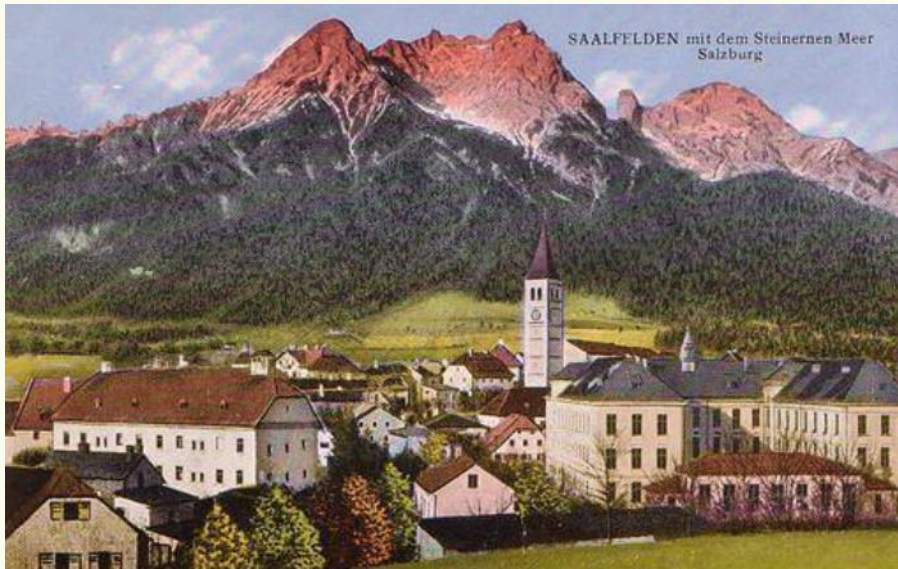
Josephine Riss Fang: CALA's Oldest Continuous Member

A Photo Montage of Her Life Stories

by Amy S. Kwei

The prestige and strength of any organization depends on the accomplishments of its members. CALA is blessed to claim Josephine Riss Fang as a member. As CALA's oldest continuous member, we are offering a photo montage of her life stories.

1) Josephine was born in Saalfelden near Salzburg, Austria, in 1922. She had an idyllic and happy childhood until WWII.



The Riss family lived on the 3rd floor of the Court House, which is seen in the lower right corner on this postcard.



CALA Leaders/People

2) After enduring the hardships of war, she received her PH.D. in English from the University of Graz with a thesis on the American author Sinclair Lewis.



3) In 1950 she came to America under a Post-Graduate Fellowship from The Institute of International Education and studied and worked at the Catholic University, where she met Paul Fang, a Chinese-American physicist and married him on March 31, 1951. She received her M.S. in Library and Information Science from Catholic University.



Josephine with her husband Paul.

4) Josephine and Paul raised 10 children and were very supportive of each other's careers. Josephine's first teaching position was at Catholic University and Maryland University.



Josephine with her husband and children. Photo taken in 1956.

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5) After Paul, who worked for NASA, was transferred to the Boston area, Josephine worked for one year in the Boston College libraries and finally, in 1969, started to teach at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College. While there, she introduced courses in International Librarianship, Preservation Management, and Publishing. She was very active in professional organizations worldwide and headed a number of international projects, which led to numerous publications, such as articles in professional journals and reference books, e.g. *The World Guide to Library, Archival and Information Science Associations* (1973, rev.1990), *Education and Training for Preservation and Conservation* (1991), *Archive and Information Science Education* (1985). After teaching at Simmons College for over 20 years, she retired as a Professor Emerita of Library Science. Her children have established a scholarship in this area under her name.



Josephine with her 10 children.



Josephine with her grandchildren.

6) After 60 years of marriage, Josephine lost her husband to Parkinson's disease. Now she is surrounded by her 10 children, their spouses, 18 grandchildren and old friends. They celebrated Josephine's 90th birthday on March 31, 2012 with a High Tea at the Colonial Inn in Concord, Mass.



Josephine in her 90th Birthday celebration with old friend Portia Tang and Portia's son, Rolland Tang.

7) When China first opened up, Josephine and her husband followed Nixon and visited the country which at that time had no functioning Library Association. After her return, she gave presentations of the trip all over the country. Her lectures also took her to many corners of the world, such as China (multiple times), the Scandinavian countries, Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, France, Kenya, Australia, the Philippines, Russia and others. She was guest professor at Universities in Germany and China and was awarded the title of Honorary Professor by various Chinese universities, such as Wuhan, Xi'an, Inner Mongolia and Yunnan.

CALA Leaders/People

Last December, two librarians from the China Memory Project came to interview Josephine at Simmons College. Mr. Tian Miao (in photo below, the one wearing the checkered scarf) of the National Library of China, Beijing, heads the project. Professor Cheng Huanwen (in photo below) is professor and University Librarian at the Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China.



Ode to Dear Aunt Josephine Riss Fang's 90th Birthday By Guangyi Li, Nephew-in-law on behalf of the Fang family in China

Once a comely lass dared to love *Long's* lad,
Making him a good and loving wife,
Sharing a happy and fulfilled life.
A tender matriarch to tens of folks.
A shining star lightening the low tracks,
A sage godsend among the race puzzled,
A walking history book of the past world,
An inspiration to the way of the flesh.

With a corresponding poem in Chinese (对应中文诗) :

约瑟芬·方伯母90寿辰颂

洋淑龙子爱，
绵绵六十载。
幸福人生渡，
深情育后代。
寿星人间耀，
苍生可问道。
世间万事阅，
天机众人昭。

侄女婿，李光毅，代国内方氏亲人赋诗敬贺

All in all, Josephine has been blessed with a great family and a rewarding career. She summed up her life with her characteristic positive attitude: "Teaching, research and involvement in professional organizations were most rewarding, especially the contact with our very intelligent and motivated students." Perhaps some of her students are now members of CALA and will have many stories to share about this remarkable woman. Kindly contact CALA if you were one of these students.

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遗)

Josephine served on the Constitution & Bylaws Committee when CALA first started. (*CALA newsletter*, no. 31, December 1984, p. 2).

Josephine appeared in "Member in the News": *International Guide to Library and Information Science Education: A Reference Source for Educational Programs in the Information Fields World-Wide* was prepared by the Working-Group "Equivalence and Reciprocity of Qualifications" of the IFLA Section on Library Schools and other Training Aspects and edited by JOSEPHINE RISS FANG and Paul Nauto. It is available from K.G. Saur, 1985. (IFLA Publications 32). (*CALA newsletter*, no. 35, Jan. 1986, p. 5)

Josephine was mentioned in "Special Thanks" for her donations to CALA's various funds. (*CALA newsletter*, no.84, February 2002, p.3)

Gladys Chaw: Four Decades of Memories with CALA

by Gladys Chaw (周惠英)



I discovered the Chinese Librarians Association in 1973 before it became the California Chapter of the Chinese American Librarians Association. Also, I graduated in 1973 from the University of California at Berkeley with my Master's in Library Science. CLA's meetings were conducted in Mandarin Chinese, which I didn't understand. CLA members were very professional, friendly, and accommodating to my silent presence. Later when meetings were conducted in English, the membership increased. I was elected as Executive Director for three years and during those years CLA outreached to librarians of Chinese American descent and those who supported the goals of CLA.

When the CLA merged with the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), I continued as an active member holding positions of various capacities and responsibilities. As Vice President and then as President for the California Chapter, workshops were presented alternatively in northern, central, and southern California. Very challenging for a "long" and large state! These activities gave great exposure for CALA and the California Chapter. Librarians were energized with the timely programs with excellent speakers.

I had a rewarding opportunity to work with Chief Editor Diana Shih as co-editor. At the time, there was no advanced electronic communication, posing a challenge to the coordination and the timely publication of the *CALA Newsletter*. Nevertheless, the published issues were distributed on time! We pioneered in reporting CALA annual conference meetings in the Newsletter; a first at the time.

Much has happened during my forty years of association and participation with CALA and the California Chapter that would be too long to mention here, but recorded in CALA's archives. I found that the most amazing strength in CALA has always been the members—diverse in professional knowledge, skills, and type of library involvement. Thus, I humbly cannot take full credit for my successful activities in CALA. It is my wish and hope that CALA continues for forty more years and beyond!

The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

"Merging of CALA and CLA - ...On December 14, 1981, Ad Hoc committee members from CLA (**Gladys Chaw** and Susana Liu) and CALA-(Cecilia Chen, Eunice Ting, and Sally Tseng) met in San Francisco during the 83rd Annual Conference of the California Library Association. The discussion of the proposed merger of the two association progressed smoothly..."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 23, January 1982, p.4)

"Greetings from the new CALA newsletter editor. You may be surprised to find this issue in your mailbox sooner than at the appointed time. The President has suggested that we experiment with publishing smaller issues of the newsletter at more frequent intervals, so that more timely matters can be disseminated to you... Please note that **Gladys Chaw** is the newsletter co-editor..."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 39, February 1987, p.1)

"CALIFORNIA CHAPTER - ...During the ensuing membership meeting, the following members were elected to the 1988 Chapter Board: Amy Tsiang (President), Gladys Chaw (Vice-President)..."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 42, Winter 1988, p.3-4)

"Gladys Chaw, a life member of CALA, successfully coordinated the first ever **National Library Week** at College of San Mateo. The theme for the week was "fantasy, mystery, and reality@your library..."
(*CALA Newsletter*, no. 88, July 2003, p.13)

John Ma: Father of The “Books for China Project”



John T. Ma, President of the Books for China Fund.

New Year’s Letter to CALA (2013)

[Below is a letter by John Ma initially addressed to CALA Executive Director Li Fu. Forwarded per author’s permission.]
“Many thanks for your New Year’s letter. I really appreciate your hard work for CALA.

The following is my New Year’s letter to you and all other members of CALA:

Pardon me for being so late in sending you our New Year’s letter. I have just returned from my native town Wenzhou in China. My son Dr. Averil Ma, his wife Dr. Barbara Malynn, my elder daughter Carol, my granddaughter Ashley, and my grandson Kevin went to Wenzhou with me.

We went there because the Culture Bureau of Wenzhou city government established an art museum in memory of my father Ma Gongyu and my uncle Ma Mengrong. The Culture Bureau invited all members of my family to participate in the opening ceremony of the art museum on December 16, 2013. That was also the publishing date of five books on my father, my uncle and the Ma clan, and the date of a seminar to discuss the art of my uncle and my father.

The opening ceremony was a great success. A large number of the Ma clan members from many parts of the world came. So did a number of art lovers and admirers of the paintings and calligraphy of my uncle and my father.

My nephew Professor Ma Yizhao, a well-known calligrapher, who organized this event, did an excellent job. He was ably assisted by his wife Ming-xia. Some of his students and friends helped too.

That was by all means the best China trip we have ever had.

The year of 2013 has been a happy one for all members of my family. All three children of mine are doing well. My son Averil, Rainin Distinguished Professor of Medicine at UCSF, is Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Director of UCSF Colitis and Crohn’s Disease Center. His wife Dr. Barbara Malynn is a researcher in his laboratory.

My elder daughter Carol is a Director of PriceWaterhouseCoopers in European Union in charge of business in emerging economies. Her husband Marco Fumagalli is Head of the Management Improvement Department of Yara Co., a multinational fertilizer company.

My younger daughter Dr. Debora Ma, is a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon. She has been in private practice in Lafayette, Co. for 11 years.

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My granddaughter Ashley has just got a new job as Interaction Designer at Teague Co. in Seattle, WA. My grandson Kevin is a junior at the University of Cincinnati, OH, majoring in chemical engineering.

I continue to promote the Books for China Project. This year the project has sent seven containers of books and academic journals to China. A total of 31 containers of books have been sent to China since the founding of the project in 2005. More than a score of universities in China have received our books.

This project is probably the only organization that can send Western books to China without a booklist. Many donors are relying on us to send books to China. A Chinese scholar asks me to send his gift books to his alma mater. I hope Western books will help Chinese college students better understand the Western world and the students will in turn help the modernization of China.

I look forward to a greater Ma clan and a better China in the coming year.
A Very Happy New Year to you.

John, May, Averil, Barbara, Carol, Marco, Debora, Ashley, Kevin"

A Letter from Prof. Ma

(2009, on the Occasion of Receiving the 2009 CALA Distinguished Service Award)

"President Zhang and fellow members of CALA,

First of all I must apologize for my absence. A previous engagement has prevented me from attending this annual meeting and accepting the Distinguished Service Award you have so kindly given me.

I am proud of being the recipient of this important award. I accept it with gratitude and a deep sense of humility.

I was recommended for this award by three most distinguished librarians, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Professor Tzu-chung Li, and Professor Ching-chih Chen, who are all previous recipients of this award. To fill their shoes is indeed very difficult. I know where the shoe pinches. I must learn to put the shoe on the right foot.

Ever since I came to this country in 1947 for advanced studies in universities, I have been deeply impressed by the richness of library collections in American universities. Later I had the good fortune to become a professional librarian and worked in three leading universities - Columbia, Cornell, and Stanford - and the New York Public Library. I realize how important libraries are to universities, to society, to the whole world, and to the future of humanity.

Even before the United States and the People's Republic of China established formal diplomatic relations in 1979, I had been observing the development of university libraries in China. For a long period of time China had many difficulties in developing her university libraries. Our fellow librarians in China worked very hard under unfavorable circumstances. They deserve our respect and need our help.

CALA has done a great deal to help librarians in China. Many CALA members have made very significant contributions to the development of libraries in China. They are playing an important role in the cultural relations between the U.S. and China. They promote mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of the United States and China. They further peace and prosperity of the world. The Books for China Project, which I founded about four years ago, also tries to follow the steps of CALA. But the project is an all-volunteer organization with very limited resources. Although we have shipped more than 100,000 volumes of books to university libraries in China since 2005, in view of their needs, our contributions are quite inadequate. The CALA Award Committee has been so kind as to consider this project as a success. It is the team spirit, hard work, loyalty, and personal sacrifice of all participants, including many CALA members, that have made the success of this project possible. I must share this award with all of you and thank you for your encouragement and support with all my heart. Thank you very, very much. John" (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 100, Spring 2009, p. 17)



The Pearls and Citations (拾珠采遺)

John Ma is the recipient for the 2009 CALA Distinguished Service Award.

“Prof. John T. Ma was nominated jointly by Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dr. Tze-chung Li and Dr. Ching-chih Chen for his great success with his initiative ‘Book-for-China Fund,’ a project he launched since 2005.

Prof. Ma received a M.A. in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin in 1948 and a MLS from Columbia University in 1958. His professional career spanning over 50 years includes positions as Associate Librarian of the Missionary Research Library at Columbia University, Chinese Bibliographer-Cataloger at Cornell University Libraries, Curator-Librarian of the East Asian Collection of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, Director of the Library at the Sinological Institute of the University of Leiden in the Netherlands and Chinese Librarian at the New York Public Library. While at Stanford, Prof. Ma also served as a professor of Asian Studies at Lincoln University in San Francisco and taught at the San Francisco State University. He has been invited as a visiting professor at National Taiwan University, Tamkang University in Taiwan, East China Normal University (Shanghai), Changchun University of Science and Technology (Jilin), and the Southeast University (Nanjing) in China.

Prof. Ma devoted all of his time and effort to ensure the success of the ‘Book-for-China Fund’ project despite various types of the problems and difficulties that arose. He tirelessly explored many avenues for the needed books or journals for academic libraries in China. Against all odds, he managed all the logistics to deliver the books to China with limited funds. It involved collections, storage, sorting, shipping, administrative negotiations with end parties and authorities on protocols. This project resulted in over 100,000 books shipped to China in less than 4 years which is considered an unparalleled success by any measurement.

The Committee believes that Prof. Ma has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievements in library and information services at the national and international level. We share the sentiments expressed so genuinely and strongly by his nominators and supporters. Prof. Ma is a model of how an individual can accomplish a noble cause with his vision, determination and hard work.”

By CALA Awards Committee, Wen-Ying Lu (MW Chapter), Katherine Sun (SE Chapter), Jiaxun Wu (CA-S Chapter), George Zhixian Yi (SW Chapter), Cathy Yang, Chair (GMA Chapter).

“[Dr. John Ma] has done a superb job in instituting the Books-for-China project. Not too long ago I had sent boxes of books through John and he saw that they were delivered in a timely manner and he took the time to personally write a letter of thanks.”

- Priscilla C. Yu

“I want to thank Qian Li Hu for sharing the article published by Qiao Bao on July 21. I have known John Ma for many years and am a great admirer of his tireless effort in launching the ‘Books-for-China’ project almost single-handedly. Both John and his wife are in their mid-80s and yet have continued in their effort to collect and send more books to China. It will be nice if we can all participate and help John to continue this worthy project.”

- Hwa-Wei Li

(MR. JOHN T. MA & HIS “BOOKS-FOR-CHINA” PROJECT.

CALA Newsletter, No. 99, Winter 2008, p. 12-13)



More of John Ma’s reports and letters regarding Books for China Project can be found at:

CALA 2009 Annual Report of the Books-for-China Project (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 102, Spring 2010, p. 4-5)

Books for China Fund - Two Letters from John Ma (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 105, Winter 2011, p. 6, 11)

Annual Report of the Books for China Project for the Year of 2011 (*CALA Newsletter*, No. 106, Spring 2012, p. 12-13)

Priscilla Yu (于張品絲)

My heartiest congratulations to CALA on celebrating 40 years of distinguished service.

It is a privilege to be associated with such a great and vital organization. From the time of its founding in 1973, it has continued to expand and provide leadership among the Chinese American librarians. CALA has done wonders in all these years and I am so proud of all its achievements in providing a vehicle where Chinese American librarians can cooperate with other associations and organizations with similar interests. Through CALA, I have gained many long-lasting friendships.

I am a Life Member of CALA and am honored to be a part of this active and growing organization, serving not only the Chinese American communities but also the global library community. Before my retirement in 2006, I was Professor of Library Administration and Head of the City Planning and Landscape Architecture Library at the University of Illinois Library, Urbana-Champaign. I am now Professor Emerita of Library Administration at the University of Illinois Library. My education included a bachelor's degree at the University of California, Berkeley and a master's degree at Columbia University, New York. I served as Research Associate at the Center for Chinese Studies, University of California, Berkeley.



Priscilla presenting her paper at "Conference on Chinese Contributions to America," Oct. 2000. Flushing, Queens, New York City. Left seated Linna Yu.

During my career I served on many CALA committees: I was Co-Editor of the CALA/Midwest Chapter Newsletter, 1983-84; Chair of the Books to China Committee, 1984-1985; Chair of the International Relations Committee, 2001-2002; Member of the Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Scholarship Committee, 2001-2002; Member of the Constitution/Bylaws Committee, 2001-2003; CALA Member, Board of Directors, 1999-2002, 2002-2005, 2005-2008; CALA Task Force on Building Libraries in the Earthquake Disastrous Areas of China, 2008-2010; Co-Chair, CALA JCLC Scholarship Taskforce, 2012; Co-Chair, Constitution/Bylaws, 2013-2014; and CALA 40th Celebration Task-Force, 2013-2014.

Editor, *CALA Newsletter*, 2009-. Currently through the online version, the *CALA Newsletter* has reached out globally. With the membership growing annually, the Newsletter has brought forth numerous interesting stories, events, conferences, outstanding achievements and awards of friends and members afar. I have received repeatedly praises on the content and quality of the Newsletter.

In 1999 I received the "CALA Distinguished Service Award" for outstanding professional achievements and dedicated contributions through participation in CALA and other professional organizations, such as ALA and IFLA. Furthermore, my book *Chinese Academic and Research Libraries: Acquisitions, Collections, and Organizations*, according to well-known Chinese scholars, "This project, which took many years to complete, will lay the cornerstone for many subsequent studies of Chinese academic and research libraries." I have published numerous articles on Chinese libraries and librarianship in scholarly and professional journals and also book chapters. In addition, I have presented papers at conferences in the U.S. and abroad.

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CALA Awards Banquet, Priscilla Yu receiving Distinguished Service Award, New Orleans, June 1999. Left to right: Patty Wong, Linna Yu, and Priscilla Yu.



"Conference on Chinese Contributions to America," Oct. 2000. Flushing, Queens, New York City. Left to right: Sally Tseng, Priscilla Yu, Linna Yu, and Mengxiong Liu.

Other memorable moments included the time I received the 2011 CALA President Recognition Award. Throughout my professional career, I have faithfully served CALA and have been an enthusiastic advocate of CALA. The award was based upon CALA's Newsletter becoming the most visible of CALA's publications and for its richness and comprehensiveness. Countless hours were required in collecting, editing and reading the reports of the Newsletter.

One of the other rare moments in my career was when I visited Beijing in 2010 and interviewed Director Zhu Qiang, Head of Peking University Library, whom I have known many years. Zhu Qiang was a Freeman Scholar at the East Asian and Pacific Studies Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. As a result of my interview, he is now an active member of CALA. He has presented papers at numerous meetings at CALA and ALA.



Visit to Peking University Library, Automation Dept., July 1995. Left to right: Prof. Sun Bien Hua, Priscilla Yu, and Prof. Dai Longji (who became Director of Peking University Library in 1999).



Priscilla Yu interviewed Zhu Qiang, 2010.

I appreciate sincerely the opportunity to express my thanks to CALA. I wish CALA and its members all the best in the next forty years.

Carol KaChuen Yuan Gee



Head of Technical Services
Institution: Lehman College Library
CALA's 2014 Incoming President

KaChuen Yuan Gee, CALA's 2014 President elect, joined CALA in the 1990's and is a long term member of the Northeast Chapter. A professional librarian since 1969, KaChuen has established a long and productive career in cataloging, acquisitions, and electronic resources management.

After graduating from Columbia University School of Library Sciences with a MLS degree, KaChuen started her career as a senior cataloger at the New York Public Library. From there, she moved on to serve in business and law libraries as assistant chief librarians, and eventually joined Lehman College Library as the Head of Technical Service after she joined Lehman, a senior college in the City University of New York system. Many Asian librarians who were CALA members worked for CUNY at different campuses, and they soon became KaChuen's good friends and colleagues.

Because of their persuasion and encouragement, KaChuen joined CALA in 1990 as a new member. Throughout the years, she realized that CALA was a strong and progressive library organization dedicated to promote and advocate the professional development of Asian America librarians as well as the important role these librarians occupy in America's diverse multicultural society. She was very happy that she had such a strong "home Base" for guidance and support. As an active member, KaChuen has participated in many of CALA's functions and activities. She served as the president of Northeast Chapter in 2013, and was a member of the Board of Directors from 2004-2007. During her tenure as a CALA officer, KaChuen organized many programs on behalf of the Northeast Chapter, including a highly successful presentation on her family history research, which attracted about two hundred people as well as wide attention of the Chinese media in New York.

To be elected as the incoming President of CALA was a great surprise but also a great honor for KaChuen. She deeply appreciates the support and trust of many of her CALA friends who believe she will be a good leader. She pledges that she will not let them down. As a new leader, she pledges that she will uphold CALA's constitution and bylaws, while endeavor to promote and advocate CALA's role as a national and international library organization. Externally, her goal is to put CALA in the lime light of the International stage. Internally, she strives to develop a friendly, harmonious and cooperative partnership with members. CALA has enjoyed forty years of illustrious history, KaChuen strongly believes that with the support and cooperation of members as a team, CALA will continue to grow and expand in its professional future to be a great and internationally renowned library organization.

Personal Information: KaChuen Yuan Gee was born in Beijing but moved to Hong Kong with her family when she was only seven. She grew up in that cosmopolitan city and finished her secondary education in an English Protestant high school. She came to the United States in 1962 to further her education. She received a BA in history from New York University in 1965, a MLS degree in Library Science from Columbia University in 1969, and a MS degree in Education from CUNY in 1990. She is happily married and is the proud grandmother of 2 grandchildren. Currently, she is writing a book on her family history entitled "The Yuan Chronicle: History of the Yuan Shikai Family".



Guoqing Li (李國慶)



Brief Biography

Graduated from Beijing University and Indiana University, Guoqing Li currently is a **professor and Chinese/Korean Studies Librarian at the Ohio State University**, and a guest professor of Wuhan University and Guangxi Normal University. He is the funding president of the Society for Chinese Studies Librarians, member of Association for Asian Studies, Council of East Asian Studies Libraries, and the Council Chair of United Societies of China Studies. His research interests include Ming and Qing Dynasty fictions, late imperial history of cultural exchange, library science and English literature translation. He has published a great number of books and articles, including *American Academic Libraries in the Twenty-first Century: Theories and Practices* (2007) and *Talk the Library Talk: Public Services* (English-Chinese, 2009), and currently co-editing two monograph series, *Chinese Studies in the West: the Chinese Record* and *Personal Experiences in China*. He was recognized by his colleagues at The Ohio State University Libraries with a Distinguished Scholar Award in 2012.

Committees

As a life member of CALA since 1992, he has served on the followings committees:

1996-1997	Finance Committee
1996-1999	Midwest Chapter, Ohio State contact Person
1997	CALA Goal 2000 Task Force
1998-1999	Public Relations Committee
1999-2000	Membership Committee, Co-chair
1999-2001	International Relations Committee
2002-2003	Local Arrangements Committee
2003-2004	Midwest Chapter. Program Committee
2003-2004	Program Committee
2004-2005	International Relations Committee, Chair
2004-2007	Midwest Chapter. Program Committee
2005-2006	Midwest Chapter. Archive Committee, Chair
2006-2008	International Relations Committee, Co-Chair
2007-2009	CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Project Taskforce
2008-2009	CALA Special Liaison to the Library Society of China
2009-2011	International Relations Committee, Co-Chair
2010-2013	Board of Directors
2013-2014	International Relations Committee, Co-Chair

He received the CALA President's Recognition Award in 2007.

Message to CALA

“On the occasion of CALA's 40th anniversary, I would like to thank this great Chinese-American professional organization for all the support and opportunities provided for me to fulfil my career goal as a successful librarian and scholar in the United States, and for all the colleagues who worked with me on committees and projects during past 20 some years, united we have done some great jobs. Approaching the end of my career, I wish I have done more for CALA. I believe that 40 years old CALA, as an organization still young, will grow maturer and maturer in the hands of new generations of Chinese American librarians.

Happy birthday, CALA, and best wishes!”

Michael Bailou Huang (黄柏楼)



Michael Bailou Huang is a full librarian at the Health Sciences Library and associated faculty member in the School of Health Technology and Management, Stony Brook University. He was appointed Adjunct Professor at Shanghai Normal University in January 2013. Prior to these positions, he served as Acting Coordinator of Library Instruction and reference librarian at SUNY Oswego (1997-1999). During 1990-1997, he was a reference librarian and Head of Interlibrary Loan at Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, New York. He was a visiting scholar at the Capital Normal University in Beijing, China in both 1998 and 2005.

Michael earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China (1982), a master's degree in library science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania (1989), a master's degree in education from Elmira College (1997), and a bachelor of professional studies and master's degree in health sciences/acupuncture from New York College of Health Professions (2007).

He has published three edited proceedings and 25 articles in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, *Journal of the China Society for Scientific and Technical Information*, and other highly acclaimed journals and conference proceedings. He has presented about 60 papers, workshops, lectures, and poster sessions at national and international conferences held in

11 countries including Austria, China, England, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Norway, Portugal, and the United States, and at a variety of forums in universities in China such as Tongji University, Fudan University, Guangxi Medical University, Capital Normal University, Shanghai Normal University, and Capital Medical University. Michael was invited to present a keynote speech titled "Current and future trends in academic libraries in the United States" at the 3rd International Conference on Library Cooperation and Resource Sharing, Beijing, China, October 2012.

Michael was an organizer/chair of CALA session titled "Exploration and practice of innovative services in U.S. libraries" at the Chinese Library Annual Conference, Shanghai, China, November 2013. He serves on the Editorial Board of *Chinese Librarianship: an International Electronic Journal*. He was appointed as Secretariat General, Member of the Organizing Committee, and Conference Organizer (in charge of all conference matters outside of China) for the 3rd International Conference on Library Cooperation and Resource Sharing, Beijing, China, October 31 to November 2, 2012. The conference was organized by Capital Normal University, BALIS, and Beijing Academic Network Library in cooperation with the Development Research Center of the State Council of P. R. China. He was named Secretariat General of the International Conference on Leadership and Innovative Management in Academic Libraries in the Age of New Technology jointly organized by Tongji University and CALA. The meeting took place at Tongji University, Shanghai, China, April 25-27, 2012. Michael was Publicity Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee of International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries (ICADL), Beijing, China, October 24-27, 2011. He was one of the chief organizers of the International Conference on the Development of Subject Librarianship and Personal Librarianship, Beijing, China, October 14-16, 2008. He was responsible for all the conference matters outside China including advertising, peer-reviewing and editing papers, answering registration questions, assisting with Chinese visa applications, hosting participants from overseas, and serving as chief conference interpreter. About 200 people from seven countries attended the conference.

A life member of CALA, he serves as VP/President Elect, CALA Northeast Chapter, 2013-14; Mentor, CALA Mentorship Program, 2013-14; member of Conference Travel Grant Committee, 2013-14; Chair of the International Relations Committee, 2011-13; CALA Liaison to Library Society of China, 2011-14; Membership Chair, CALA Northeast Chapter, 2012-13; member of the Award Committee, 2010-11; member of the International Relations Committee, 2009-10; Team Leader of the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series at Shanxi University, Taiyuan, China, May 24-26, 2010; Presenter of the American Library Educational Team in "Think Globally Act Globally" US-China Librarian Collaboration Project, Nanning, China, 2009; and CALA Delegation Leader to attend the 3rd Shanghai International Library Forum, Shanghai, China, August 17-19, 2006.

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Michael was a recipient of CALA President's Recognition Award, 2013, CALA Conference Travel Grant, 2012, and the President's Award for Excellence in Team Achievement from Stony Brook University in both 2005 and 2008. He received the Outstanding Contributions by a New Member Award from the New York-New Jersey Chapter of MLA in 2000 and won Best Papers Awards from the Library Society of China Annual Conferences in both 1999 and 2000 for his research papers titled "A comparative study of librarians evaluation in academic libraries in China and the United States" and "Improvement and expansion of academic library collection development: A comparative study of collection development systems." In addition, he was a two-time recipients of Antonija Prelec Educational Award from Stony Brook University in 2004 and 2008, and nine Individual Development Awards from NYS United University Professions.

CALA has achieved tremendously in recent years as a professional organization. It is an honor to serve for CALA, and working with CALA members is always an inspiring experience for me. I have benefited a lot from encouragement and support by CALA colleagues in my professional growth. I will continue to devote my enthusiasm, energy, and time to the association in achieving its goals and missions. Together we will make CALA a collaborative and strong association for the best interest of all members. Congratulations, CALA, on your 40th anniversary! I'm proud of you.

Michael Bailou Huang
December 19, 2013



Dr. Michael Huang led the CALA team in the 21st Century Librarian Seminar Program at Shanxi University Library, May 24-26, 2010. Photos are from: http://tiger.uic.edu/depts/lib/projects/resources/calamw/project/2009_10/2009_10.shtm

Weiling Liu

Professor, Director of the Office of Libraries Technology



Brief Biography

"I have been working at the University Libraries of University of Louisville (UofL) as the head of the Office of Libraries Technology since 1998. I hold an M.L.I.S. from Brigham Young University.

I served in leadership positions or Boards for several professional or non-profit organizations since 2006:

Chair (2007) and Web Services Officer (2007-2009) of Kentucky Library Association Information Technology Round Table;

A Steering Committee member (2006-2008) and webmaster (2007-2008) of ExLibris Users of North America (ELUNA);

A Board member and webmaster of Kentuckiana Chapter of Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA-KY) since 2006; the President of OCA-KY for 2010 and 2011.

I joined CALA in 2007 and became a Life Member in 2009. I started to serve on CALA committees since 2007. I served as Co-Chair of CALA Membership 2011-2013, and Co-Chair of Web Committee for 2011- 2013. I'm currently the Webmaster and Co-Chair of Web Committee."

Message to CALA

"I view CALA a platform for its members to learn from each other, help each other, and share their knowledge and experiences, which in term contribute to the advance of library and information science professions."

Accomplishments

2011-2013, as Co-Chair of Membership Committee, recruited members to a total of 515 active members for 2012 (exceeded the goal of 500) and 559 for 2013.

2011-2013, as a Co-Chair of Web Committee with primary responsibility on the implementation of the new membership database system, CiviCRM: configured the system for CALA's use, created new online forms and, normalized data for active member's records, improved the membership database integrity, created documents on the use of the new system, and provided support on related issues

2013-14: CALA's Webmaster and Co-Chair of Web Committee

Updated Advertisement Guideline

Created a handbook for Web Committee on server administration, and applications support

Improved CALA's website by adding Announcement/News and external links to related associations and CALA's social media sites, reorganizing some pages for better navigation

Suggested the use of AnyMeeting for the Board and CALA to have virtual meetings

Awards

The Mid-West Chapter 2013 President Award

A co-recipient of 2013 ALA Diversity Research Grant

Main Plans

"Improve the online resources, such as the website, listserv, membership database and other online application systems to better support CALA's mission and serve CALA members."



Ode to CALA?!

Wenxian Zhang (張文獻)



I am a **Professor of Rollins College** in Winter Park, Florida, Research Associate of Rollins China Center, Arthur Vining Davis Fellow, and Head of Archives & Special Collections of Olin Library. A CALA life member and Beta Phi Mu, I also serve on the Editorial Board of the *Chinese Librarianship: an International Electronic Journal*. I am a recipient of the Cornell Distinguished Faculty Service Award, Florida Historical Society Patrick Smith Award, Orlando Chinese Professional Association Community Service Award, and am listed in both *Who's Who in America* (Marquis) and *Who's Who among Asian Americans* (Gale). In addition to articles on Chinese librarianship, information studies, historical research, and business management, my recent monographs include *The Biographical Dictionary of New Chinese Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders* (Edward Elgar, 2009), *A Guide to the Top 100 Companies in China* (World Scientific, 2010), *The Entrepreneurial and Business Elites of China: The Chinese Returnees Who Have Shaped Modern China* (Emerald, 2011), and *A Winter in the Sunshine* (Shanghai University Press, 2012).

People always tell me that I am destined to become a librarian, I am probably one of few people who were actual librarians before coming to the United States. My first encounter with the Chinese American Librarians Association goes back to the mid-1980s, when I attended the International Book Fair in Beijing and was deeply impressed by a presentation of a CALA member. A few years later I became a CALA member myself, thus beginning my long-term association with the professional organization that I have a strong sense of belonging.

I have quite a few memorable moments with CALA. In August 1996, I made my first presentation on the "Library Electronic Resource Sharing among Liberal Arts Colleges" in a CALA sponsored session at the 62nd General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations held in Beijing, my follow presenters include both Mengxiong Liu and Harriet Ying. In the late 1990s, I worked closely with Shixing Wen and Ying Zhang to launch the CALA Florida Chapter, hosted its first annual meeting in the Olin Library, and served as president for one term.

Two years ago, under the theme of *Glass Ceiling and Chinese American Librarians* and along with Hwa-Wei Lee, Shali Zhang, Min Tong and a few other CALA members, I made another presentation on "Meeting the Challenges of Faculty Tenure Evaluation: Teaching, Research and Service Work at Rollins College Library" during the CALA Southeast Chapter Annual Meeting held at the University of Central Florida. In addition, since the 1990s I have served on various CALA committees, including: International Relations, Constitution and Bylaws, Local Arrangements, Professional Travel Grants, Sally Tsang Professional Development Grants, and Annual Best Book Awards.

The old Chinese adage says the best, 四十而立. CALA is now a well-established organization with great professional accomplishments, however all its successes are not possible without dedications and hard works of numerous CALA members, leaders, friends and donors. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, I whole-heartedly wish CALA another forty years of triumph and beyond!

With Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee during the CALA Southeast Chapter Annual Meeting on the Glass Ceiling and Chinese American Librarians, University of Central Florida, April 30, 2011.



Ying Zhang (張滢)

Southeast Chapter President, 2013-2014
Florida Chapter President, 2002-2004
Board of Directors, 2002-2004, 2013-2014
Acquisitions Librarian, University of Central Florida
CALA Life member



I came to know of CALA as soon as I started my career in librarianship. Fresh out of the library school at my first job as a professional librarian, I was introduced to the Chinese American Librarians Association by my colleague Dr. Chang Lee who had served as CALA's President in the 1980s. He urged me to join in CALA to start my professional development. And I learned from Dr. Lee the history and missions of CALA. I joined immediately; and two years later, I became a life member.

Shortly after I joined CALA, I met Wenxian Zhang, Shixing Wen and a few other enthusiastic CALA members who were working in the State of Florida. We wanted to build a localized professional network within CALA; and hence idea of the Florida Chapter was born. After numerous discussions, phone calls and paperwork, the Florida Chapter was established as the 6th CALA Chapter. All charter members, Shixing served as the first Chapter President, Wenxian Vice President and I was the Treasurer, with Dr. Lee as the advisor. The Chapter members covering from Tallahassee to Miami had gathered years for meetings and conferences. In 2004 when ALA brought its annual conference to Orlando, FL, I was the

Chapter President and chaired the Local Arrangement Committee for the CALA Annual Programs. The CALA Annual Banquet was held standing room only in the exquisite Ming Court Restaurant, whose architecture was a cultural fixture on the tourist corridor of International Drive in Orlando. In 2007, Florida Chapter was absorbed into the new 7-state Southeast Chapter of CALA. I remained an active member in the new Chapter.

In my career as a professional librarian, CALA has not only provided a platform for me to serve on various committees and to cultivate my professional development, it also has brought me into a vast network with fellow librarians of the Chinese heritage as well as those interested in Chinese cultures. Through CALA, I met librarians from all over the world who are native to their countries, 1st, 2nd or even 5th generation of immigrants. As one of the largest ethnic caucuses in the field of librarianship, CALA is the perfect venue that bridges cultures and peoples. And I will continue committing myself to CALA.

For 40 years, CALA has been an advocator for the Chinese American librarians. And I sincerely wish for many more years of success.

This article is a tribute to Dr. Chang-Chien Lee, who passed away on May 31, 2014.

Bonnie L. Fong

Board of Directors, 2012-2015

CALA-sponsored ALA Emerging Leader, 2011

Physical Sciences Librarian, Rutgers University



When I first entered the world of librarianship, I did not know very much about the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). I knew of CALA's existence and had a vague idea of a few of the great things it does on a regular basis, such as offering scholarships/grants and presenting awards for Best Books. As a current life member and Board member, though, I have learned CALA is so much more! For example, the organization regularly sponsoring excellent programs and takes part in important initiatives, often collaborating with the other ethnic caucuses (including AILA, APALA, BCALA, REFORMA) and working with libraries and library organizations abroad in Asia.

I believe the secret to CALA's success these past 40 years, however, is its members - the heart and soul of the organization! CALA consists of a wonderful network of friendly librarians who make you feel truly welcomed. In fact, I first joined CALA upon the encouragement of two amazing CALA leaders, Haipeng Li and Min Chou. I met them when I presented a session at the 2010 REFORMA Northeast Joint Mini Conference (co-sponsored by all 5 ethnic caucuses) in New York City. They introduced me to many more new CALA (and non-CALA) friends so that whether attending an ALA conference, state-wide conference, or CALA-Northeast Chapter event, I see friendly familiar faces and engage in interesting and informative conversations with librarians from all over the world. Serving on CALA committees (i.e., the Handbook of Officers committee and the Awards committee) has also provided me with a chance to work with some great colleagues.

As I reflect on what I value most about being a CALA member, I must say it is the generous support that CALA offers its members and the supportive nature of the CALA network. I am honored to have received CALA's financial sponsorship when participating in the 2011 ALA Emerging Leaders program and appreciate the continued opportunities CALA provides me to work together with amazing colleagues to meet the organization's very worthwhile goals.

I wish CALA a very Happy 40th Birthday!

Bonnie L. Fong

"[Bonnie Fong] I have found CALA members to be friendly and encouraging, very supportive and especially willing to help new librarians. The CALA community is its greatest strength. I look forward to many more years of working with such amazing colleagues!"

(From "CALA Members' Greetings" at ALA Annual 2013)

Sai Deng (鄧賽)



Board of Directors, 2012-2015
CALA President's Recognition Award, 2013
[CALA Channel @ YouTube](#), Admin, 2013-
[CALA Facebook](#), Admin, 2012-
[CALA Newsletter](#), Co-Editor, 2009-
Metadata Librarian and Associate librarian,
University of Central Florida

Finding a Place Called Home: My Voyage with CALA

As the Chair of the CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce, I have been promoting the CALA 40th Anniversary Issue and soliciting contributions for a year now. Finally, I think I need to sit down and write something for the "CALA People" column that I proposed and reflect on my own CALA journey.

My first encounter with CALA started in my final days at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in 2005. With a group of fellow GSLIS Chinese students, I attended the CALA Midwest Chapter's Annual Program in Bloomington, Indiana on May 13-14. Our trip was organized by Lian Ruan, the Chinese Group's mentor. I don't remember the program details, but I do remember the warm smiles of the CALA people and their professional look during their talks. In my mind I still have the image of Sally addressing the audience with her neat hair and suit. I was impressed by the passion and dedication she had and witnessed the respect and recognition she gained in the conference. Somehow I got very sick after eating seafood in a local restaurant and was sent to the local hospital's emergency room. That



Sai at the 2005 CALA Midwest Chapter's Annual Program in Bloomington, Indiana.



The UIUC attendees pose for a picture with Sally Tseng at the 2005 CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Program.

was the first time I was in an emergency room. I recall many CALA leaders and people including Wen-Ling, Haipeng and Li Fu visited me in the hospital or in the shared hotel room. I felt CALA was like a big family.

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After my graduation, but before I took my first job at Wichita State University Libraries, I had the opportunity to volunteer for the 2005 Chinese Librarians Summer Program. Along with the program participants I went to ALA Annual meeting in Chicago my first time and got to see more CALA members and friends. These experiences exposed me to the CALA community and activities and acted as preludes for me to become a CALA member.

In early 2006, I joined CALA after I had worked for Wichita State for about half a year. In my years with CALA, Min Chou from New Jersey introduced me to many projects and has always been an inspiration and a friend to me. I have seen her high energy, creative mind, determination and her ability to move things forward. I started serving on the CALA Publication Committee in 2007 with Min Chou who was its chair then. Under her leadership, I participated in the content compilation of the CALA brochure and designed the brochure. I later translated the English version into Chinese and created the Chinese version of the brochure. When CALA inaugurated its new publication of "Spotlight on CALA Members", I helped the Publication Committee to compile and design the CALA special issue: Spotlight on a CALA Member's Global Networking through the Fulbright Program- An Interview with Dr. Mengxiong Liu. Besides the Publication Committee tasks, I also worked with Min on many other projects. When I was appointed to work for the 2011-12 Presidential Initiative Taskforce, I participated in the programming discussion, designed the CALA 2011 program brochure and flyer for the ALA 2011 Annual Conference held in New Orleans. I was a co-author with Min Chou and a designer for a poster at the 2010 ALA Diversity Fair. In 2011, I collaborated on a poster titled "Promoting Library Advocacy, Diversity, Family Literacy, and Global Outreach," with Min, then 2011/2012 CALA President, Sally Tseng, CALA's Honorary Executive Director, and Esther Lee, the 2011/2012 CALA Vice President. This poster won the 2nd prize at the 2011 ALA Diversity & Outreach Fair. The poster session showcases the CALA's mission, outreach, programs and services to diverse people of all ages. I often encounter Min in different conferences and at the 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) we got a picture taken with Esther during the Chinese author Da Chen's book signing.



Sai, Esther and Min at Da Chen's book signing, JCLC 2012.



Priscilla and Sai.

I have always been happy helping other CALA members in working on various projects. Sometimes these projects turned into my big responsibility, or led to new ideas and new projects. In 2008, I met Shuyong Jiang at the ALA Annual meeting and she asked me if I would like to help with the CALA Newsletter. She told me that she liked my LIS book project slides presented at the 2007 CALA-Midwest Annual Conference. I gladly said yes without hesitation since I had worked as an editor for the Commercial Press International and a newsletter editor for Sanlian Bookstore in Beijing back in the late 1990s. I helped her with the 2008 fall issue of the newsletter. Starting from 2009, I have been working with Priscilla Yu as the CALA Newsletter's Co-Editor. The Newsletter is the official publication of the CALA. Priscilla worked hard to broaden the newsletter's coverage to include reports, stories, announcements, events, awards and achievements, publications, and conferences/seminars/outreach. I helped her with editing and production. Its rich content and "attractive" design has caught great attention and gained many compliments.

In early 2012, I created the CALA Facebook page with Min Chou, then the CALA President. Ever since then I have been posting news, conference programs and photos to the space. In 2013, after I moved to the University of Central Florida, Shali Zhang, the then Chair of the CALA Presidential Initiatives Task Force, asked me if I could help with a special CALA spotlight issue dedicated to Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee. The world is really a small one; both Shali and I worked for Wichita State University Libraries before. After

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receiving some photos, articles and book chapters from Shali, I was fascinated by the yellowish old photos and the story and asked if we could create a video to document the life of Dr. Lee. Shali consulted Dr. Lee and Dr. Lee mailed me his biography book “*书籍殿堂的智者: 杰出美籍华裔图书馆学家李华伟 (The Sage in the Cathedral of Books: The Distinguished Chinese American Library Professional Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee)*.” Based on this book and the photographs provided by him, I worked with my Colleague Rosie Flowers to make a video “*The Life of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee: A Scholar, A Library Leader, An Ambassador (李華偉博士之旅: 學者, 圖書館界泰斗, 文化使者)*.” I wrote the script and picked up the music, Rosie was the voice, and we worked on the video editing together. The video brought a fresh breeze to the CALA community and I was told by many fellow librarians that they liked it. Initially I posted it to my own YouTube channel and it generated more than 200 views shortly. After that, I opened the CALA Channel in YouTube, and it gained another over 200 views. I think that I am fortunate to be associated with several CALA’s firsts: the CALA Facebook page, the CALA YouTube Channel and the CALA’s first documentary video. Of course, these efforts need to be sustained.

I was very surprised when Esther nominated me for the President’s Recognition Award in 2013. I thought there were so many CALA leaders who were well qualified out there, while I had always tried to help, participate and create, not really to lead. I remember she said in a firm tone over the phone, we think you are qualified. In CALA’s 40th anniversary banquet, I was happy to receive the award and meet with many wonderful CALA members and friends, including the hero and heroine of the documentary, Dr. Lee and his wife Mary.



Shali, Dr. Lee and his wife Mary, and Sai at the CALA 40th Anniversary banquet.



Sai receives the CALA President’s Recognition Award at the CALA 40th Anniversary banquet on June 30, 2013. Left to right: Manuel Urrizola, Esther Lee, Sai Deng and Haipeng Li.

The challenge to lead came when I was appointed to be the Committee Chair of the CALA 40th Celebration Taskforce by the 2013-2014 CALA President Lisa Zhao. The Taskforce’s main task was to promote CALA and create the CALA’s 40th Anniversary issue. It is certainly not easy because it is a celebration of many people’s achievements and stories, and we needed to solicit materials from many people and collect information from CALA historical materials. I felt it is a mission and a tremendous responsibility. I am glad that this mission has allowed me to look deeper into the CALA’s history, trace its path from its beginning to its maturity and get connected to many pioneers and dedicated librarians. It has also taught me something in coordinating committee work and “pushing a project forward.” It has given me a valuable experience.

While the CALA’s 40th Celebration has almost come to an end, CALA has many years to come. In the past 40 years, CALA has become a professional home to many Chinese American librarians, and it has attracted American librarians, librarians from other countries, and librarians in China and many other places. In my greeting to the CALA 40th anniversary at the 2013 ALA annual meeting, I wrote: “CALA’s greatest strength is the people; we are intelligent, hard-working and compassionate.” “All of us working together strive to keep our heritage alive, embrace diversity, value creativity and promote and collaboration now and for the future.” Yes, CALA, way to go.

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Denise Kwan



My whole schooling was in French until I moved to Canada, I worked at the main library of the University Of Waterloo for a very brief period as a clerk, and then moved to the US to follow my husband who was hired as an engineer.

After working for 7 years, I just finished my dissertation about "Senior librarians' perceptions on successful leadership skills."

I have been working for the Chicago Public Library for the past 15 years. The library world has changed from doing everything by hand, to self check-out, just like the supermarket. I also changed from walking to work at the University Of Waterloo to driving to work with a mobile wireless Internet device in my purse.

Now some 30 years later, my advice for the newcomer to the library field is to prepare for change. Change is fast and uncomfortable but to keep this noble job, all the changes are necessary. Just listen and follow then the rest will come easier.

Denise is now a Reference Librarian at Chicago Public Library (Hegewisch Branch). She is a CALA Board Member.

Ximin Mi



Recently graduated from Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests lie in data services, using technologies for reference and information literacy.

Ximin joined CALA during her first year at The Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and recognized CALA as her professional home.

She volunteers in the CALA 40th anniversary celebration as a beginning of her CALA involvement. She expects to contribute more to CALA and grow with CALA in her future.

2013 CALA/ALA Annual Conference: Greetings from CALA members

Name: Jie Huang
Title: Librarian/Associate Professor
Institution: University of Oklahoma Libraries
Years with CALA: 9



2013 marks the 40th anniversary of CALA! Through efforts of all members, CALA has made many achievements.

As a life member, I hope CALA will continue to grow stronger and provide more opportunities to all members for their professional development.



Name: Polly Kam
Titles: Former Multicultural Service Liaison
Institution: Library Commission, San Jose California

It is really great to know this. 40 years! What an accomplishment! Congratulations! Keep up the great work!

Name: Shu-Hua Liu
Title: Adult Services Librarian
Institution: Campbell Library
Years with CALA: Life member



Happy 40th Birthday! I am glad to see your growth through these years. I wish you continuing having healthy development under the care of countless dedicated volunteers.



Name: Patty Wong
Title: County Librarian
Institution: Yolo County Library
Years with CALA: 9

Happy Anniversary CALA - my first professional home.

I envision a strong, unified CALA, with a commitment to building community through collaboration and engagement, collegiality and partnership,

where all diverse members have an active and impactful role.

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Name: Sharon Yang
**Title: Associate Professor/
 Librarian**
Institution: Rider University
Years with CALA: 4

An anniversary is a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday, and the hopes of tomorrow. Congratulations,

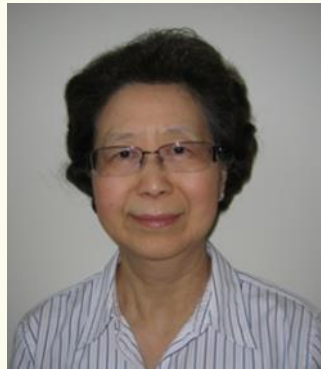
CALA, on your 40th anniversary.



Name: Andrew Y. Lee
Title: Humanities & Social Sciences Librarian
Institution: George Mason University
Years with CALA: 4

Please accept my best wishes for her future endeavors! CALA's 40th birthday symbolizes her maturity and sophistication.

Name: Shirley Lay
Title: Librarian
Institution: MedStar Harbor Hospital
Years with CALA: 23



Happy 40th Anniversary!
 We need to thank the first ten years all CALA presidents to lay the foundation for us, also to thank the rest of the presidents for all their hard work and all the volunteers to assist CALA to a brighter and stronger future for next 40 years.

Name: Li Fu
Title: Head of Access & Outreach Services
Institution: University of San Diego
Years with CALA: 13



CALA members are the greatest strength. With their dedicated support, CALA will carry on its legacy, expand its horizon and transform itself to meet the 21st Century challenges at an even faster pace in the years to come.



Name: FuWaye Bender
Title: Marketing Management Consultant
Years with CALA: 20

Happy 40 glory years and many more!

Name: Eugene W. Wu
Title: Librarian Emeritus
Institution: Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University
Years with CALA: 37



May it continue to prosper in the years to come!
 CALA has come a long way as an organization in service not only to Chinese-American librarians, but also to the American library community, and indeed to the American society at large.

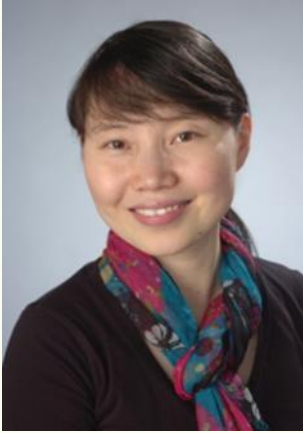


Name: Qi Chen
Title: Area Library Director
Institution: Argosy University
Years with CALA: Life member

As a life member, I see CALA as a home for Chinese American Librarians, a place to chat, to share, to learn, to advance and to grow up together professionally and personally. I am devoted to CALA, to serve our members, to help and support our students and new professionals so that our torch will continue, our tradition will be carried on.

With growing numbers of librarians joining CALA, CALA has new life and a bright future. As a life as well as a board member, I will continue to serve our members, placing their interests and needs first, think about them and care for their professional growth. Together, we can make contributions not only for Chinese Americans but librarianship in general, in US as well as globally.

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Name: Yuan Li
Title: Scholarly Communications Librarian
Institution: Princeton University
Years with CALA: Life member

CALA is a special place for Chinese/American Chinese to connect, collaborate, grow, and succeed in the library and information profession.

I believe CALA will soon become one of most successful organizations in the our profession na-

tionally and internationally.

Name: George Teoh
Title: Retired Librarian
Institution: Houston Community College
Years with CALA: 30+ years

CALA helped me get in touch with my colleagues all across the nation with similar cultural background and interests.

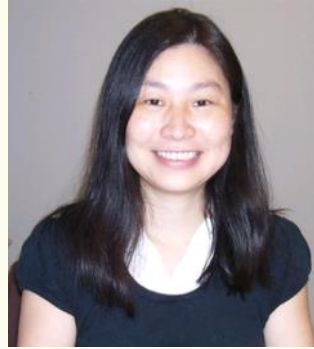


Name: Dr. Raymond Wang
Title: Associate Professor
Institution: Community College of Baltimore County
Years with CALA: Life member

I started out a love fair with CALA in 2001 with a Seetoo Award. A dozen years later, I fall in love with her again for life. Thanks for being there for me and I will always be there too!

Name: Xiaocan Wang
Title: Digital Repository Librarian
Institution: Indiana State University
Years with CALA: 4

CALA is the association for Chinese-American Librarians to naturally get connected with. It is a platform for Chinese-American Librarians to come together and grow together professionally. CALA's future lies in all Chinese-American Librarians' hands.



Name: Guoying Liu
Title: Librarian
Institution: University of Windsor
Years with CALA: 5

CALA is an excellent platform connecting Chinese Librarians in North America and other areas.

I wish CALA continue to be a

professional association which promotes democracy and transparency in future.

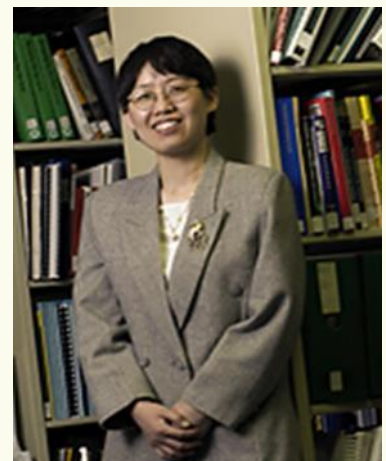
Name: Li Sun
Title: Asian Languages Cataloger
Institution: Rutgers University
Years with CALA: Life member



CALA provides NETWORKS for its members of diversity background.

Name: Lian Ruan
Title: Director/Head Librarian
Institution: Illinois Fire Service Institute
Years with CALA: 10

I have joined several professional associations but CALA is my home association and near my heart. CALA's greatest strength lies in its talented members and more efforts in membership recruitment and retention are needed to keep CALA stronger than ever.



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Name: Tian Xiao Zhang
Title: Librarian
Institution: St. John's University
Years with CALA: 4

CALA is the largest librarians association for Chinese librarians in North America. It provides the Chinese-American librarians a platform to show their existence.

Name: Kate Williams
Title: Assistant professor
Institution: University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Years with CALA: 2



CALA is a diasporic network which bridges cultures and generations to help build the libraries all our communities need.



Name: Ning Zou
Title: Instruction Coordinator; Director, Study Abroad China Program
Institution: Dominican University
Years with CALA: 10

CALA's greatest strength is to preserve the tradition of Chinese Culture, outreach to librarianship diversity and build a stronger and collaborative librarian network in the profession

and beyond.

Name: Judy S. Lu
Title: Head of Collection Services
Institution: Library of Congress (retired)
Years with CALA: Life member



The greatest strength of CALA is its impact in the American library community. During the past 40 years, CALA actively participated in most of the major activities and projects that were initiated by ALA, and it has gained the respect of the library profession. CALA will play an important and influential role, not only for the American library community, but also for the global library community as a whole.



Name: Suzanne Lo
Title: Library Coordinator
Institution: City College of SF
Years with CALA: Life member

May each library and informational professionals prosper and make a difference beyond 2050 as global citizens.

Name: Minglu Wang
Title: Data Services Librarian
Institution: John Cotton Dana Library, Rutgers-Newark
Years with CALA: 4

CALA has extremely valuable international vision and connections. I wish CALA will be a leader of information services in the increasingly connected new global context.



Name: Haiwang Yuan
Titles: Professor, Web & Tech Coordinator
Institution: Western Kentucky University

CALA members have participated in various activities globally.

Sino-US Libraries Pragmatic Forum in 2007



CALA 20th Century US-China Librarian Seminar in 2008



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John A. Drobnicki

Mal: "What are you doing here?"

Ariadne: "I'm just trying to ... understand."

From the film *Inception* (2010).

No, I am neither Chinese nor Chinese-American, but I first joined CALA in 1998. I've been to Taiwan twice, and maybe I'll study Chinese someday, but that sounds more like a project for my retirement years. Many people over the years have assumed that my membership in CALA and interest in diversity issues stem from the fact that my wife is originally from Taiwan. But while that may be partially true on one level, it is by no means the whole picture. Since 1989, I have only worked for two libraries – the Queens Public Library and (since 1995) York College/CUNY – both of which are in Queens, New York, which has been described as the most ethnically diverse urban area in the world. Living and working in Queens, how can one not be sensitive to issues regarding diversity in libraries and services to multicultural populations?



I am also not Jewish, although I have spent most of my career writing and researching about the phenomenon of Holocaust-denial. I've even received anti-Semitic hate mail from Holocaust deniers. (Wait ... can I call it "anti-Semitic" if I'm an Episcopalian?) One doesn't have to be Jewish to be concerned about attempts to deny one of the most documented events of the twentieth century; and one doesn't have to be Asian to be interested in services to Asian populations or ethnic minorities. During the panel entitled "What are YOU Doing Here? Non-Ethnic Minorities in the Diversity Movement" at JCLC in 2012, Carla Stoffle of the University of Arizona said that if anyone asked her why she (a white woman) was interested in furthering diversity, her response would be, "I'm doing my job." That simple but profound answer has stuck with me. I will humbly add: I'm doing my job - I'm listening - I'm observing - and I'm learning. I'm just trying to ... understand. And I think that makes me a better librarian, whether I'm working in public service, performing instruction, or ordering books.

John Drobnicki

Professor & Head of Acquisitions and Collection Development

York College/CUNY

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Manuel Urrizola

Three Graces (三女神)

by
Manuel Urrizola

The Chinese American Librarians Association holds a special place in my heart. CALA was the very first professional library association I joined and the one of which I am most proud to be a member. Membership in CALA has advanced my career and invigorated my soul. Meeting so many talented members-- making new friends, establishing new connections—remains the best part of CALA membership.

In 1989, I was a library assistant at Loyola Marymount University working with the Head of Acquisitions, librarian Janet Lai (黎胡宏蕤). I had my MLS degree, so when two librarian positions came up at LMU (one a reference librarian and the other a cataloging librarian), I applied for both positions. A few weeks later, I received a letter from the Search Committee. I was thanked for my interest in the reference position, but LMU received hundreds of applications for the reference position and would not be interviewing me for the position. I was also thanked for my interest in the cataloging position; only two applications were received for this position and I was invited to interview for the position of Cataloging Librarian. The other applicant, a woman, interviewed first. I later learned (after the fact) that she talked very fast during the interview, forgot to breathe, hyperventilated, and passed out. She recovered but was so embarrassed that she ran to the ladies' room and locked herself in for half an hour. When it was my turn to interview, I did not forget to breathe, I did not pass out, and I did not lock myself in the ladies' room. I GOT THE JOB!

The next day, Janet Lai (黎胡宏蕤) said to me, "Now you are a professional; you need to dress more professionally; you need to join a professional organization."

"Any suggestions?" I asked.

"Tie and jacket with slacks," she replied.

"No, I meant any suggestions on what professional organization to join," I said.



Manuel Urrizola

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“Chinese American Librarians Association, CALA”, Janet declared.

“Don’t you have to be Chinese?” I asked.

“No, but just in case I’ll give you a Chinese name, You Ming Wei (尤明偉),” said Janet.

“What does it mean?” I asked.

“Bright and powerful,” she replied.

“I like it,” I said, “but I want the power before the brightness.” So I changed it to You Wei Ming (尤偉明). “How much does it cost to join CALA?”

“Fifteen dollars,” she answered.

“The price is right, the name is right, and I am a professional,” said I. So, in 1989, I joined CALA.

In 1999, I was hired as Serials Cataloging Librarian at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). My boss was Sally Tseng (曾程雙修). She told me after I was hired that when she first met me at the interview she was surprised. When she read my resume before inviting me to interview for the job, she was confused as to my ethnicity and gender. In my resume, I listed as professional organizations CALA and Professional Women in Higher Education (an association at LMU composed mostly of women but men were also allowed to join and I joined because I liked their programs). But my name was Manuel Urrizola. She finally concluded that I must be a Chinese woman married to a Hispanic man and that I was really Mrs. Manuel Urrizola.

I credit Sally for getting me very involved in CALA. She encouraged me to join and chair various committees and to serve as assistant editor for CALA’s premiere publications: Occasional Paper Series and J LIS. In 2002, we co-wrote a paper on managing digital resources, and we were invited by the China Society for Library Science to present the paper at their annual conference in Xian, China—Terracotta Army, the Silk Route, and salty duck eggs. In 2006, we served together on the Planning Committee for the 140th Celebration of Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Monterey Park and Montebello, California—exhibitions, symposia, dignitaries from around the world, and Peking Duck at Ocean Star Restaurant. She recommended me to emcee at countless CALA banquets—which I loved doing with a passion, sometimes forgetting to eat—but Sally would always make sure there were some takeout dishes for me after each banquet.

Speaking of banquets, in 2005 I served as Master of Ceremonies at the CALA Annual Banquet in Chicago—awards, cuisine, and entertainment. And what entertainment! Ying Shen (申鷹) singing Chinese opera. I fell in love with her exquisitely beautiful voice and her artistry as a performer. I am a bit of a performer myself and always dreamed of singing opera. Ying and I vowed to one day sing together. In 2007, I took a position at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) Libraries, where Ying Shen was now working as a reference librarian. My dream came true at the 2012 CALA Banquet in Anaheim, where Ying and I sang a Chinese duet. Ying was in beautiful voice that evening. She dazzled the audience. My part in the duet consisted of just one line: 十七八. But I sang my line with gusto and panache: ♪ SHI QI BA ♪

In 2013, Ying and I, along with the other officers of the Southern California Chapter of CALA, organized a very successful CALA program on public speaking for the California Library Association. Yes, Ying and I are SCA CALA officers—she is Treasurer, I am President. The day that my colleagues elected me President of the Southern California Chapter of the Chinese American Librarians Association was the proudest day of my career. On that day, I was the happiest man in the world.

Manuel Urrizola, Head of Metadata & Technical Services, UCR. **Education:** Amherst College: BA; UC Berkeley: MLS. **CALA Offices Currently Held:** President, Southern California Chapter—Assistant Editor, J LIS and Occasional Papers. **Honors:** Emceed 9 CALA Banquets, 4 SoCal CALA Banquets; and 2006 Sun Yat-sen Symposia. Presented CALA Program, 2013 CLA. Moderated CALA Program, 2011 CLA. Presented paper, 2002 CSLS Annual Conference in Xian, China. **CALA Membership:** Life Member, joined 1989.

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Greetings from Chicago Officials, ALA Leaders, and Chinese Libraries and Librarian Associations

Amy S. Kwei (張斯麗)

Imagine a wife giving her husband a younger woman as a birthday present!

A Concubine for the Family, is a fictionalized account based on a true-life event my Chinese grandmother's heart-breaking and selfless gift to my grandfather to ensure a male heir for the family. It is also a story of feminine solidarity and heroism.

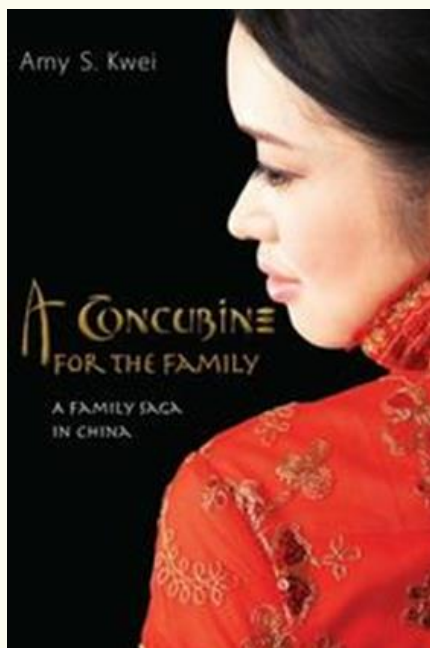
Full of vivid descriptions, the book tells of dramatic events in an opium den, the traditions of raising silkworms as pets, a cupuncture, medicines and techniques used in healing, foot binding, and behavior protocols between husbands and wives, masters and servants, children and parents, as well as the plight of a family fleeing war. It is also the heart-rending saga of a “book-fragrant” family and their harrowing experiences from 1937 until the fall of Hong Kong in 1941.

Reviewing the book, the best-selling author Lisa See was moved to write: “You did a terrific job . . . I really enjoyed the story.” And the reviewer from Kirkus Review wrote: “Purple Jade has broader concerns: There is the unsettling influence of American and European ‘West Ocean Devils,’ internal strife between the Nationalists and Communists, and an impending Japanese invasion . . . the author details Chinese traditions and the fascinating but evanescent world as only someone steeped in the old ways could. An adept stylist and storyteller, the author weaves with simplicity this tale of upper-class China in upheaval . . . An engaging family saga by a talented storyteller.”

Using colloquialisms, terms of endearment, and other vernacular, the book gives the reader an immediate and deep understanding of Chinese culture and how it differs from our own.

A Concubine for the Family is the Chinese equivalent of *Downton Abbey*.

I became a friend of CALA through Anna and her mother, Josephine Fang. They both support my writing by their generous reviews and friendship. Kindly visit my website: www.amykwei.com for more detail.



A CONCUBINE FOR THE FAMILY: A Family Saga in China, by Amy S. Kwei.



Amy Kwei visiting Josephine in Berkeley. She wrote “Josephine Riss Fang: CALA’s Oldest Continuous Member: A Photo Montage of Her Life Stories” for CALA’s 40th issue (see p.153-156).

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Susan Matveyeva

Being a researcher specialized in Cultural Studies, I had a long-time interest in Chinese culture and philosophy. But when I lived in Moscow, Russia, I have not had the opportunity to extend my knowledge about China beyond reading the books and attending museums. The opportunity to be closer to Chinese people arose when I started to work at Wichita State University in summer 2002. There I met Dr. Sha Li Zhang, my supervisor and mentor, who introduced me to CALA. I was fascinated by the vital energy of CALA and the ability of its members to work together, support and promote each other, and to solve problems in always polite but firm discussions.



During my years with CALA, I worked on several committees; it was my pleasure to be part of a collegial atmosphere streamlined to reach a common goal, to encourage participation of all members, to choose the best ideas, and to find a proper balance between respect of the leader's authority and the members' freedom of creative suggestions. The same natural feeling of harmony I observed at the CALA Banquets, the annual celebration with its prestigious award ceremony, encouragement of young librarians, respect to the guests, and ability to achieve the goals of the growing influential organization in the atmosphere of a holiday! I should mention great authentic Chinese food too! For me as a person grown up in the USSR with its ideology of political confrontation, it was a pleasant surprise to meet both Taiwanese and mainland China librarians at these banquets.

CALA is a very active professional association known for the numerous achievements of its members, for the excellent programs and professional initiatives, for productive partnership with other associations in United States and abroad. I believe that CALA started by a small group of Chinese American Librarians has grown to a global 21st century professional organization that supports diversity, unites librarians living in different continents, and serves well its membership and the profession. I am glad to be part of this excellent association.

Happy 40th anniversary, CALA!

Susan Matveyeva

Associate Professor, Catalog & Institutional Repository Librarian

Wichita State University

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Greetings from Chicago Local Officials

(Received at ALA/CALA Annual 2013)



**Mark Steven Kirk
United States Senator**



**Pat Quinn
Governor
Illinois**



**Rahm Emanuel
Mayor
City of Chicago**

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MARK KIRK
ILLINOIS

United States Senate

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June 30, 2013

Chinese American Librarians Association
801 S. Morgan St.
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese American Librarians Association.

The Chinese American Librarians Association was established by Chinese Americans in Chicago as a regional organization in 1973. It has since grown into a national organization that has counted over 1,000 Chinese American librarians as its members.

Best wishes again to you on this special anniversary. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



Mark Steven Kirk
United States Senator

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

June 30, 2013

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) on the celebration of your 40th anniversary.

Since 1973, the Chinese American Librarians Association has played a key role in the rich traditional history of Illinois. Through your efforts, you have raised the bar for Chinese American librarians through the networking and education opportunities you provide. CALA has made it possible for the voice of Chinese American Librarians to be heard within the American Library Association.

To celebrate an anniversary such as this is a significant milestone for any organization. This is an excellent opportunity to reflect back on all that you have accomplished over the past forty hundred years while making plans for the future that will build on your past success. Your longevity is surely a testament to the quality of service you provide and the relationships you have developed over the years. I have no doubt that the Chinese American Librarians Association will continue to provide the same level of excellence to your community for many more years to come.

It is my honor to join in commemorating your 40th anniversary. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration, and for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

RAJIM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 15, 2013

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to welcome all of those gathered to celebrate the Chinese American Librarians Association's 40th Anniversary.

Formed in Chicago in 1973, the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) has always been dedicated to advancing the field of library science while being a resource for Chinese American librarians. CALA is made up of more than 1,000 librarians who continue to do involved work in numerous communities and within the American Library Association. The Chinese American Librarians Association seeks to promote diversity while advocating for libraries and the profession.

This anniversary presents an opportunity to come together in recognition of the ongoing work of the Chinese American Librarians Association. CALA's continued contribution to the field impacts generations of readers, researchers and library patrons. I recognize the Chinese American Librarians Association for their steadfast commitment to informing and equipping our greater community.

I hope that those visiting our great city take the time to experience some of the special places in Chicago. Our iconic skyline and incredible lakefront invite you to explore all Chicago has to offer. I hope you have a chance to sample our distinguished restaurants, tour our great universities and visit our world-class museums during your stay.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I welcome you to Chicago and hope you have an informative and enjoyable conference. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rajim Emanuel".

Mayor

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Greetings from China
(Received at ALA/CALA Annual 2013)

**Library Society of China
(中国图书馆学会)**

**Academy Committee of the Library Society of China
(中国图书馆学会- 学术委员会)**

**Peking University Library
(北京大学图书馆)**

**Harbin Institute of Technology Library
(哈尔滨工业大学图书馆)**

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Greeting from the Library Society of China



中国图书馆学会

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LSC Congratulations to CALA 40th-Anniversary

On behalf of more than 10,000 members of the Library Society of China (LSC), I am honored to congratulate the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) for its 40th-Anniversary.

In the past 40 years, especially in recent years, CALA has been playing vital and irreplaceable roles in China-US exchange and cooperation, and becomes a the important bridge between American librarians and Chinese Librarians.

Working together with CALA, LSC has successfully finished some big projects in recent years, such as, "China-US Librarians Exchange Project", in which over 3,000 Chinese librarians and over 400 American colleagues have involved, and is recorded as the biggest exchange project in Chinese-US library history; the successful 2012 Guangzhou Library Service and Creative International Conference; the 2011 LSC delegation to US shared Chinese stories with American colleagues. Since 1990s CALA has been having delegations to attend the Chinese Library LSC Annual Conference, and took introduced American libraries' and librarians' experience to Chinese librarians, which contributed to the success of the conferences. In June of 2013, with the help of CALA, a Chinese librarian delegation will visit Chicago to attend the ALA Annual Conference and to give presentations about Chinese Librarianship.

Cooperation is very important, especially in the present network age. Cooperation not only means working together, but also means understanding, learning, sharing and friendship. In last 40 years, we cooperated, we succeeded. I am confident that the cooperation between LSC and CALA will continue beyond 40 years!

In November 2013 Chinese Library Annual Conference will be held in Pudong, Shanghai, China, I look forward to meeting many of you at the conference!

Congratulations!


Yan Xiangdong
Secretary General
Library Society of China

Greeting from the Academy Committee of the Library Society of China

中国图书馆学会

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美国华人图书馆员协会:

值此美国华人图书馆员协会成立 40 周年之际, 中国图书馆学会学术研究委员会谨致热烈祝贺!

长期以来, 美国华人图书馆员协会以极大的热情推动中美图书馆界的交流与合作, 特别是 2008 年以来实施的中美图书馆员专业交流项目, 规模之大、持续时间之长、受益面之广、成效之显著, 堪称中美图书馆界交流合作的典范。美国华人图书馆员协会为项目的成功实施做出了卓越贡献, 中国图书馆界同人感念于心, 敬意长存。

中国图书馆事业正处于快速发展的历史阶段。中国图书馆界以开放的胸怀吸收和借鉴国际图书馆的一切成功经验。中美图书馆界持续稳定的交流与合作, 将对促进中国图书馆事业发展产生积极作用。愿美国华人图书馆员协会继续成为中美图书馆界交流合作的桥梁与纽带, 祝美国华人图书馆员协会事业发达, 辉煌永续!

中国图书馆学会学术研究委员会

(代章)

2013 年 5 月 1 日

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Greeting from Peking University Library, China



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尊敬的赵力沙主席暨 CALA 全体会员同仁：

值此美国华人图书馆员协会（CALA）成立四十周年之际，我谨代表北京大学图书馆全体同仁，向 CALA 全体会员致以热烈的祝贺！

四十年前，为争取美国华人图书馆员的权益，CALA 在芝加哥成立。四十年后，CALA 已经从最初不足二十个成员发展到由上千名遍布美国和世界各地的华人图书馆员参与并服务的，具有一定影响力的非盈利图书馆员协会，可喜可贺。

四十年来，CALA 致力于为华人图书馆员提供相互交流的渠道，代表华人图书馆员的声音和利益，成为华人图书馆员相互沟通和相互帮助的一个机构。同时，CALA 也致力于促进华人图书馆员与其他种族馆员之间的交流与合作，并在图书馆业界促进了国际交流。

我们期待 CALA 在未来的岁月中，继续发挥作为全球华人图书馆员相互交流、相互分享并相互支持的纽带的作用，进一步致力于提升华人图书馆员在图书馆业界的声量和影响，为全球图书馆事业的辉煌，贡献智慧、心血和力量。

祝 CALA 四十岁生日快乐！祝我们共同的图书馆事业繁荣昌盛！

北京大学图书馆馆长

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the library director mentioned in the text.

2015 年 6 月 22 日

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Greeting from the Harbin Institute of Technology Library, China



哈尔滨工业大学图书馆

Harbin Institute of Technology Library

庆祝华人图书馆员协会成立 40 周年贺信

华人图书馆员协会（CALA）：

值此贵协会成立 40 周年庆典之际，谨代表哈尔滨工业大学图书馆向 CALA 表示衷心地、热烈地祝贺！

长期以来，CALA 与哈尔滨工业大学图书馆联系密切，往来友好。CALA 为增进美国华人图书馆员与哈尔滨工业大学图书馆员的相互了解和业务交流，开展了内容丰富、成效显著的交流活动。为促进图书馆事业的发展，CALA 在美国华人图书馆员与哈尔滨工业大学图书馆员之间，乃至全世界图书馆华人之间发挥着不可替代的桥梁和纽带作用。

祝愿贵协会明天更加灿烂辉煌！

预祝贵协会 40 周年纪念活动圆满成功！

特此祝贺！



**CALA Friends and
Greetings from Chicago Officials, ALA Leaders, and Chinese Libraries and Librarian Associations**

Greetings from ALA Leaders

Maureen Sullivan

Molly Raphael

Camila A. Alire

Michelle Harrell Washington

Barbara J. Ford

Jay Jordan

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Greeting from ALA President Maureen Sullivan

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May 28, 2013

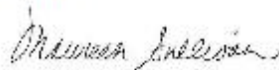
Greetings Fellow Members of CALA!

As the President of the American Library Association, I am delighted to recognize the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) as we celebrate the fortieth anniversary in Chicago, Illinois. I am very proud to be a member of CALA.

I am very pleased to recognize this important milestone and to acknowledge CALA's many accomplishments. These include its scholarships for Master's degree students; its support of the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Initiative; and the Family Literacy Focus Project, Dai Dai Xiang Chian: *Bridging Generations, A Bag at a Time*. This project brings generations together through literacy and cultural activities in an inspiring fashion. I congratulate CALA on these and its many other accomplishments.

On behalf of the American Library Association, I commend the Chinese American Librarians Association for its forty years of excellence in leadership and service to our communities and libraries. I look forward to seeing many of you at the ALA Annual Conference. I hope you will have a wonderful time celebrating in Chicago.

Sincerely,



Maureen Sullivan
President of the American Library Association

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Greeting from Molly Raphael

Congratulations to CALA on your 40th Anniversary! As a member of CALA in recent years, I have witnessed first hand the excellent work you do.

I am particularly grateful for the many ways CALA has supported my tenure as ALA President. Some CALA members actively worked for my election. As ALA President, I enjoyed strong CALA support for both my initiative on community engagement and advocacy as well as my diversity initiative. I enthusiastically supported – and then attended – the very successful Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, co-chaired by CALA.

Perhaps most important was the tremendous support that the CALA leadership gave me for my month long visit to China in late 2012. While visiting and speaking in many places (Beijing, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Dongguan, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Macau), I learned much about libraries there and how CALA has been a leader in building strong relationships with libraries, librarians, and the Library Society of China. Having CALA's guidance and wisdom in making preparations as well as during my visit made a huge difference.

Thank you, CALA, for all you have done and will continue to do to advance our important work. ALA's voice is stronger because of your contributions.



Molly Raphael

2011-12 ALA President

20 May 2013

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Greeting from Camila A. Alire



May, 2014

Greetings Fellow CALA Colleagues:

Happy 40th Anniversary! You all should be very proud of all the accomplishments CALA has made to promote Sino-American librarianship and library services. I am equally proud to serve alongside you as colleagues working for the benefit of CALA as a whole. Each of you has made me feel very welcomed as I continue to absorb the beauty of your culture, heritage, history, and language.

I am eternally grateful for CALA's support and collaboration on my Family Literacy Focus (FLF) presidential initiative. The Dai Dai Xiang Chuan literacy project supported by CALA has allowed libraries serving Chinese-American communities to focus on family literacy. It has been a valued project and has helped serve Chinese-American families in the U.S.

It has been such a pleasure working with you all and representing CALA in many different venues both locally, nationally, and internationally. I can't thank you enough for accepting me as a colleague and treating me with such warmth and respect. I will always be proud of my affiliation with CALA.

I wish you continued success as an association for many years to come. 谢谢

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Camila A. Alire".

Dr. Camila A. Alire
ALA President, 2009-2010
Dean Emerita, University of New Mexico &
Colorado State University

**CALA Friends and
Greetings from Chicago Officials, ALA Leaders, and Chinese Libraries and Librarian Associations**

Greeting from Michelle Harrell Washington

Dear CALA Members and Friends,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to bring congratulatory greetings on the 40th Anniversary of CALA. Thank you for inviting me to share in the celebration and to greet you on behalf of the ALA Office for Diversity.

Prior to joining the Office, I was a librarian heavily involved in diversity efforts throughout my 14 year career, and came to know CALA as a solid partner in the delivery of information services to individuals from diverse backgrounds, as well as in the efforts to promote the benefits of a diverse workforce in libraries. Although I have only been in the role of Director for the Office for Diversity a short time, I am aware that CALA has been a good friend and strong supporter of the Office over the years, and we are extremely grateful for that relationship.

All the best to you as you continue to promote, and strive for, diversity in the library profession, and equity of access to library services and information in communities worldwide.

Sincerely,

Michelle

Michelle Harrell Washington, Director
Office for Diversity
Office for Literacy and Outreach Services
American Library Association



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Barbara J. Ford

Director and Distinguished Professor
Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
University of Illinois Library

Greeting: "It is with great pleasure that I congratulate CALA on 40 years of successful programs and activities. The profession of librarianship is enriched by the contributions of CALA and its members. It has been my privilege to work with several of the CALA programs including educational programs in China and an IMLS grant that was a partnership with the University of Illinois Library. I look forward to future collaborations and to continuing to learn from and work with CALA and its members. Best wishes for 40 more successful years!"

Biography: Barbara J. Ford is the director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and Mortenson Distinguished Professor at the Library of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The American Library Association (ALA), Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have recognized her with awards for her significant contributions and dedication to international librarianship. In 2011, she was appointed to the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.

Barbara previously worked as assistant commissioner for central library services at the Chicago Public Library, executive director of the Virginia Commonwealth University libraries, and associate library director at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. She served in several capacities at the University of Illinois at Chicago, including documents librarian and audiovisual librarian. In addition, Barbara was director of the Soybean Insect Research Information Center at the Illinois Natural History Survey and a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama and Nicaragua.

She was the 1997-1998 president of the ALA and her theme was "Libraries: Global Reach, Local Touch." She was president of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of ALA, from 1990-1991. From 2005-2009, she served as an elected member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Governing Board. She previously served as the secretary for the IFLA Section on Government Information and Official Publications and on the IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section.

The author of many publications and presentations, Barbara has traveled around the world to address topics such as information literacy, government information, the future of libraries, the role of library associations, international cooperation among libraries, among other topics.

Barbara earned a bachelor's degree in history and education from Illinois Wesleyan University, a master's degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



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Jay Jordan

This is "a congratulatory letter to CALA on its 40th anniversary from Jay Jordan before his term as CEO ended on June 30, 2013. Mr. Skip Prichard assumes the role of President and CEO of OCLC effective, July 1." - Nancy A. Cotterman, Assistant to the President and CEO, OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc.

On behalf of OCLC, it is my honor and privilege to extend my congratulations to the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) upon the occasion of its 40th anniversary. CALA and OCLC share the same vision: to establish a bridge for the East and the West to meet and better understand each other through libraries and librarianship.

The Chinese culture has one of the longest histories in the world and it is very dynamic today. OCLC, being a global library cooperative, has increased its interactions with libraries in China and beyond.

In 1986, when the information technology was ready, OCLC added CJK (Chinese, Japanese and Korean characters) capability to OCLC's information services. These were the first groups of non-roman characters added.

Four years later, in 1991, OCLC and the National Library of China formed a partnership to create MARC records in WorldCat of Chinese National Bibliography of the Republic Era. This project lasted for two years, and the National Library of China sent a group of eight catalogers to OCLC for a one-year training period each of these two years.

In 1996, OCLC formed a partnership with Tsinghua University in Beijing to establish a training and service center at Tsinghua University Library. Librarians in China came to Tsinghua University Library for training on online access to OCLC databases. The OCLC Service Center still exists today at Tsinghua University Library.

In May 2003, OCLC was pleased to host the CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Conference at OCLC Headquarters in Dublin, Ohio with presentations by OCLC staff.

In September 2005, OCLC hosted Dialogue Forum for Chinese Digital Content at OCLC Headquarters in Dublin, Ohio. Six Chinese e-Content providers and 15 directors of East Asian Libraries in North America were invited to spend two days together to discuss how East Asian Libraries in North America could benefit from the then emerging Chinese e-Content.

On July 20, 2007, OCLC established the OCLC Beijing Representative Office where four full-time staff are serving libraries in China.

Three months later in October 2007, OCLC hosted the Fourth China-North America Library Conference at OCLC Headquarters in Dublin, Ohio. A group of about 60 Chinese and North American library leaders met for two days to engage in a strategic and practical dialogue.

These are just a few of the events that have taken place which illustrate how OCLC has been engaged with Chinese librarians, librarianship and collections.

I am pleased to report that the National Library of China has loaded its five million Chinese records into WorldCat, and China Academic Library and Information System (CALIS) has also loaded part of its holdings into WorldCat. The National Central Library and National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet), both of Taiwan, are loading their records into WorldCat. Seven key university libraries in Hong Kong have been OCLC's Connexion Service users for years. OCLC has an agreement with Taiwan whereby all libraries in Taiwan are cataloging in WorldCat.

With continuing cooperation and assistance from CALA, OCLC intends to be even more engaged with libraries in China and libraries with East Asian collections around the world for many years into the future.

*Sincerely,
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