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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EAL

by **Zhijia Shen**

As autumn colors begin to spill across our treetops and people reluctantly wave grateful goodbyes to a beautiful summer, the UW campus is also waking to youthful footsteps dashing between orientations, music, dance, and classes. We the staff at the East Asia Library (EAL) are delighted to welcome back our new and returning students and faculty as the school launches into a new academic year!

The Chinese, Japanese, and Korean studies librarians have been busy going to various department orientations and classes, conducting customized introduction sessions about library resources. They joined the FIUTS international student orientations and offered sessions on UW library resources in the CJK languages. The EAL table at the FIUTS Resource Fair was very well received. Many international students and visiting scholars stopped by our table. This welcoming season has also brought our new visiting librarian from the Korea Foundation Global Librarianship Program, Dr. KangSanDaJeong Lee, to begin her 10-month visit at our library starting on October 3. All forecast an exciting year of 2016-17.



*Zhijia Shen,  
EAL Director*

While we embark on the new year, we would like to take a glance back over the past year and share with you what we have achieved at the East Asia Library to enhance our collections and services to support your teaching, learning and research.

We completed the two-year grant project funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), a Mellon Foundation Program, to catalog Chinese hidden treasures, which cataloged a total of 2129 rare and special titles of EAL’s hidden collections, making 1271 titles discoverable for the first time to users worldwide. In addition, the project also made significant progress in preserving these invaluable resources, in staff training, and in international collaboration.

EAL Public Services completed a one-year project to reorganize the EAL Auxiliary Stacks to allow EAL print periodicals to be shelved in one location and to create more shelving space for monographs. This is the most extensive shelving shifting to date at the East Asia Library.

We opened a “Korea Corner” with generous funding from the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Seattle. We proactively reached out to the Korean community and waged an exciting fundraising campaign to catalog our Korean backlog collection. Our Korean Studies librarian brought to campus a well-known Korean-Cuban author and filmmaker as well as a North Korean defector to give public talks, drawing an audience of more than 200 people.

In the spring of 2016, the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and the Council on East Asia Libraries (CEAL) held their annual conference in Seattle for the first time ever. As a local institution, UW Libraries co-sponsored the CEAL membership reception, and EAL librarians organized and participated in numerous workshops and pre-conference

activities. Many EAL staff members also attended CEAL and AAS panels and events. It was a very professionally enriching experience for all. In addition, EAL received significant gifts of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean books from exhibitors at the conference.

In the past year, thanks to the generous support of the Tateuchi Foundation, we also welcomed our first Tateuchi Japanese Visiting Librarian, who came from Keio University and spent six months with us here at UW.

EAL staff members also had impressive professional achievements. Hyokyoung Yi, Head of Public Services and Korean Studies Librarian, was promoted to full Librarian, the highest academic rank of UW librarians; and Azusa Tanaka, Japanese Studies Librarian, was

reappointed as a Senior Assistant Librarian.

These are just a few examples of what we accomplished in 2015-2016.

In this issue of the EAL Newsletter, we will highlight the achievements of your East Asia Library and its staff and how these achievements have directly enhanced our services and contributed to your UW experience.



*Azusa Tanaka, Japanese Studies Librarian, and Juan Luo, Chinese Studies GSA, at EAL's table at the FIUTS Resource Fair*

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015-2016

### EAL COMPLETED TWO-YEAR CLIR GRANT PROJECT TO CATALOG CHINESE HIDDEN COLLECTIONS

by **Zhijia Shen**

EAL successfully completed the grant project funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) “Discovering Modern China: UW and UBC Collections” on May 31, 2016. This project is an international collaboration involving the UW, UBC, and Peking University libraries. Over the past year, the project made significant accomplishments not only in cataloging, but also in preservation of cataloged materials and outreach. On October 30, 2015, we hosted a very successful half-day site visit by the CLIR Hidden Collections program team. We have proactively publicized the project and promoted the newly cataloged collections to a broad user community, both nationally and internationally. Through the CLIR project, UW Libraries joined the China Academic Library and Information System (CALIS) Chinese Rare Books Union Catalog, which has made many CLIR project materials easily accessible to scholars in China, and also enabled UW users to access the rich resources of the CALIS union catalog.

The EAL CLIR team created a total of 1,271 original bibliographic records in OCLC for unique resources, enhanced 157 existing OCLC records, and copy cataloged 701 titles. Through the CLIR project, 2,129 bibliographic titles were processed. In addition, the CLIR student team led by Emily Jantz created 1,664 holding records and 1,571 item records in Alma. For newly cataloged CLIR materials, the Libraries Preservations Department used an Allen Signature Grant to make 1000 preservation boxes to house many items in poor or fragile condition.

Learn more about the project at [depts.washington.edu/ealclir/](https://depts.washington.edu/ealclir/)

The UW and UBC CLIR teams have engaged in many presentations and events to publicize the project. For

example, Zhijia Shen (the project PI) co-presented with Jing Liu (UBC Co-PI) at the Pacific Rim Research Libraries Alliance (PRRLA) annual conference on October 20, 2015. They also co-presented at the CEAL annual conference on March 31, 2016. The EAL CLIR team presented a project report at the UW Libraries Council meeting on May 12, 2016; on May 10, 2016, EAL also hosted a public lecture by Prof. Boyue Yao, the CLIR Cataloger/Expert Consultant from Peking University Library, followed by a farewell reception for him before his return to China on May 25. Zhijia and Jing also received a CLIR micro-grant of \$3,000 for their book project about the UW-UBC project.



*A display of rare books dating from the early 17th through 20th centuries, plus a selection of rubbings, for the CLIR site visit on October 30, 2015. Professor Yao presented about the individual pieces and their scholarly significance.*

In addition, Charlene Chou, CLIR Project Technical Manager, summarized what we learned from the project and submitted suggestions to improve existing cataloging rules and guidelines for Chinese rare books. Thus our project also contributed to national cataloging standards. The project surpassed its original goals and set up a model for international collaboration.

## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: CONSOLIDATION OF PERIODICALS IN EAST ASIA AUXILIARY

by **Hyokyoung Yi**

Can you imagine moving over 125,000 volumes of heavy bound periodicals? The East Asia Library’s Public Services staff and mighty student employees have successfully accomplished this major shifting project over the last year. Hats off to them, who worked so hard for this project!

This was the largest shifting project in the recent history of East Asia Library in terms of volume size and complexity of merging

and sorting. The project required careful planning and calculations to lay out proportionally all of our periodical collection alphabetically into Library of Congress call number order. The biggest challenge was to relocate volumes while most of shelves were already occupied with books. We not only successfully finished this project in a timely manner but also did it accurately, fully maximizing our shelf space in the Auxiliary Stacks.

Periodicals that had previously been scattered across separate locations have now been brought together in the Auxiliary Stacks. The newly consolidated periodical volumes provide easier access for staff to retrieve, sort, and shelve, thus making stacks maintenance much easier than before. The improved accessibility will help us deliver requested materials more promptly to our users. In addition, the project also freed up more shelf space for the future growth of EAL’s important monograph collections both in Gowen Hall and the Auxiliary Stacks.

On a regular basis, we evaluate the usage of our materials in our prime location of Gowen Hall and decide to relocate less used materials to the Auxiliary Stacks. This summer, we did so for our collection of CD-ROMs and media materials.



Some of the recently shifted shelves in the Auxiliary Stacks

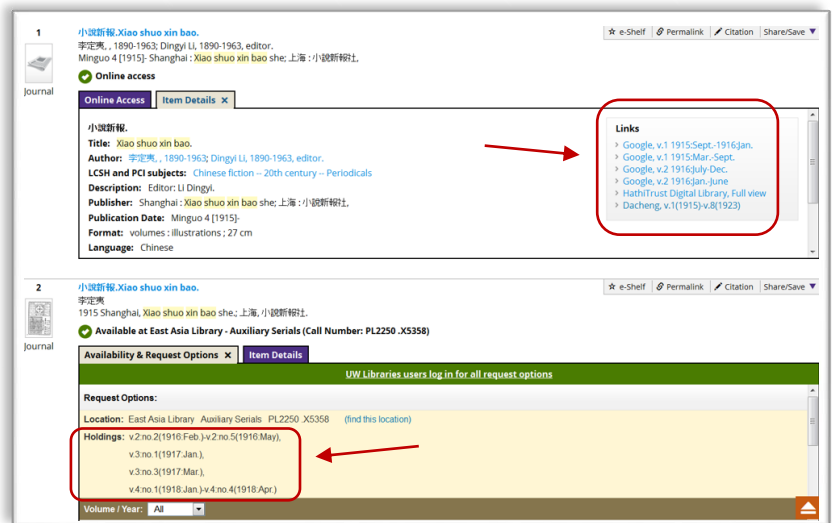
## ENHANCING DISCOVERABILITY—MANY MORE E-RESOURCES ARE NOW SEARCHABLE IN THE ONLINE CATALOG

by **Charlene Chou**

Over the past months, East Asia Library Technical Services have engaged in more endeavors committed to enhancing the discovery of electronic resources in the Alma/Primo and WorldCat online catalogs.

In January, we loaded more than 7000 journal title records of the “Dacheng Old Periodical Full-text Database” into Alma/Primo (UW Library Search), so you can search for the journal article based on your citation/references. All journal and e-book records in KISS (Korea Information Science Society) were also activated in January and are now findable in Primo. More Japanese and Korean e-books will be cataloged and loaded into Alma this fall. With these e-journal titles searchable directly from the library catalog, finding the full text of the article you need can be much easier than before.

If you have any suggestions to improve searching and indexing of our CJK resources, please feel free to email [seharris@uw.edu](mailto:seharris@uw.edu) and [zhijia@uw.edu](mailto:zhijia@uw.edu). Your suggestions are crucial for enhancing discovery tools at the UW Libraries.



An example showing a Dacheng journal holding available electronically (upper record—complete volumes 1-8) and in print (lower record—only volume 2: no.2-5, volume 3: no.1, volume 3: no.3, volume 4: no.1-4)

## THE 2016 CEAL/AAS CONFERENCE

by **Zhijia Shen**

For the first time ever, the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) and Association for Asian Studies (AAS) held their annual meetings in Seattle. Much of the conference activities (March 30–31 for CEAL and March 31–April 3 for AAS) were held in downtown Seattle, while CEAL's pre-conference program took place on the UW campus on March 28 and 29. Accordingly, our librarians and staff participated not only as attendees but also as organizers and hosts.

For many EAL staff members, CEAL/AAS activities started before 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28 and didn't end until after 3:00 p.m. on the following Sunday April 3. Even after the official conclusion of the conference, staff members worked to transport 65 boxes of brand new Chinese, Japanese, and Korean books given to our library by exhibitors at the AAS Book Exhibition. And in the weeks and months before the conference, Emily Jantz worked closely with Zhijia Shen to book the venue and catering for the CEAL reception on the evening of March 29. All helped make the 2016 CEAL/AAS conference a great and productive experience.



*The CEAL reception, co-sponsored by CEAL and UW Libraries, was held in the Walker-Ames Room on the UW campus. It was attended by nearly 100 CEAL members and other guests.*

### EAL LIBRARIANS AT CEAL/AAS

EAL librarians played a leading role in making the CEAL conference a success. Japanese Studies Librarian **AZUSA TANAKA** led two meetings during CEAL. One was an interest group meeting on *gaihōzu*, a kind of Japanese military map, discovered recently at the UW Libraries. The meeting covered the description of *gaihōzu*, the potential usage of such maps in research, as well as the possibility of finding more examples at other institutions (see [page 6](#) for more). The other meeting related to the Japanese multi-volume-set index digitization project. Azusa and the team invited more than ten publishers from Japan to explore options for making these sets more discoverable.

**CHARLENE CHOU**, Head of Technical Services and Chinese Cataloger, organized a very successful pre-conference cataloging workshop on behalf of the CEAL Committee on Technical Processing (CTP), attracting over 90 attendees. All EAL technical services librarians and staff participated in this workshop. As a taskforce member, Charlene also helped organize the Open Discovery Initiative workshop on recommendations for content providers and library professionals.

Charlene also presented at the CEAL Plenary Session, "East Asian Librarians: Moving beyond (job) boundaries," sharing her experiences with linked data projects at UW.

*Charlene Chou discussing best practices for CJK numerals at the Cataloging Workshop*



At the CEAL Membership Committee meeting, "Talking with Experienced Librarians," Charlene and **ZHIJIA SHEN**, EAL Director and Chinese Studies Librarian, were invited to lead roundtables on cataloging/metadata librarianship and career advancement/development in East Asian librarianship, respectively.

In addition to the CEAL membership roundtable, Zhijia also co-presented with Jing Liu (Chinese Studies Librarian at the University of British Columbia) at the Committee on Chinese Materials meeting "Librarianship in Building Unique Online Resources through Institutional Collaboration" about the UW-UBC collaborative CLIR project. Their presentation was entitled "Collaborating to Provide Access to Rare & Special Collections at the University of Washington and the University of British Columbia."

EAL's Head of Public Services and Korean Studies Librarian **HYOKYOUNG YI** helped coordinate the 5th Kyujanggak Workshop for Korean Studies Librarians from Overseas, which took place on the UW campus on Friday, April 1. The full-day workshop was sponsored by the Kyujanggak Institute of Korean Studies at Seoul National University, and was organized together with the Committee on Korean Materials at CEAL. It was designed to introduce the latest trends in Korean Studies to Korean Studies librarians outside Korea. The featured lectures by renowned faculty members at Seoul National University focused on topics including physical bibliography of Korean

materials, 19th century Korean history, modern Korean painting, and Korea's current religious situation (focusing on Buddhism), as well as updates from the Korean Film Archives, the Literature Translation Institute of Korea, and the National Assembly Library.

During the CEAL conference, Hyokyung was also actively involved in discussions between Korean Studies librarians and the representatives from the National Library of Korea on plans to upload the library's bibliographic data to OCLC. The issue of Romanization in particular was raised, as the U.S. and Korea use different systems.

## EAL STAFF AND OTHER UW COLLEAGUES AT CEAL/AAS

Our colleagues from other UW Libraries units also made great contributions. **AMANDA HORBY**, Teaching and Learning Program Librarian and

Geography Librarian, was the featured trainer

at the Information Literacy Framework workshop. **JOE KIEGEL**, Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services, was

invited to speak at the CTP program on linked data in East Asia technical services. At the CEAL Cooperative Cataloging for e-Resources Project meeting, Serials Access Librarian **STEVE SHADLE** shared UW's experiences with importing Chinese e-journal

records and his experience coordinating the CONSER OAJ cooperative cataloging project.

We would like to thank the UW Libraries administration for their strong support for our staff to participate in the conference, with special thanks to Betsy Wilson, Paul Constantine, Charles Chamberlin, and Kathleen Larson.

Last but not never least, very special thanks go to our dedicated EAL staff members—Emily Jantz, Yanyan Sun, Saori Tachibana, Peggy Lin, Eddy Harrison, and the rest of the EAL team, who helped with preconference workshops, the EAL reception, gift books, etc. A big thanks also go to EAL Circulation staff, Richard Carkeek and Ritsuko Kurima, for

keeping EAL running while most of the rest of the staff attended the conference and provided support for it. The EAL staff's hard and excellent work greatly contributed to the success of the CEAL meetings and activities.



*EAL Director Zhijia Shen with Yun-han Chu, President of the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, and Andy Chin, Director-General of TECO in Seattle, at the National Central Library of Taiwan's booth at AAS, for the book donation event. After AAS, Zhijia and other EAL staff transported the dozens of boxes of donated books to the library.*

*Photo source: [National Central Library press release](http://www.ncl.edu.tw/information_236_6626.html)  
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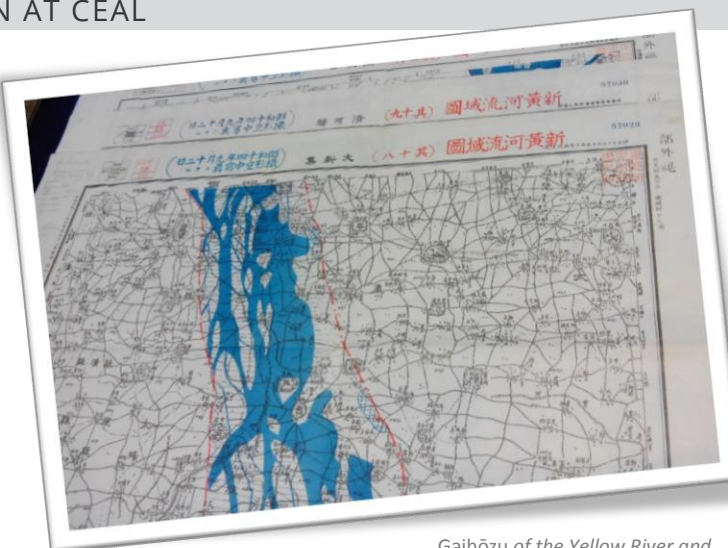
## FEATURE: GAIHOZU MEETING AND DISCUSSION AT CEAL

by **Azusa Tanaka**

On March 29, I organized a "Gaihozu Show and Tell" at Suzzallo Library to show the UW Libraries' *gaihōzu* collection to those who were in the Seattle area to attend the CEAL/AAS conference.

*Gaihōzu* (外邦図) are maps created during WWII by the Japanese military of territories outside of Japan. Some thousands of sheets of these maps were brought back to the U.S. after Japan's defeat. The University of Washington is one of the major *gaihōzu* holders.

The event invited two special guests via Google Hangouts: Dr. Shigeru Kobayashi, professor at the University of Osaka's Geography Department who has been researching *gaihōzu* for more than 10 years, and Julie Sweetkind-Singer, Head of the Branner Earth Sciences Library & Map Collections at Stanford University, which also has a large collection of *gaihōzu*. Special guests as well as the in-person attendees shared their knowledge on these special materials and discussed the best way to provide access to users.



*Gaihōzu of the Yellow River and surrounding areas*

## INTERNATIONAL VISITING LIBRARIANS AT THE EAL

by **Zhijia Shen**

EAL hosts a very successful international visiting librarian program. Over the past ten years, we have had many visiting librarians from East Asia. The visitors not only contribute to EAL operations and learn how we deliver library services, but also spend time at other UW Libraries units and meet other librarians. Usually, they also give a public presentation at the end of their visit.

In the past academic year, we had four international visiting librarians, Professor Boyue Yao (see [page 13](#)), Ms. Kyungsuk Yi, Ms. Chunmei Hou, and Ms. Yuko Fujimoto.

- From February through November 2015, EAL hosted its first visiting librarian as part of the Korea Foundation's Global Librarianship program. Under the supervision of Korean Studies Librarian Hyokyoung Yi, the visiting librarian, **KYUNGSUK YI**, finished her program successfully. Ms. Yi received training and experienced Korean Studies librarianship in the U.S., and also contributed her own expertise in many areas, including selecting juvenile and young-adult materials, cataloging Korean new acquisitions, the K-Manhwa collection, community outreach through the Booksori events, and digital humanities work with the Liberation Space collection.
- **CHUNMEI HOU**, Senior Editor and Director of the Journal Editing and Publishing Center at Lanzhou Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, was EAL's second visiting librarian from Lanzhou Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, with the first being **CHUN CHEN**, who was here in 2014. Ms. Hou was at EAL from August 2015 to February 2016. She did some work for the CLIR cataloging project and visited many other library departments for her research project. She gave a great public presentation on February 11, 2016 about her work in China.

- This year, EAL also hosted its first Tateuchi Japanese Visiting Librarian from Keio University. **YUKO FUJIMOTO** was with us from February through July 2016. She was the first of three Japanese visiting librarians for a pilot project funded by the Tateuchi Foundation. During her visit, Ms. Fujimoto worked closely with Japanese Studies Librarian Azusa Tanaka and other EAL staff in areas of collection development of both print and electronic materials, PDA, digital collection management, and

institutional repository. She received training from Charlene Chou on cataloging Japanese language materials using RDA. She also continued her research in the areas of copyright and cross-institution collaboration and visited other units in UW Libraries to gain additional firsthand experience of an American academic library. She gave an excellent public presentation on July 22, 2016 about Keio University Library and what she learned from her visit at UW.



Yuko Fujimoto (藤本優子)

## KOREA CORNER ON EAL FLOOR 2M

At the end of 2015, East Asia Library received a gift of \$38,500 from the Consul Office of the Republic of Korea in Seattle, to create a "Korea Corner" on Floor 2M in the East Asia Library.

After months of preparation work for the space, a dedication ceremony for the Korea Corner was held on July 29, 2015, where the Korea Corner MOU was officially signed by Lizabeth (Betsy)



Wilson, Vice Provost for Digital Initiatives and Dean of University Libraries, and Moon Duk-ho, Korean Consul General.

This space, newly decorated with a Korean cultural touch, provides students with more comfortable group study and media areas, featuring a widescreen monitor with laptop connection cable and headphones, iPads, study tables with built-in electrical outlets, comfortable chairs, media presentation package, and Korean e-books.

*Part of the Korea Corner space, available for individual and group use on a first-come-first-serve basis. Check with the Information Desk to borrow cables and/or headphones for the widescreen.*

## REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES

### PRE-FINALS "POWER UP" OPEN HOUSE

Every fall quarter, EAL holds an open house to welcome new and returning students and help them better understand how the library can serve their needs. The 2015 open house, held on Tuesday, December 1, from 4–6 p.m., was designed around the theme of "Pre-finals Power-up," as an opportunity for students to relax and re-energize before the finals period.

The event featured several areas each with a different "pre-finals" purpose: a librarian consultation station, where students could chat with one of the EAL subject librarians to get research or other help for upcoming projects and exams;

a relaxation corner complete with yoga mats and a variety of massage equipment; a refreshments table serving up plenty of food for energy, including granola bars, fruit, candy, and Vietnamese



*The adorable Dora joined us at the 2015 EAL Open House, helping visitors relax and de-stress.*

bánh mì sandwiches; and a "pet the cat" area where students could de-stress by spending time with a friendly and cuddly feline named Dora.

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

EAL held its 2016 lunar new year event on Tuesday, February 9. The lunar new year, which generally falls in late January or early/mid-February by the Gregorian calendar, is traditionally celebrated throughout many areas of East Asia.

This year's event at EAL featured book displays put together by our subject librarians, focusing on how the new year is celebrated in China, Japan, Korea, and elsewhere. Light refreshments, including mandarin oranges, candies, and dried fruits, were also served.



### EAL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT COMMUNITY FORUMS

These community forums for local Chinese Americans, which began in August 2014, continued throughout 2015-2016.

Topics and speakers included the following. Mr. Shiang Yu Lee (李湘渝), discussed the deep meaning of certain Chinese words and the religious and philosophical connections. Mr. Peter Lin (林博智) and Wei Ren Chen gave eye-witness accounts of the "2.28 Incident" in Taiwan. Mr. Ya Shu Chao (趙雅書) spoke on modern history topics. Ms. Shiao-Yen Wu (吳小燕) discussed her views and experiences as a successful CEO and president of a number of organization, and more.



*Ya Shu Chao presents at the January 2016 forum.*

The forums take place on the last Sunday afternoon of each month and are open to the public. They are conducted in Mandarin Chinese and/or English.

To learn more about the community forums and the EAL Oral History project with which they are associated, visit [depts.washington.edu/oralhist/](https://depts.washington.edu/oralhist/).

### THE KOREAN BOOK TALK: BOOKSORI

Booksori (북:소리) is a program of Korean book talks held monthly and hosted by the East Asia Library. The program began in 2013 continues to the present, with upcoming talks scheduled for October 15 and November 12, 2016.

The program was initiated as an outreach service to the Korean community in the Seattle area and on the UW campus. Each month an invited speaker selects a book written in Korean and discusses it with the audience. The books range from scholarly works to ones on popular culture. The talks are free and open to the public. They are conducted in Korean, so anyone who can understand the Korean language is welcome to join us.

To learn more, visit [guides.lib.uw.edu/friendly.php?s=research/booksori](https://guides.lib.uw.edu/friendly.php?s=research/booksori).

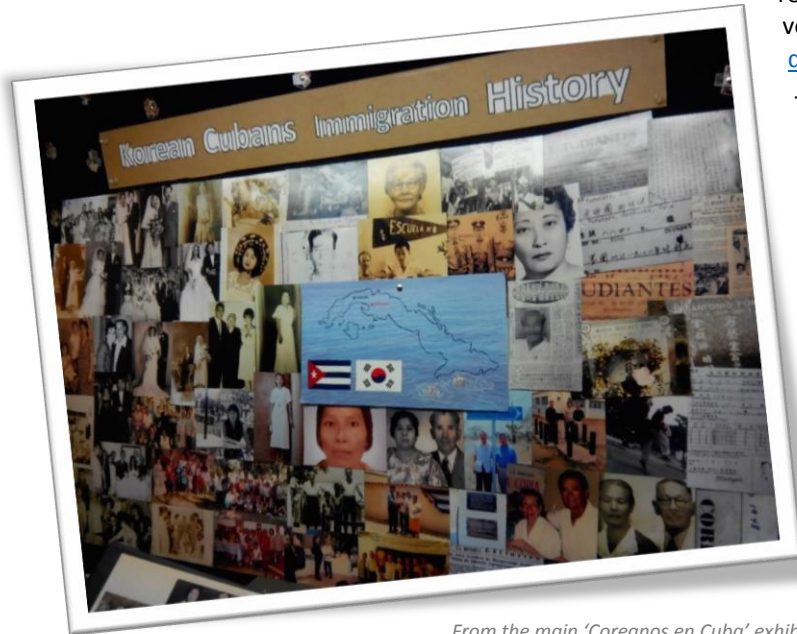


## EXHIBIT: COREANOS EN CUBA = KOREANS IN CUBA

From February 20, 2016 through May 1, 2016, the East Asia Library featured an exhibit entitled “Coreanos en Cuba” (= Koreans in Cuba), which explored Korean-Cuban immigration history, showcasing resources on this relatively less known topic in Korean diaspora history.

Fewer than 300 Koreans arrived at Cuba's Port Manatee in 1921. They were part of a group of over 1000 Koreans who had initially immigrated to Mexico but quickly became disillusioned by their new life as henequen farmers and laborers, and so left for Cuba in search of a better life. Now there are about 800 Korean descendants living in Cuba. Most of them speak Spanish but still try hard to hold on to the culture and traditions of their motherland.

The “Coreanos en Cuba” exhibit, curated by Korean Studies Librarian Hyokyoung Yi, featured a collection of photographs that EAL recently received from Korean descendants in Cuba. A digitized version of the photograph collection is available at [depts.washington.edu/korcuban/](http://depts.washington.edu/korcuban/).



*From the main ‘Coreanos en Cuba’ exhibit display, featuring selected photographs and documents from the Korean-Cuban population.*

The Booksori (monthly Korean book talk held at EAL) on March 19 also focused on the history and experiences of Korean-Cubans. The talk, “Koreans in Cuba: The Forgotten Korean Descendants and their Immigration History,” was given by Martha Lim Kim, a Korean descendant in Cuba.

Ms. Kim and her husband Raul Ruiz, a Cuban historian, co-authored the book *Coreanos en Cuba*, which was published in 2000. Based on her father Im Cheon Taek (임천택)’s work on Korean Cuban history in 1954, they expanded the research further using data from public records, newspaper articles, and the testimony of Korean descendants in Cuba.

Ms. Kim’s talk provided a rare opportunity to learn about the immigration history of Korean Cubans through her life stories as an early Korean descendant growing up in Cuba while the country went through its most turbulent historical event, the Cuban Revolution.

## EXHIBIT: EXPANSION OF MANGA STUDIES

An exhibit entitled “Expansion of Manga Studies” has been on display in the East Asia Library since May 1, 2016. The exhibit was curated by Azusa Tanaka, Japanese Studies Librarian, with the assistance of visiting librarian Yuko Fujimoto and student assistant Yuta Kaminishi.

The exhibit features examples of manga from a wide range of genres, including *shōjo* manga (“girls’ comics”), animal manga, BL (“boy’s love”), sci-fi manga, and more. It also showcases a number of award-winning and particularly popular titles, as well as including some scholarly work on manga and manga studies.

Check it out on Floor 3 of EAL—re-experience your favorites and discover new manga titles to love!



## SIGNIFICANT ACQUISITIONS AND GRANTS FOR EAL COLLECTIONS

### GIFTS AND GRANTS

#### RECEIVED \$38,500 FROM KOREAN CONSUL OFFICE FOR KOREA CORNER

East Asia Library received a gift of \$38,500 from the Consul Office of the Republic of Korea in Seattle, to create a Korea Corner on Floor 2M in the East Asia Library. See *page 7* for more details.



#### FUNDS RAISED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE UW KOREAN COLLECTION

Through the UW Libraries 2016 Literary Voices event in May, the Korean table author (Mr. Young Ho Kim) and the invited guests agreed to form a Friends of the UW Korean Collection group in support of the East Asia Library. EAL librarians Hyokyong Yi and Heija Ryoo are members of this group, which raised \$3,300 for the KORCAT fund (Korean Cataloging fund) on that event day. Over \$15,000 was raised at a follow-up party on a lavender farm in July.

#### DONATIONS TO THE JAPANESE COLLECTION

A number of Japanese materials were donated to EAL during the fall 2015 and winter 2016 quarters, including: a map of Japan from the Meiji period, several issues of *Japan Photos* (1936–1938), issues of *Kyōiku Shinbun* (= Education News) given by a Japanese visiting scholar to the UW law school, and 73 books on the topics of Japanese language acquisition and linguistics from retiring professor Michio Tsutsui.



*An issue of Kyōiku Shinbun; new issues of many newspapers are available in the EAL Reading Room on Floor 3*

#### GRANTS FROM KOREA FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

Thanks to the efforts of Korean Studies Librarian Hyokyong Yi, EAL received \$20,000 through the Korean Collections Consortium of North America (KCCNA) program for the 2015–2016 fiscal year. These funds will be used to continue to build up our collection of research materials in the Korean Studies discipline. The materials will be accessible to scholars and students at any North American institution.

EAL also received a grant acceptance notice in the amount of \$4000, based on the proposal submitted by Hyokyong Yi for the 2016 “Support for Korean Studies e-Resources” program. This program provides support for universities to help pay the subscription/user fees required to access online Korean Studies resources, in order to broaden access to such materials.

#### DONATIONS TO THE EAL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Community members donated a total of \$15,000 to EAL’s Oral History Project for Seattle Chinese Immigrants.

#### GIFT BOOKS FROM AAS CONFERENCE

After the AAS conference in March–April 2016, many new books that had been on display in the conference exhibition hall were donated to the East Asia Library.

Seven boxes of Japanese books and 60 boxes of Chinese books were received, and were transported to the library by EAL staff. Three boxes of Korean books were shipped directly to EAL from the Convention Center.

*Just a few of the many boxes of books donated to EAL by exhibitors at the 2016 AAS conference*



## MAJOR ACQUISITIONS (NON-ELECTRONIC)



EAL recently purchased *Seikan yōran* (政官要覧), a quarterly publication on Japanese government and governmental organizations' personnel information. It is a very important publication for students and scholars focusing on Japanese politics.

One noteworthy Korean purchase was of a 39-volume set of reprints of Korean women's periodicals from 1910 through 1950 entitled *Adan*

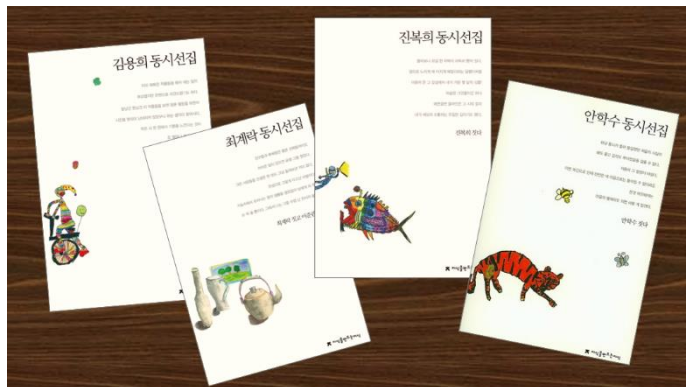
*mun'go migonggae charyo ch'ongsō, 2014 : Yōsōng chapchi* (아단 문고 미공개 자료 총서, 2014 : 여성 잡지).

The set, which is an invaluable resource on the topic of Korean gender studies, consists of reprints from 45 different periodicals originally comprising 228 volumes. This is the first time many of these materials have been publically available.

Acquisition of this set was made possible due to a grant from the Korea Foundation's Korean Collections Consortium of North America (KCCNA) program. One of the specialty subject areas

collected by UW, as a member of this Consortium, is gender studies.

The KCCNA grant also enabled purchase of *Chisik ūl mandūnūn chisik Han'guk tongsi munhak* (지식을 만드는 지식 한국 동시문학), a 100-volume collection of Korean children's poetry. Korean poetry is another KCCNA subject specialty area for UW.



A sampling of volumes from *Chisik ūl mandūnūn chisik Han'guk tongsi munhak*

## NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

## CHINESE E-RESOURCES

The Chinese collection received an award of \$20,480 from an Allen Signature Grant and \$7,500 from an Allen Opportunity Grant to acquire two major databases: "Late Qing Dynasty Periodicals Database, 1833-1911" (晚清期刊全文数据库) and "Database of Chinese Popular Literature" (中国俗文库).

The Chinese collection also acquired the database of "Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics."

The Chinese collection received \$20,000 from the China Studies Program of the Jackson School of International Studies and with this, renewed our "Duxiu" (读秀) database subscription for another three years.

## JAPANESE E-RESOURCES

EAL renewed the "Kōseisha Zasshi Kiji Sakuin Shusei: The Complete Database for Japanese Magazine and Periodicals from the Meiji Era to the Present" (皓星社雑誌記事索引集成データベース) and "Nikkei Telecom" (新聞・雑誌記事のビジネスデータベース) databases, providing continued access to these Japanese e-resources.

## KOREAN E-RESOURCES

In partnership with the Korean-American Historical Society (KAHS) in Seattle and the Overseas Korea Foundation, EAL recently completed in-house scanning of three Korean-American publications. Anne Graham, from UW Libraries Digital Initiatives, provided technical assistance for the digitization process.

The first publication was the newsletters of the Seattle-Washington State Korean Association, *Hanin Hoebo* (한인회보), covering a period from 1973 through 2012. The newsletters can be viewed and downloaded from

[digital.lib.washington.edu/researchworks/handle/1773/34647](http://digital.lib.washington.edu/researchworks/handle/1773/34647).

The *Occasional Papers* of the Korean American Historical Society (five volumes published between 1985 and 2001) were also digitized, and are available for view/download at [digital.lib.washington.edu/researchworks/handle/1773/35648](http://digital.lib.washington.edu/researchworks/handle/1773/35648).

The third publication was the Washington State Korean Students Association Newsletters, issues from 1973-1976, which are available at <https://digital.lib.washington.edu/researchworks/handle/1773/35649>.



Cover of the December 2010 Hanin Hoebo

## EAL STAFF: THE “ENERGY” BEHIND YOUR EAST ASIA LIBRARY

### THE PASSION OF A DEDICATED LIBRARIAN: HEIJA RYOO

by **Zhijia Shen**

She sings, dances, travels across the world to enjoy colorful and different cultures. In her work, she catalogs hundreds of new Korean language books, most of which were acquired through our prestigious Korea Foundation grant, and she also serves at the EAL information desk helping users with their questions. She is so passionate about her job that she waged a campaign to raise thousands of dollars to ensure that the excellent Korean collection held by UW Libraries is accessible not only to our local users but to users worldwide. She is Heija Ryoo, our dear Korean Cataloger.



*Heija Ryoo*

Heija joined the UW as a half-time professional cataloging librarian in 2004, after she retired from a 30+ years career as a law librarian at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale’s Law Library, where she held the position of Head of Technical Services. As a half-time cataloger here at EAL, Heija’s main job is to ensure timely access for users nationally and internationally to new acquisitions from the Korea Foundation.

Heija has been an enthusiastic advocate of our East Asia Library and its Korean collection, and a strong supporter of and active participant in EAL’s outreach to the Korean community. She herself is a community leader. Through her connections and involvement, EAL has received donations from Korean artists, had music and dance activities at our cultural events, and initiated various successful programs including the monthly Booksori.

Inspired by the successful Tateuchi grant-funded Japanese cataloging project, Heija donated \$50,000 to set up a matching fund in 2014 for a total project of \$100,000 to catalog EAL’s Korean backlog. This fundraising campaign is now led by our able Korean Studies Librarian Hyokyoung Yi. It has turned into an outreach endeavor with the Korean community, not only raising thousands of dollars for Korean cataloging but also raising enthusiastic community support for our library. It has brought about many wonderful cultural

events and activities, including the recent fundraising event at a lavender farm in Whidbey Island in July 2016 and the establishment of the “Friends of UW EAL Korean Collection.” As a former member of the board of the Friends of UW Libraries, Heija once again plays an enthusiastic part in the new Korean fundraising group. Over the past two years, the matching campaign has raised almost \$35,000; we hope to reach its goal of \$50,000 matching in 2017.

When asked what her vision was in setting up the Korean Cataloging fund, Heija smiled, “As a technical services librarian all my professional life, I want to see during my working life all UW EAL’s wonderful Korean books fully cataloged and accessible to users, as EAL is known to the world as having the country’s second largest academic Korean collection, next only to that of Harvard-Yenching Library.” Through her hard work as an excellent cataloging librarian, her dedicated community leadership, and her generosity as a donor, Heija is making that a reality.

## THE BEST CULTURAL EXCHANGE IS THROUGH PEOPLE: BOYUE YAO

by **Zhijia Shen**

Through the international collaborative project “Discovering Modern China: UW and UBC Collections” funded by a CLIR (Council on Library and Information Resources) grant to catalog hidden Chinese collections at UW and UBC, we had the great honor to invite **BOYUE YAO**, Professor and Chinese rare-book librarian of Peking University Library in China to spend 15 months with us between January 2015 and May 2016. He also spent 2 months at UBC to help them with their part of the CLIR project.

One of the best rare-book experts in China, Professor Yao is an outstanding scholar and hardworking rare-book librarian. He obtained both a BA and MA in library and information science from Peking University, and has worked at Peking University for 30 years. He was head of the Rare-book Department of Peking University Library and taught at the School of Library and Information Science on Chinese rare-book identification and cataloging, textual bibliography, and copyright. Between 2000 and 2001, he spent 2 months at UC Berkeley’s East Asian Library, and in 2005 he served as a rare-book cataloging librarian at the Harvard-Yenching Library for a full year, helping catalog Chinese rubbings and other traditional Chinese materials. Professor Yao is also a prolific researcher who has published numerous studies on Chinese rare-book assessment and cataloging, and several monographs about Chinese book history and culture. His book, *A Critical Biography of Huang Pili*, published by Nanjing University Press in 1998, won several national awards in China.

During his 15 months at UW, he created almost 1000 original cataloging records of traditional Chinese books, rubbings, and pieces of artwork. In addition, working closely with Charlene Chou, CLIR Project Technical Manager, and Emily Jantz, CLIR Project Chinese Cataloging Specialist, and her student team, Professor Yao made sure to go through all EAL’s backlog of traditionally-bound Chinese books, helping to sort them into different categories and doing a great deal of original and some enhance work, leaving no book untouched. What he strove to accomplish was for EAL to have an inventory of our traditionally-bound Chinese books. Thanks to his thorough knowledge of the history of Chinese books and skill in identifying and handling Chinese rare books, we have been able to discover many more treasures than we had anticipated through the CLIR project. This has significantly increased the holdings and enhanced cataloging of the invaluable Chinese collections of our East Asia Library.

In addition to the CLIR project, Professor Yao also gave public presentations about Chinese culture and books and

generously helped students and faculty in their studies and research of Chinese classic texts. Above all he is a wonderful human being and generously helped many people around him. When one of our colleagues was out of the country for a family emergency, Professor Yao spent hours every day after work walking to this colleague’s home to take care of a disabled family member who had to stay home, helping clean the house, cook meals, and wash clothes. In many instances he didn’t return to his own home until after 11 p.m. Professor Yao is such a positive and cheerful person that wherever he went he brought laughter and joy. He is dearly missed by his colleagues at the UW and UBC Libraries, as well as by the students and faculty who he so warmly and generously helped with their studies and research.

We believe the wonderful friendship that Professor Yao’s visit has cultivated will continue to grow between the University of Washington and Peking University. This is the beauty of our visiting librarian exchange program—the best cultural exchange is the exchange through people.



*Boyue Yao (姚伯岳), presenting on May 10, 2016, about the CLIR project and the collections of stringbound books at UW and Peking University Library*

## AZUSA TANAKA RECEIVES “SAFE ZONE TRAINING”

by **Azusa Tanaka**

I recently attended the three-hour Safe Zone Training provided by the Q Center, the University of Washington’s resource, advocacy, and mentoring center for queer students. The training was open to UW Libraries staff, and those who completed it received “Safer Zone” stickers for their offices.

The training covered basic information on human sexuality as well as sexual and gender orientation, identity, and



### What Is Safe Zone?

“The Safe Zone Project, through education, advocacy, visibility, and skill development, supports faculty and staff to become allies for glbtqti (Q) students and colleagues. The Project is designed to radically reduce prejudice and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression at the University of Washington campus and create a safe and affirming campus.”

expression. Attendees also learned how to speak with and be an ally to the students who seek our support.

To learn more about the Safe Zone Project, visit <https://depts.washington.edu/qcenter/wordpress/education/safe-zone/>.

## IMPROVING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LIBRARY, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS

by **Juan Luo**

I am very lucky to have gotten the Chinese Studies GSA position with the combined support of the East Asia Library and the China Studies Program. Contributing to the Chinese Studies Research Guide and handling reference questions from faculty and students not only improves my abilities in librarianship, using research guides and Chinese databases, but also hones my research methods skills of how to search and find library resources efficiently. Before working at the library I didn’t even know that libraries have research guides that help users to do research—this is quite different from my experience in China. Thus, my big takeaway from library work is that the library is not just a resource center that provides access to books or articles that faculty and students need for their study or research, but more importantly is a participant in the academic research process by facilitating research being carried out. It is particularly useful for students to know how to identify a research topic by doing some preliminary searching and looking through the headings and references, and how to take advantage of search strategies like refining the search results or trying different keywords to navigate databases.

Reference questions from faculty and students are exciting and challenging, as I try to anticipate the kinds of questions they might ask and work to help to solve the question. Often it becomes a real learning experience for me, like what can I do if I meet a similar problem in my own research, for example, when a graduate student needs to find a map of Liulichang factory in Beijing during the Republican era, or a professor



Juan Luo (罗娟)

*Juan, a PhD student of sociocultural anthropology in the Department of Anthropology, has been working at EAL as the Chinese Studies Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) since autumn quarter 2015.*

wants to find materials related to the architecture of landscaping gardens in the Ming dynasty that reflects Chinese philosophy and values. Sometimes it is time-consuming to search for useful results but this is how library work plays an important role in the long run of one’s academic endeavor. This is also one of the main purposes of my position, promoting the accessibility and utilization of library resources and services to faculty and students. It is also helpful for me, as a beginner in academia, to learn what kinds of research is being conducted now in the areas of China and Taiwan studies.

Another great experience of working in EAL has been my participation in the Oral History Project. There is a large community of Chinese immigrants in the greater Seattle area from Taiwan, Hong Kong, mainland China, Macau, etc. I take part in the community forums and in transcribing interviews, from which I have learned a lot about Chinese immigrant history, the political history of China and the U.S., and the experiences of Chinese overseas students. Learning from their memories and stories, information that I read about in history textbooks became lively with specific details and human feelings. It is very inspiring and moving to learn how immigrants committed to the hardships of studying and working when they first came to the U.S. and how they identify themselves as Chinese-Americans. As more and more Chinese students come to study abroad nowadays, our work is becoming valuable to provide them real life lessons beyond the classroom.

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### PROMOTION, REAPPOINTMENT, AND OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES

In 2016, we celebrated the promotion/reappointment of two EAL librarians. In recognition of their excellent work and contributions to UW Libraries, **HYOKYOUNG YI**, Head of Public Services and Korean Studies Librarian, was promoted to Librarian (the highest rank for librarians at UW), and **AZUSA TANAKA**, Japanese Studies Librarian, was reappointed to Senior Assistant Librarian. Congratulations to Hyokyoung and Azusa!



*Azusa Tanaka (left) and Hyokyoung Yi (right) cut their congratulatory cake at the EAL June 2016 staff meeting*

After completing a temporary one-year appointment as Administrative Coordinator and CLIR Project Chinese Cataloging Specialist, **EMILY JANTZ**, was hired to work at EAL on a permanent basis. She continued to work on both administrative tasks as well as cataloging and other work for the CLIR Hidden Collections Project.



*Emily Jantz*



*Eddy Harrison*

As of September 1, 2016, **CHARLENE CHOU**, Head of Technical Services and Chinese Cataloger, was reassigned to a new position of Coordinator for Distinctive Collections Technical Services. **SCOTT EDWARD (EDDY) HARRISON**, Serials Librarian and Japanese Cataloger, will serve as the new EAL Technical Services Coordinator.

### EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

During the 2015-2016 academic year, we celebrated two employment anniversaries of EAL staff members.

August 25, 2016 marked an incredible anniversary—30 years of service at the East Asia Library for **RICHARD CARKEEK**, Circulation & Marking Supervisor. Also celebrating an employment anniversary was **ZHIJIA SHEN**, Director of East Asia Library and Chinese Studies Librarian. As of September 1, 2016, she has been at EAL for 10 years.



*Hyokyoung Yi presents Richard Carkeek with a certificate honoring his 30 years of service*

Our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Rich and Zhijia for their years of dedicated service!

### OTHER STAFF CELEBRATIONS

This year, EAL's annual staff lunch came in the form of a dumpling party. Staff brought in a variety of fillings as well as dough for the dumpling skins, and worked together to roll and cut the dough into skins, stuff the dumplings, cook them, and finally, enjoy the delicious results.

Also joining the celebration were our colleagues **PAUL CONSTANTINE**,

Associate Dean of University Libraries for Distinctive Collections and Director of Special Collections; **AC PETERSEN**, Libraries Communications Officer; and **ROB BRITT**, Coordinator of East Asian Library Services at the Gallagher Law Library.



*Charlene Chou and Yanyan Sun enjoy their plates of dumplings*

## NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

CHARLENE CHOU, Head of Technical Services and Chinese Cataloger, continued as the chair of the CEAL CTP Subcommittee on RDA, and as a member of the CEAL Task Force on Metadata Standards and Best Practices for East Asian Electronic Resources. She completed her term as president of the Board of the OCLC CJK Users Group.

Charlene was also elected Chair of the CEAL Committee on Technical Processing for a one-year replacement term, and to the CEAL Executive Board for 2016-2017.

ZHIJIA SHEN, EAL Director and Chinese Studies Librarian, was elected to the office of CEAL President. She will serve as CEAL Vice President and President-Elect for two years before assuming the position of President in 2018.

Zhijia was also elected President of the Society of Chinese Studies Librarians in North America to serve a two-year term from 2016 to 2018. She continued to serve as a member of the Chinese American Library Association (CALA) Board of Directors, and also served on the CALA Leadership Training Task Force.

AZUSA TANAKA, Japanese Studies Librarian, completed five years of service on the Cooperative Collection Development Working Group of the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC).

HYOKYOUNG YI, Head of Public Services and Korean Studies Librarian, this year completed her three-year term as Member-at-Large on the CEAL Executive Board.

## PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

CHARLENE CHOU, Head of Technical Services and Chinese Cataloger, was very active at this year's Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) conference. She organized and presented at the pre-conference RDA & CJK Cataloging Workshop [[link](#)], presented at the CEAL Plenary Panel, "East Asian Librarians: Moving beyond (job) boundaries," and headed the table on cataloging/metadata librarianship at the "Talking with Experienced Librarians" roundtable discussion workshop.

Charlene also gave several presentations on RDA and BIBFRAME at universities in mainland China and Taiwan in July and August 2015.

ZHIJIA SHEN, EAL Director and Chinese Studies Librarian, along with Jing Liu, Chinese Language Librarian at the University of British Columbia, presented at the 2015 conference of the Pacific Rim Research Libraries Alliance (PRRLA); their presentation was titled "Collaboration to Reveal Hidden Treasures at PRRLA Libraries: UW-UBC CLIR Project on Chinese Materials" [[link](#)]. Zhijia also presented about the CLIR project and UW Chinese special collections at an international conference "Forum on Development of Chinese Classical Resources outside China" in Beijing in May 2016.

At the CEAL conference, Zhijia and Jing gave another presentation about the UW-UBC collaborative CLIR project, entitled "Collaborating to Provide Access to Rare & Special Collections at the University of Washington and the University of British Columbia." Also at the CEAL conference, Zhijia headed the table on career advancement/development in East Asian librarianship at the "Talking with Experienced Librarians" roundtable discussion workshop.

Zhijia was invited to be a panel speaker at the Chinese American Librarians Association's Annual Program during the 2016 ALA annual conference in Orlando, Florida. The panel, which was held on June 26, 2016, was titled "Help CALA and Help You, Join CALA Advance Your Career." Zhijia was also a panelist at a presentation during the CALA Leadership Training Workshop, led by Maureen Sullivan, entitled "Talking with Experienced Librarians," on June 27, 2016.

AZUSA TANAKA, Japanese Studies Librarian, had an article entitled "Digital Humanities Connects Japanese Collections from Every Corner of the Universe - European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists Conference Report" (in Japanese) published in *Digital Humanities Monthly*, No.051, October 29, 2015 [[link](#)]. She also co-authored (with Juleah Swanson, Ione Damasco, Isabel Gonzalez-Smith, Dracine Hodges, Todd Honma) "Why Diversity Matters: A Roundtable Discussion on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Librarianship," which was published in *In the Library with the Lead Pipe*, July 29, 2015 [[link](#)].

Azusa received a scholarship from the European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists (EAJRS) to attend the 2015 EAJRS annual conference, held at Leiden University in The Netherlands, September 16-19, 2015. At the conference, she gave a presentation entitled "Imperial Japanese Army Map Collection at University of Washington."

Azusa also attended a number of other conferences, including the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Fall Forum 2015, "Research Partnerships in Digital Scholarship for the Humanities and Social Sciences" (October 8, 2015), as well as the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) conference, "Engaging the Digital Humanities: Collaborating throughout the Research Lifecycle" (March 2016). She also attended the National Diet Library's workshop for Japanese Studies Librarians Outside of Japan (January 2016).



HYOKYOUNG YI, Head of Public Services and Korean Studies Librarian, worked with CEAL's Committee on Korean Materials to organize the 5th Kyujanggak Workshop for Korean Studies Librarians from Overseas, which was one of the pre-conference activities at this year's CEAL conference.

All EAL technical services staff attended some or all of the CEAL preconference workshops (held March 28 and 29, 2016) such as the CEAL Cataloging Workshop, OCLC CJK Users Group Meeting, CPS Workshop on Information Literacy Framework, and Open Discovery Initiative (ODI) Recommendations for Content Providers and Library Professionals.

In addition, some EAL staff, including Emily Jantz, Yanyan Sun, and visiting librarian Yuko Fujimoto, attended sessions at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting and the CEAL Conference, from March 30 through April 3, 2016, such as the CEAL Plenary Sessions and the "Talking with Experienced Librarians" roundtable, as well as various AAS conference sessions such as "Rethinking Languages, Vernaculars, and Vernacularization in East Asia from the Twelfth to the Twentieth Century," "Social Media and the Internet in China: Current Trends and the Impact on Marginalized Groups," and "Digital Humanities Approaches to Chinese Culture, Part 1: Tools and Methods for Textual and Historical Analysis."

### THE EAL NEWSLETTER WELCOMES YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Do you use the East Asia Library? Do you have anything to share about your experiences here? Have you used materials from EAL in your research or other project? Or do you have another library-related story? *We want to hear from you!*

In each newsletter issue, we will publish up to two user-submitted articles. For article and submission guidelines, see here: [www.lib.washington.edu/east-asia/news/newsletter-submissions](http://www.lib.washington.edu/east-asia/news/newsletter-submissions).

We look forward to seeing your byline in an upcoming issue!



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