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Message from the CALA President

Dear CALA members,

I am very proud and honored to serve as your president for 2016-2017. I know there are many other qualified members good for the position and I am much appreciated that you chose me to be your leader for this great organization.

My goal of the year is to embrace our vision and continue our good tradition to thrive. I want to serve and engage our members in more meaningful activities and events. I want to retain and promote a positive and enthusiastic environment so that our members continue to feel CALA a home and where they belong.

I want to continue to retain our members and to recruit more members, especially new and young professionals as I firmly believe that CALA is a platform that can lift our members to a higher level both professionally and personally.

CALA Programs 2016 held at ALA Annual were a strong testimony of CALA’s value. For our Annual Program, eight members from different institutions participated in a panel discussion “Helping CALA, Helping You, Join CALA and Advance your Career.” Panelists presented their true life stories how CALA helped them in their professional advancement and how they have contributed to the growth of CALA. There were also 21 posters at the Annual program celebrating the achievements of our members.

Qi Chen, CALA President.
2015 was a sad year for us. We lost our formal president Lisa Zhao who suffered a brain cancer and passed away after months of fighting. Lisa was a life member and served on many CALA positions including president from 2013-2014. Lisa was a decent, honest, selfless and strong individual. Lisa was a role model for us and her pictures and life story were displayed at the Poster’s section at CALA Annual program.

CALA’s Annual Banquet was another success. Many distinguished members were awarded at the Banquet, among who were 27 student members who received Dr. Tze-Chung Li’s Student Membership Scholarship. Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee received CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award, Sharon Yang received Sheila Suen Lai Research Award, Yuan Li received Lisa Zhao Scholarship Fund Award and Dayanqi Si was awarded Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship for Library and Information Science. If you are interested in learning all the recipients of awards and recognitions, please visit CALA’s Website at www.calaweb.org.

CALA Leadership Academy was the most significant event held in conjunction with CALA programs at ALA Annual. Led by Lian and organized by the Academy Task Force chaired by Hong Wu, the Leadership Academy was composed of one day onsite training and three follow up online discussions. The onsite training was provided by the well-known Maureen Sullivan, together with a group of talented and experienced CALA members including Zhijia Sheng, Lian Ruan, Xuemao Wang, Clara Chu, and others. More than 20 members attended the training and the outcome and feedback was extraordinary positive.

The three follow up online discussions occurred in August, Septembers and October. According to Hong, all online discussion sessions were also very well received and highly commented. This year, the Leadership Academy Task Force was joined by other three professional development task forces to form the Leadership and Professional Development Task Force. Two outstanding leaders Jane Wu and Hong Wu are co-chairing this Task Force. Please stay tuned for new development and opportunities organized by this talented group.
This August, United States welcome 2016 IFLA Conference to be held in Columbus OH. Last year, CALA board approved CALA 10 IFLA Registration Grant to enable members to attend the conference. In addition, CALA also contributed $3000 to IFLA Scholarship which was received by three CALA members. As a result, this year, we had more members attend IFLA than any other previous years. Clara Chu, CALA representative to IFLA organized a joyful gathering for CALA Members to associate with members of Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), and the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T).

This year, CALA board again approved 2016-2017 Presidential budgets which included IFLA Registration Grant for CALA members to attend 2017 IFLA held in Wroclaw Poland. CALA Leadership has continued to engage in outreaching efforts with ALA and other caucuses. Both Lian Ruan, CALA Executive Director and I are serving on Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) Steering Committee to plan for JCLC 2018 conference. The committee met at 2016 ALA Annual and continues to meet every other week online. CALA has participated in decision making on site selection, dates of the conference, hotels and other critical logistic issues relating to the conference.
Lian and I are also CALA’s liaison for ALA’s ODLOS Advisory Committee. ODLOS stands for Office of Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services. There are 14 represented groups on the committee ranging from ALA Round Tables and Committees to ALA Affiliates such as CALA. The primary function of the committee is to advise the ODLOS and to promote the sharing of events, meetings, scholarships, and any other happenings among the represented groups.

Internationally, recently, we have worked out training procedures and schedules for Yunnan Library Directors in the US. In October, CALA hosted an academic session at Library Society of China Annual Conference held in Tongling, China. Nine members presented at the session. Our presentations were very well received with a full house of audience. Many pictures were taken and questions asked during and after the session. During that time, we also met with Chinese library leaders including Director of National Library of China, Library Directors of Beijing Normal University and Beijing Areas of Library Information System (BALIS). As a result of these meetings and thanks to the effort of CALA International Relations Committee, we have signed tentative training agreements with the Library Society of China (LSC) and BALIS. We are also actively working with our counterparts in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau to establish more training and opportunities for our members. Please also stay tuned for further professional development in this area.

Dr. Qi Chen with Mr. Han, Director of Chinese National Library and his Secretary Ms. Huo at the reception given by the Mayor of City of Tongling where the Annual Conference of Library Society of China was held.

Dr. Qi Chen and her team (Chinese American Librarians) after presentation at the 2016 Chinese Library Annual Conference.

Dr. Qi Chen at the 2016 Chinese Library Annual Conference.
Finally, I would like to recognize our members and committees who have showed great enthusiasm and energy in the first a few months conducting committee work, engaging members in discussion, achieving objectives and goals.

These individuals are:

Sai Deng, Xiaojie Duan, Xiaoyu Duan, Ping Fu, Yan He (IKU), Yan He (WGU), Leping He, Shuyong Jiang, Michael Huang, Guoqing Li, Mingyan Li, Min Tong, Xiying Mi and Ximin Mi, Alison Wang, Anna Xiong, Yongmin Xu, Le Yang, Sharon Yang, Hong Wu, Jane Wu, Hong Yao, Shali Zhang, Ying Zhang among many others.

The committees and task forces are:

Assessment and Evaluation; CALASYS, International Relations, Leadership Task Force, Membership Mentorship, Newsletter, Public Relations, Social Media and Scholarship.

I also want to thank Jiaxun Wu at University of Chicago and Anna Ren at Northwestern University for their warm welcome and nice reception to Librarians from Beijing Normal University while they were attending IFLA and visiting their libraries. Your professionalism touched their hearts and impressed them deeply; they commented highly on the efficiency and effectiveness of CALA and CALA members.

Lastly, a special thank you to Dr. Li for his continuous and generous support! Your contribution/scholarship allows us to recruit more student members to make CALA stronger!

I want to thank all of our members for your dedication and hard work for keeping our organization energized, healthy, young and prosperous. We are off to a great start. Let us continue to work on each of our individual areas and tasks and I am confident that we will have a great year.

Thank you for your contribution and hope to see you at ALA Annual if not at Midwinter!

Qi Chen
President 2016-2017
Greetings from Loida García-Febo

As a CALA member, I am very excited to run for ALA President 2018-2019. I wholeheartedly believe that Together, we can bring change! I invite my fellow CALA members who are also ALA members to work together to take action to advance library concerns on national and local agendas focusing on four important pillars: Advocacy, Information Policy, Career Development, and Diversity & Equity.

As your President, I am committed to work with ALA, its Divisions, units, members and Affiliates, and with our Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden and our President Julie Todaro to build on the work done by ALA Past Presidents and ALA to advance our profession and the future of libraries. Together, we can take action to continue placing libraries on the national agenda. We can bring change to benefit our members and overall, the communities we serve.

I am delighted to share my campaign website with you. 
http://loidagoralapresident.squarespace.com/

Please feel free to share with our CALA Executive Board and members.
You are ALA -- I am ALA -- We are ALA!

Thank you so much in advance. Together, we can bring change!

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García-Febo, Grief Seek 2018-19 ALA Presidency

CHICAGO – Loida García-Febo, International Library Consultant and President of Information New Wave in Brooklyn, New York, and Terri Grief, School Librarian at McCracken County High School in Paducah, Kentucky, are the candidates for the 2018-19 presidency of the American Library Association (ALA).

When did you become a library dean and what were you doing in the past that lead you to this position?

In late September 2012, I started a moving trip from Greensboro, North Carolina to Missoula, Montana where the University of Montana is located. Driving from the east to the west, a total distance is over 2,300 miles. It was indeed a fascinating and inspiring trip, crossing a part of Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia, going through the flat fields in the prairie region, going up to hills in Dakotas, and finally climbing to the Continental Divide to reach my trip destination. I have never been to the northwest part of the country. Therefore, one could imagine my curiosity and excitement to the new job, the new community, and the new state. The cross-country trip also provided me with new perspective when I looked back my career paths in the LIS field.

Since receiving my MLS degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1988, I have worked on various positions in numerous academic libraries. These positions, step by step, helped prepare me with knowledge and skills required as a research library dean in a flagship university.

In a few lines, please describe the first few days after you arrived as the new dean of University of Montana Library Library?

Prior to taking the library dean’s position at the University of Montana, I consulted with other colleagues in the country who were library deans then, including with my former supervisor, Rosann Bazirjian, the library dean at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She encouraged me to seek a higher position and she gave me full support when I was offered the job. Her advice to me for my first year on the job was to listen.

(Photo: Shali Zhang, Ph.D., Dean of Libraries and Professor, Mansfield Library, University of Montana.)
With that advice in mind, I spent a lot of time in meetings with library staff, campus faculty, students, library friends, and donors in the first couple of days and throughout the year. This kind of practices enabled me to learn the new job and learn the new community, and to understand the issues and challenges. I have been on the job for over four years now. Looking back, I truly appreciate wonderful advice from the colleagues.

Recognizing a union environment at the University of Montana, I have actively promoted and fostered shared-governance at the Libraries since taking the new job. I created the Library Administrative Advisory Group in 2012 to include the Libraries’ department heads, staff representatives, and library faculty representatives in the group to help shape the library’s vision, mission, directions, and policies. This group has become a major policy body for important decisions on the libraries’ operations. This group has served me well during the challenging time.

What are your main accomplishments you’ve achieved as the dean? What are the most important initiatives, projects or services in the library that you’d like to share?

This is a big question. It also helps reflect the activities that I went through with the library faculty and staff in past years. Indeed, time flies. I truly appreciate those who have helped me through the learning curve on my first library dean job. I led a major effort in developing the strategic plan for the University of Montana Libraries: Building a Future: Mansfield Library Strategic Plan, 2014-2017. This Plan provides vision, mission, values, and strategic directions for the University Libraries, at http://www.lib.umt.edu/files/Final_strategic_plan_brochure_5.23.14_0.pdf.

The Libraries’ strategic goals are closely connected with that of the University of Montana, UM 2020, Building a University for the Global Century. Through the planning process from September 2013 to May 2014, the goals of effective communication, transparency, collaboration, and broad participation from the university campus were achieved. Dr. Camila Alire, ALA past President and a former library dean at several research libraries, served as our external consultant in this process.

The University of Montana’s Libraries are leading the efforts of a state-wide library system project to move to a cloud-computing technology-based integrated library system which will include all academic and research libraries in Montana. This state-wide initiative will go live in December 2016 and will help facilitate collaborative collection development, acquisitions processing, and management of all library collections in one unified environment to include physical collections, electronic resources, license data, user rights data, etc. The recent press release on this project is at http://news.umt.edu/2016/06/062716libr.php.
Collaborations are the key to our success. In 2015, I collaborated with the UM’s Associate Provost for Global Education Initiatives and the UM’s Mansfield Center and planned a successful mission-driven trip to China for the UM academic officers, a delegation of 15 people, in October – November 2015. The UM delegation visited seven universities in three cities in China where each academic dean from UM met their counterparts at these hosting institutions and discussed specific partnership projects, ranging from educational programs, short-term exchanges, fee-based training programs, and joint research endeavors. During the trip, I had the opportunities of visiting the libraries at these institutions to establish frameworks and understanding for future collaborations. This fruitful trip supported the UM’s strategic goal to build a university for the global century.

As with many CALA members, it has been my passion to incorporate international elements into our library operations and workplace in the increasingly interconnected world. Each year, our library hosted visitors from other countries, hosted Humphrey Fellows and other scholars for summer training programs. These hosting activities have afforded the library staff the interaction opportunities with people from other parts of the world.

As a Chinese American and a minority, do you feel a sense of accomplishment in becoming dean? What are the challenges to move up the professional ladder?

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee has been my great role model for being a library dean at a research library. He always encouraged me to apply a library dean’s job. A couple of Chinese American librarians, for instance, Haipeng Li and Xuemao Wang, have become a university librarian and an ARL library dean respectively in recent years. That number will continue growing when more Chinese American librarians are willing to take the leadership positions. There will be certainly some challenges facing the first-time library deans. As a Chinese American librarian and a person of color, I have always been paying much attention on the converging values of the mainstream and that of our own heritage. Nonetheless, it is critical for us to keep in mind that we should always focus on the users to whom we serve and to meet their needs.

You have been a dedicated CALA member and were CALA’s President before, do you feel you still have time to be involved in activities of CALA and/or other professional associations? Are you also involved in international collaboration programs?

I have served and chaired numerous CALA committees. In 2008-2009, I served as CALA President. It was a great honor and a wonderful
learning experience. I strongly encourage all CALA members to find time to serve on CALA’s committees and its offices. These service capacities offer rich experiences for CALA members. Currently, I am serving as CALA’s co-liaison (with Dr. Clara Chu) to IFLA to help share information and to assist/facilitate CALA’s participations in IFLA events and initiatives. In 2010, the CALA’s Publications Committee interviewed me and did an article on Spotlight on CALA Members, at http://www.cala-web.org/files/spotlight/ShaLiZhangInterview.pdf.

I was grateful for being able to share with CALA members on my passion to serve on CALA. Starting this year, I am serving on the IFLA Journal Editorial Committee. It is an excellent opportunity to learn research projects from the librarians around the world through reviewing their manuscripts. I also hope that more CALA members send their manuscripts to this Journal and share their research and scholarly projects with the audience worldwide.

What do you like to do when you are away from work in your leisure time?

My daily work has occupied most of my time. In addition to be a good leader of the library, I have also made time to attend/participate many university functions and events to meet and interact with other people at the university and in the community, for instance, joining tailgate parties for UM’s football games, attending and cheering for our sport teams (Grizzlies), etc.

Reading is always my off-work hobbies. I am now reading John Grisham’s book, Rogue Lawyer, another legal thriller from this author.

I always like outdoor activities. Montana is an excellent place for hiking, skiing, biking, rafting, etc. During off-work time, when weather permits, I often engage in these activities. During the summer time, I also take time with visitors to go to some most beautiful places in Montana. Montana is a wonderful place to live, work, and do a lot of outdoor things.

What message would you like to convey to CALA members?

Be willing to take risks, open to new opportunities, reach out, and build relations.
Dean Xuemao Wang: Finding Passion and Making a Difference

An Interview by Sai Deng

When did you become a library dean and what were you doing in the past that lead you to this position?

I became Dean and University Librarian at the University of Cincinnati in 2012. Prior to UC, I served as Associate Vice Provost of University Libraries at Emory University Libraries, and Head of Library Systems at John Hopkins University’s Sheridan Librarians. I also have experience in non-academic libraries; I worked for Queensborough Public Library as their Application Development Analyst and, later, their Manager of Internet Services.

In a few lines, please describe the first few days after you arrived as the new dean of University of Cincinnati Libraries?

My first few days at UC and in Cincinnati were incredibly busy. I met my managers and introduced myself to faculty and staff at a nice welcome reception; I met the Provost and other university deans. I registered at UC’s Rec Center, so I could start swimming on day one. I also did more practical things, like changing my driver's license and registering to vote.

My first impression of UC Libraries was a good one. I received a warm welcome, and found the faculty and staff engaging and eager to move to the future. I discovered an organization in need of a new, inspirational and shared bold vision for the future.

What are your main accomplishments you've achieved as the dean? What are the most important initiatives, projects or services in the library that you'd like to share?

Working with UC Libraries' faculty and staff to create the new Strategic Plan has been a huge accomplishment. It was a long exercise, (Left top photo: Dean Wang celebrates the opening of the new Langsam Starbucks with members of UC leadership, Campus and Food Services.)
and very thorough, engaging, and participatory. It included the creation of UC Libraries’ ten strategic initiatives, which were launched shortly after the plan across the entire UC Libraries system. These initiatives have had incredible success in such important topics as digital repository, informationists, support for researchers, digitization, digital Scholarship/digital Humanities and eLearning, as well as transformational changes to the ten UC library locations.

I have also felt a great deal of joy and accomplishment helping UC engage with China, in my role as special advisor to the President/Provost on China affairs. I helped to established UC’s successful joint Engineering Co-Op undergraduate program with Chongqing University, which just celebrated its fourth cohort of dual degree students. I’ve also built rewarding relationships with UC’s senior leadership while traveling with them to China.

As a Chinese American and a minority, do you feel a sense of accomplishment in becoming dean? What are the challenges to move up the professional ladder?

Being the dean of a large ARL library is a big responsibility for anyone. As a Chinese American I do feel a great sense of pride and responsibility, not only for myself and my organization, but also to the profession at large, including the Chinese American community.

Moving up the professional ladder comes with aspiration, determination, training, experience, and mobility, as well as a bit of luck, being in the right place, with the right mentor, and working with the right organization.

As far as challenges are concerned, all leadership challenges and effective leadership attributes apply to Chinese Americans. However, as a new immigrant like myself, I faced some particular challenges, such as cultural and language barriers, stereotypes, and lack of role models. However, I believe the most challenging thing that Chinese American librarians face, when it comes to pursuing the leadership roles, is that many of us lack of what I refer to as a "burning desire" to be a leader, or a zeal for making a difference to others, as well as reaching the greatest potential of oneself.
Are you members of any Chinese American or other professional associations? Are you involved in international collaboration programs?

I was involved with CALA 25 years ago, and I’ve been involved in IFLA since 2006. There are also many international collaboration programs at the university level.

What do you like to do when you are away from work in your leisure time?

I like to catch up on my reading, watch movies and sports. I like to remain physically active; I swim and play golf on a regular basis.

What message would you like to convey to Chinese American librarians or CALA members?

Find your passions and drive, see if they align with your strengths, particularly your unique, above average or even gifted strengths. Leverage those strengths to achieve your goals and objectives.

Realize your weaknesses or gaps when you pursue certain professional roles. Work hard to improve or narrow such weaknesses or gaps, to determine if you are a good fit for such role.

Find a good environment and leadership mentor to enable you to achieve your goals.

Hold your aspirations high, never give up, be resilient, stick with a "try, fail, and try again, fail better" approach for anything you pursue.

Don’t just complain about negativity in a working environment, leadership, or co-worker; ask yourself what you can do to change such negativity. If you can’t do anything to change them, then find a better place to work.
CALA Programs at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting

Thurs 1/19 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
JCLC Steering Committee Meeting
(Qi Chen and Lian Ruan will attend the meeting on behalf of CALA.)
Location: Omni Hotel, Suite TBD

Fri 1/20 12:30 pm - 2: pm
ODLOS All-Committee Meeting
(Qi Chen and Lian Ruan will attend the meeting on behalf of CALA.)
Location: GWCC B203

Fri 1/20 12:30 pm - 2: pm
ODLOS Advisory Committee Meeting
(Qi Chen and Lian Ruan will attend the meeting on behalf of CALA.)
Location: GWCC B203

Sat. 1/21 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
CALA EC Online Meeting with CALA Chapter Presidents
Location: Marriott – Room A708

Sat. 1/21 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
JCLC Reception
Location: Omni Hotel, International Ballroom

Sat. 1/21 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
CALA Board Meeting (II) (in person and online)
Location: Marriott – Room A707

Sun. 1/22 11:45 am – 1:30 pm
CALA Members Lunch Gathering
Location: TBA

Monday 1/23 6:30am - 7:30 am
Martin Luther King Sunrise Ceremony
(Qi Chen and Lian Ruan will attend the ceremony on behalf of CALA.)
Location: TBA
Call for Nomination for the 2017
CALA General Election

Dear CALA Members:

According to the CALA Bylaws, Article VI - Section 3 and Article VII - Section 2-5, the Nominating Committee enthusiastically invites your nominations for the following positions for the 2017 CALA general election:

Incoming Vice President/President-Elect (first year as the 2nd VP; second year as the VP, and third year as the President; one position; http://www.cala-web.org/node/1123)

Board of Directors (3 years; five positions).

Nominations and self-nominations are all welcome and encouraged. The nomination/self-nomination form is available at CALA web site: http://cala-web.org/form4calanomination

Please refer to CALA Organizational Manual/Officers Handbook at CALA website (http://cala-web.org/handbook) for more information regarding the responsibilities of the CALA selected offices. Nominations and self-nominations can be sent directly to Le Yang, Co-Chair and other members of the Nominating Committee via e-mail. All nominations and self-nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Monday, January 9, 2017. Incomplete or late submission of nomination information will not be considered.

We encourage nomination of Board of Directors to take into consideration the geographical representation. The Nominating Committee will review all nominations and self-nominations to select a list of qualified nominees according to the procedures stipulated in CALA Bylaws. A slate of candidates will be presented to the CALA Board of Directors for approval at the Board meeting during the 2017 ALA Midwinter. The individuals on the approved slate will stand for the CALA election in spring 2017.

All nominees must be personal members in good standing with a record of participation in the activities and functions at various levels of CALA. If you are not yet a CALA member, you can join CALA first to be nominated. If you have not yet renewed your CALA membership, you will be asked to renew before accepting nomination. CALA elected officers are expected to attend at least one board meeting each year. Absence from two consecutive board meetings without prior written approval from the president will result in the removal from CALA Board.

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Again, the nomination form can be reached by http://cala-web.org/form4calanomination and should be received by January 9, 2017.

CALA 2016-2017 Nominating Committee

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CALA Membership Statistics Update

Thank you all for your supports to CALA. As of today 11/7/2016, I am so glad to report that we have 659 active CALA members. As we all can see, our association is growing stronger and stronger with our diverse members ranging from students, librarians, professors, scholars, overseas colleagues, association leaders, and library administrators.

We all as CALA members make significant contributions in all ways to the professionalism and growth of the association. Dr. Tze-Chung Li, one of our founding fathers of CALA had just donated another $1,000 to his established Dr. Li Scholarship to help us recruit more student members. We highly appreciate Dr. Li’s generosity and consistent efforts for CALA. Collaborating with ALA Diversity Office, we have just welcomed our ALA 2016-2017 Spectrum Scholars to join CALA community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind of renewing your CALA membership, as we are approaching the nomination period. Please also encourage your colleagues and the people you know of in your professional networks to join CALA. Please direct them to http://cala-web.org/membership for membership information. Feel free to send me or any of the membership committee members http://cale-web.org/committees/mc any questions.

Regards,
Le Yang
Co-Chair of Membership Committee
CALA Life Member
Vice President/President-Elect 17-18

A Message from CALA Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee

Dear CALA members,

The CALA Public Relations and Fundraising Committee (CALA PRFC) has a good tradition to raise funds to support all kinds of CALA programs through grants, scholarship, and awards. These programs include Best Book Award and Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung, etc. Your donation to CALA is tax-deductible.

For the 2016-2017 term, the Committee still sets the primary goal as money donation. We encourage each CALA member to participate in any of the following:

1) You can donate online by filling out the CALA online Donation Form at: http://cala-web.org/donate or via CALA Annual Banquet Registration Form

2) When you make a purchase at Amazon.com through the smile link on CALA’s website http://cala-web.org/, you’ll find the exact same low prices and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to CALA.

3) You can donate money to set up special programs for CALA, and the CALA PRFC will be working with you on the details http://cala-web.org/form4donation

For further information about the CALA or CALA Donation Policy, please visit CALA’s donation page http://cala-web.org/donate. Please feel free to contact the Co-Chairs of the CALA Public Relations and Fundraising Committee for any comments and suggestions:

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In 2016, the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) is proud to announce the launch of its new publication - The *International Journal of Librarianship* (IJOL). IJOL is published semiannually. This is an international, peer-reviewed, and open access journal. IJOL is fully committed to the Open Access Initiative and will provide free access to all articles as soon as they are published.

The inspiration for IJOL emerged from the apparent need to provide a dedicated venue for CALA members to exchange their research findings and best practices. It is founded to both recognize and embody the increasingly prominent role of international librarianship, especially Chinese librarianship in shaping the LIS field.

IJOL encourages, and editors welcome submissions across a wide variety of topics that support the mission of the journal. It publishes original research findings, theoretical explorations, and case studies from librarians, information scientists, library school faculty and students of Chinese heritage, as well as by librarians and information professionals of other nationalities on broader issues. It reports major development of the Chinese librarianship around the world. It also invites reviews of monographs, books, and reports about library and information science.

The editors of IJOL are responsible for the final selection of content of the journal and reserve the right to reject any submissions deemed inappropriate for publication. All feature articles are double-blind peer reviewed and adhere to the highest editorial standards.

The inaugural issue of the IJOL is planned for publication in December, 2016. This issue covers a wide variety of topics including: the current state of library makerspaces; eBook service in Shanghai Library; a survey study of the current status of Chinese academic library services; improving Chinese digital resources’ discovery and access by leveraging NISO standards and best practices; and a case study of how a university library is taking up challenges to adapt to the dynamic higher education environment. If anything is distinct to readers of our first issue, we hope it is the rich information on Chinese librarianship out there to share.

This is the first of many issues and the start of many conversations. We encourage you to share your work with us – and, more importantly, with your peers. Your sharing through IJOL will inform practices that strengthen international librarianship, Chinese librarianship in particular, and eventually increase the knowledge on this topic.
Call for Papers: CALA Occasional Paper Series (OPS), 2017 Spring Issue

*Occasional Paper Series (OPS)* is one of the official publications (ISSN 1941-2037) of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). It is an open access publication which provides an opportunity for authors to publish article(s) on a peer-reviewed, official, and professional platform. It is a professional opportunity for you to publish your essays and will benefit many fields in library and information science.

We now welcome submissions to the 2017 Spring issue of CALA OPS. Manuscripts can address any aspects of librarianship. It can be a paper delivered at a conference related to library and information science; a bibliography, index, guide, handbook, research manual, or directory; a report of a survey or study of interest to librarians of all types of libraries; a compilation of existing documents such as library policies or procedures; or a full-length research paper.

Manuscripts are usually between 3000-5000 words (English or Chinese) in length. Longer and shorter articles can also be accepted if considered to be relevant and of high quality. All manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font throughout. References, citations, and general style of manuscripts should follow the Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition. For detailed submission guidelines, please check the CALA website: [http://cala-web.org/publications/ops-editorial-guidelines](http://cala-web.org/publications/ops-editorial-guidelines).

The deadline for submission to the 2017 Spring issue of CALA OPS is Friday, March 31, 2017. Late submissions will be considered for the following issues. Please submit your manuscript via the interface: [http://www.cala-web.org/forms/ops-submission](http://www.cala-web.org/forms/ops-submission). Manuscripts submitted to CALA OPS should not have been published or be under consideration for publication elsewhere.


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OPS 2017春季刊截止时间为2017年3月31日。截稿日之后收到的优秀征文将在2017秋季刊中发表。投稿至CALA OPS的征文必须是未在其它期刊或网站投稿过的原创性文稿。

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Call for Poster Session Applications
IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2017
Wrocław, Poland

Are you involved in an interesting project or in an area of work that you would like to discuss with or show to other congress attendees?

Why not present your work in the IFLA Poster Sessions?

The Congress Organisers are now Calling for Applications to hold a Poster Session at the Congress that is to be held in Wroclaw, Poland from 19-25 August 2017.

Presenters of a poster will be expected to be present on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 August 2017 in order to explain their poster and to hand out any leaflets, or other information materials, they have available for viewers of their poster. Each presenter can therefore only present one poster.

Full details of the Call for Poster Session Applications as well as the online application form can be found on the IFLA WLIC 2017 website.

Applicants are asked to describe how they intend to illustrate the project in the poster format. The poster has to be an experience in itself for the one who looks at it – and should show awareness of the format of a poster-session and its purpose.

Deadline
The deadline for applications is 01 February 2017.

Questions?
Please contact: posters@ifla.org
In the ever-changing information age, library users become more sophisticated and diverse. In order to adapt to those new developments, academic libraries must actively change service concepts and methods by using modern technology and tools, building digital libraries, optimizing library resources, introducing subject librarian service, and innovatively embedding in education and teaching. In addition, academic libraries must strive to give attention to their advantages in resources, assisting teaching and research to enhance the functionality and quality of service. International Conference on Embedded Education and Instruction of New Models of Library Service will be held in October 2017 in Beijing, China. This will be the 4th conference in the series of the International Conference on Library Cooperation and Resource Sharing. Strengthening scholarly exchange and cooperation among library colleagues worldwide and exploring new development and new models of embedded education and teaching will be the focus. Beijing Academic Library & Information System (BALIS), University Network Library of Beijing, and Capital Normal University Library in cooperation with DRCnet (Development Research Center of the State Council of P. R. China) are organizing the conference. Library and information science colleagues from around the world are cordially invited to submit conference papers. The website and the exact date of the conference will be announced at a later date.

Conference Themes: Embedded Education and Instruction of New Models of Library Service

Sub-themes:

1. Conversion of the library collection (current situation of collection development, existing problems, countermeasures and developing trend)

2. Open access (the significance and role of open access to scholarly communication, the impact of open access to scholarly publishing trends, and future direction of open access)

3. Institutional repository (the function and role of institutional repositories, construction and development of institutional repositories)

4. Design of library instruction (content and methods of library instructional design, online teaching design)
5. Embedded Librarian (embedded librarian's role in new service models, challenges and coping strategies of embedded librarians, and the development of embedded librarians program)

6. Modern library technology (digital media content types and features, applications and development; the latest methods and the use of mobile technology in the library; status, strengths, challenges, prospects and future of mobile technology)

7. Evaluation and assessment (user service evaluation, collection evaluation, and librarian professional evaluation)

8. Library public relations and marketing (principles and methods of library public relations and marketing)

Important Dates:

Submission of full papers: June 1st, 2017

Notification of acceptance of paper: June 20, 2017

Submission of the final paper: June 30, 2017

Paper submission details:
Papers should be sent in electronic format as an email attachment. Please note the following requirements: plain text, Times New Roman, font size 12, 100-word abstract at beginning of the paper, 3 to 5 keywords, and APA (6th) style bibliography; include author’s contact information (author’s name, institution, address, email, and phone number) and a short bio of the author(s) at the end of the paper. (The short bio should include: name, title, degrees, and research areas). The paper length is between 5-10 pages single space. Pagination should not be inserted in the text. Submitted papers will be subject to a peer review process by the Organizing Committee. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

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With warm regards from
Organizing Committee
International Conference on Embedded Education and Instruction of New Models of Library Service
American Library Association, International Papers and Projects Committee invites proposals for presentations to be made at the next ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Presentations will be delivered at the International Papers Session scheduled in June 2017. The International Papers and Projects Program provides librarians with an opportunity to exchange information about library services, collections and projects throughout the world. The program also serves to stimulate the interest of U.S. librarians in international library matters. We invite presentation proposals based on the International Papers and Projects 2017 theme: Libraries Transform: Programs and Services for Sustainable Environments, Social Justice, and Quality Education for All

Because Libraries reach a large cross-section of the public, they are in a unique position to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in the promotion of sustainable environments, social justice, and quality education. This program will feature presentations and projects by librarians or professionals working outside the USA or involved in projects outside of the USA whose research, libraries, or projects are working to:

Promote lifelong learning
Provide inclusive and quality education for all
Reduce inequality
Promote just and inclusive societies
Contribute to environmental sustainability

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Proposals, presentations, and papers must be written and delivered in English, which is the working language of the program.

Proposals should include:

1. Title of the presentation
2. Name, title, institutional affiliation, and full contact information (including a valid e-mail address) for each presenter
3. Abstract (300-500 words)
4. A short biographical profile of each presenter

Proposals should be submitted electronically (as a single Microsoft Word or PDF attachment) to the International Relations Office via email at intl@ala.org with a copy to jsolis@email.unc.edu and paromitabiswas7@gmail.com.

Deadline for submitting proposals is December 17, 2016.

SELECTION PROCESS

Four proposals will be selected to present at the ALA Annual Meeting in June 2017. Notification of acceptance will be emailed by January 30, 2017.

PRESENTATION FORMAT:

The International Papers and Projects Program is 1.5 hours total. Presentations should run about 20 minutes each, followed by a question-and-answer session. Presenters are encouraged to prepare a dynamic and interactive presentation, incorporating visual prompts, technologies, games, questions for the audience, etc. PowerPoints are common, but speakers who want to read a paper or refer to it are welcome to do so.

We would like to invite you to view previous presentation titles listed on IRRT’s International Papers and Projects Session Committee website, http://www.ala.org/irrt/irrt-international-papers-committee.
The exhibition of HERSTORY ran from August 20, 2016 to September 30, 2016 in California. This exhibit was about the legal history of Chinese-American women in the past 165 years.

Foster City Library was happy to present a rare look at Chinese-American women’s history, told through legal cases fought in the supreme courts of the U.S. and its states. Using the personal collection of Dr. Chang C. Chen (邱彰博士), Herstory featured rare photographs and case descriptions of efforts by Chinese-American women to gain legal standing in the U.S.

Starting in 1852, the cases document women who fought for equal treatment in the eyes of the law and for citizenship and immigration rights. One 1874 case from San Francisco describes a group of recent immigrants who were defined as “lewd and immoral” due to their style of dress, and were set to be deported. The women fought back and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in their favor, stating that the California laws were in conflict with federal immigration laws and the women were released. In Tape v. Hurley, 66 Cal. 473 (1885), a landmark case in the California Supreme Court in which the Court found the exclusion of a Chinese American student from public school based on her ancestry unlawful, the Court ruled that Chinese-American children had a right to public education and to attend public schools.

The exhibition was a fascinating look at the ordinary people who fought for their rights, and in doing so, helped shape a new world for Chinese-Americans in the U.S. The exhibition is provided to the Library by Dr. Chang C Chen, who has worked tirelessly these past three years to document the written legal history of Chinese-Americans.
Over 100 CALA members attended CALA Leadership Academy 2016!

The Academy was developed by the CALA Leadership Task Force in close conjunction with Maureen Sullivan, a renowned leader and educator in the library profession. The goal is to provide an educational experience to CALA members to prepare them for leadership roles in the 21st century.

The Academy featured a one-day, in-person training with Maureen Sullivan in Orlando, FL on June 27, 2016, and three online Leadership Talks from August to October, 2016. Maureen offered her insights on the challenges and opportunities of leadership in today's libraries and the principles and practices of effective leadership. Participants had the opportunity to interact and engage in lively discussions on the unique challenges faced by Asian American librarians. The Academy is also indebted to a group of distinguished Asian American library leaders who served as panelists and online speakers. They are Dr. Qi Chen, Dr. Clara M. Chu, Dora Ho, Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, Xudong Jin, Dr. Lian J. Ruan, Dr. Zhijia Shen, Dr. Rui Wang, Xuemao Wang, and Patty Wong. Their real life experiences are inspirational and their wisdom is invaluable!
The Academy turned out to be a big success, as evidenced by the following comments from participants:

It was a very well-organized and useful training. From the materials to activities, from the discussions to panel sharing, I learned many good stories and experiences. I should have attended this kind of training earlier. Thank our organizer and the speaker so much! You did a fantastic job for Chinese American librarians! I will definitely use what I learned in my daily work and in my career.

Our time together was incredibly valuable in forming connections, dedicating time to our personal development, and gathering a collective expertise. I wish we had more time together for in-person interactions and hope we will be able to have reunion gatherings at future conferences. I felt some of the best conversations and perhaps most revealing discussions came towards the end of the day after we had hours to develop connections. As one of our speakers said, leaders must allow themselves to be vulnerable. I hope this may continue with our virtual meetings but it may be more challenging in an online environment. Thank you to the organizers for their care and dedication. Maureen set a positive tone for learning and interactions as a group. Overall, the day was conducive to our learning and relationship building.

Time is too short. I really wish this can be a two day or more session. Thank you so much!! Maureen is fantastic. She is a great trainer.

I hope CALA will continue the leadership development program (annually or bi-annually). The PowerPoint slides and recordings of the online Leadership Talks are posted at http://calaleader.weebly.com/.

Maureen is returning to CALA to offer a 2-hour follow-up session at 2017 ALA Annual in Chicago. Stay tuned!
Putting the “Social” in Social Media: CALA’s Social Media Channels

Sai Deng

The Origin of CALA’s Social Media

The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) as an organization promotes better communication among Chinese American librarians, supports the development of Chinese and American librarianship, and also serves as a discussion forum for these librarians. CALA encourages its members to actively participate in social media and online communications and also welcomes involvement from colleagues in the library and education communities. With this in mind it was determined that CALA needed more of a presence in the Social Media realm.

CALA’s first social media outlet, CALA’s Facebook page, was created in June 2012 by Sai Deng with the then CALA President Min Chou. Its web address is: http://bit.ly/1p0fFT1 (its full url is: https://www.facebook.com/pages/CALA-Chinese-American-Librarians-Association/281336511932864).

As of November of 2016, CALA’s fan base has grown to 250 followers.

CALA YouTube Channel was created in June 2013 by Sai Deng to initially host a video featuring Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee. It can be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel. Prior to CALA’s annual program in 2016, it had hosted only four videos: The Life of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee: A Scholar, A Library Leader, An Ambassador; Lion Dance @ CALA 40th Anniversary Banquet; and two Telling Chinese American Librarians’ Stories featuring Lois Mai Chan and Tze-Chung Li. The four videos have generated over 2000 views.

CALA WeChat was created by the then CALA Vice-President Lian Ruan on Dec. 5, 2014. Its members were 128 as of Nov. 16, 2016. It has been a very active community space for CALA members and friends to engage in information sharing and discussion.

The Solo Journey and More

Since its creation, CALA’s Facebook postings had been mostly done by Sai except for some guest postings. Several CALA Presidents had been very supportive of CALA Facebook including posting to it themselves although an official team was never built. Sai emailed the listserv to look for help, but didn’t get much response. Due to a sense of responsibility, she kept maintaining it. Over 320 postings were done from mid-2012 to mid-2016. The news sources are mainly from the CALA Listserv, some are provided by the
CALA members and some are from various resources in the library community. In Mid-2015, CALA President Lian Ruan appointed Minhao Jiang to co-administer CALA's Facebook page with Sai Deng thus starting the change towards more "social."

After Dr. Lee's video and the Telling Chinese American Librarians' Stories series, CALA's YouTube channel had been inactive for a while. However, by working with The Local Arrangement Committee, Sai recruited a videographer to shoot a video for the CALA banquet held at the 2016 ALA/CALA annual conference. The video was divided into several smaller videos and uploaded to the channel. They immediately generated a sensation and were very warmly received.

While the other channels had been maintained by a single person for a long period of time, the CALA WeChat community space has been actively maintained by its members from its beginning in December 2014. The CALA President Lian Ruan along with a number of other CALA members are actively engaged in the community’s discussion.

**CALA's First Social Media Study**

An analysis of CALA's social media was done by Sai in collaboration with Xiao Hu in University of Hong Kong in spring 2016. The study was presented at the 2016 CALA’s annual poster program and has been deposited into CALA Academic Resources & Repository System (CALASYS) (http://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/63)

It looked into the various aspects of the CALA’s social media channels and provided statistical and textual analysis of their different content types. The investigated aspects included: fan bases especially for Facebook and WeChat, popular topics, language and top words, emotions, user engagement and communication dynamics. These analysis shed light on how social media has helped in forming the opinions and influenced the lives of its participants. It addressed the history of these channels and discussed what needed to be done to sustain and further enhance them. Through presenting full pictures of the CALA's social media, the authors hoped to generate more discussion of and interest and participation in these channels.

Data speaks volume, for example, based on this study, for fan base, CALA WeChat has the majority of members equally from the US and China, the rest are from Taiwan and other origins. CALA Facebook has over 67% of fans from the US and the rest are from many different countries. CALA WeChat has more CALA members. For language, CALA WeChat's messages are predominantly in Chinese (54.05%), English only comprises 7.93% and English/Chinese mixed makes up 5.29%; the rest are photos, emoticons and system information on invitations and recalls. Almost all CALA Facebook's postings are in English (95%). This certainly will affect whether they can and how they attract different members and fans. For messages/postings in interaction type categories: CALA WeChat's chats are predominantly in communication type (69.59%) followed by Information dissemination (14.88%) and Information sharing (10.91%).
CALA Facebook's postings are predominantly Information dissemination (61.47%), followed by Information sharing (22.63%) and Information gathering (9.17%). For user involvement, CALA WeChat embraces chats among CALA members and friends. In CALA Facebook, for individual postings the highest impression is 2310, reach is 1185, engaged users is 106 (for a post under "One Book Per Day by Authors of Chinese Descent"), the highest post consumers is 50 (for a CALA annual program), and the highest post Consumptions/Clicks is 1260 (for an award banquet album).

From this study, some conclusions are made and directions are laid out: for CALA WeChat, if more English is used for communication, CALA will be able to recruit/include English speakers; continue focusing on recruiting members from China and the US, also consider other countries and areas; besides communicating and chatting, consider using it as an information dissemination and sharing platform more often; while China and Chinese related chats are part of the norm, more emphasis on the profession and also the US related communication/information dissemination can be considered. For CALA Facebook, need to encourage more CALA members to participate in CALA Facebook (like, post, comment, forward); strengthen team, assign roles of Editors to more CALA officers or members; expand to use more functions besides posting with pictures and links, and status updates; besides using Facebook as an information dissemination platform, explore more Facebook's social interaction function. For All channels, continue to use CALA WeChat more as a community space for communication and rapport building, CALA Facebook more as a public platform for information dissemination and sharing, at the same time, learn from the other’s strengths to supplement each other; explore all social media channels including CALA Facebook, WeChat and YouTube's potentials and encourage more participation and involvement.

Building the Team
CALA's first social media study asks for changes in its practice. Changes started to come when CALA President Qi Chen appointed Anlin Yang, Chenwei Zhao and Melody Leung to work with Sai on the social media channels. Fortunately, this is a very energetic team. Right after the first email, the team members began to provide feedback on current practices of CALA's social media, and brainstorm ideas that can help improve these channels. They reviewed "Guidelines for CALA's Social Media" which was compiled in spring 2016. They were recommended to read on the results of CALA's first social media study and its recommendations. Several strategies and steps were based on the study results. For example, roles were defined in Facebook include administrator and editors, and responsibilities were divided among team members for Facebook posting. Content areas were established which include but not limited to: CALA news, CALA chapter news, ALA, IFLA and Caucus news, member news and activities including repost from members' Facebook pages. They have also been inviting members to “like” CALA’s Facebook page and participate in posting, sharing news in both Facebook and WeChat and forward selectively news from WeChat to the Facebook page. As for users' perceptions of, preferences and behaviors in different social media channels, besides reflecting from the previous social media posting study, the team decided to find out more by asking members and users themselves.

CALA's First Social Media Survey
In order to create CALA's social media presence in a more collaborative way and better serve our members and friends, the CALA Social Media Group conducted a survey this fall. Its goal is to seek CALA members and friends' opinions and feedback on CALA's social media status and its future directions. The survey asks the questions about users' patterns in their use of social media in general, how they feel about CALA’s current social media practices, and how they would like the channels to improve. The web team Weiling and Xiaoyu helped with setting up this survey! The survey (http://vote.cala-web.org/index.php/891841?lang=en) will be due in early December and its results will be shared with the CALA community.

The Journey Continues...
While the past journey of the Social Media channels was often times a challenging one, the future seems brighter as more and more people are turning to them to discuss ideas and gather news, thus helping CALA continue to fulfill one of its fundamental purposes.
"A Masterpiece" - Dr. Wu's Latest Book "美國東亞圖書館發展史及其他" is Published by Linking


This book by Mr. Eugene Wu describes the history and development of East Asian libraries in the United States and the history and collections of the Harvard-Yenching Library of Harvard University. It also contains memorial articles on the pioneers of China's modern library development such as Mary Elizabeth Wood and T. L. Yuan as well as on China scholars such as Professors Mary Clabaugh Wright and John King Fairbank. Discussions of problems of bibliographical control in American East Asian libraries and related topics are also included. It is an important publication for the study of East Asian libraries in America. As one seeks to understand historical trend in China since the mid-20th century, or the Western approach to studying those developments, this book can be a useful guide.

For more information, please check out the publisher's page at:

New Publication from the Buddhist Text Translation Society

Eileen Hu

In China Buddhism flourished during the Liang Dynasty (502–587) due in large part to Emperor Wu, who personally met with Bodhimanda, the 28th Indian patriarch from Shakyamuni Buddha. Because of Emperor Wu’s enthusiasm in spreading religion, he has been compared to the Indian ruler Ashoka (304–232 BCE) patron of Buddhism and the Roman emperor Constantine the Great (272 – 337), patron of Christianity.

Legend has it that Emperor Wu’s first wife died prematurely and fell into the lower realms. In order to rescue her and to help her spirit ascend to the heavens, Emperor Wu had Chan Master Baozhi compose a repentance ceremony on her behalf. Repentance Dharma of Kindness & Compassion in the Bodhimanda is a complete English translation of what is popularly known as “The Jeweled Repentance of the Emperor of Liang.”

In the year 2000, Bhikshuni Heng Jen started the translation of this text into English as her masters’ thesis. She passed away before finishing her work, which has now been completed by the Buddhist Text Translation Society.
Zhang Publishes on Chinese Immigration in the American South

Professor and Olin Library Archivist Wenxian Zhang recently published the essay “Chinese in Florida: History, Struggles and Contributions to the Sunshine State,” which appears as a chapter in *Far East, Down South: Asians in the American South*. The book, which is edited by Raymond A. Mohl, John E. Van Sant, and Chizuru Saeki, is a collection of essays that restores and explores Asian immigration in the South—an often-overlooked part of the South’s story. By adding a new dimension to the popular understanding of southern history, the book seeks to document the historic presence of Asians in the region since the mid-19th century, the sources of numerous waves of contemporary Asian immigration, and the steady spread of Asians out from the coastal port cities to other parts of the American South.

(Source: Rollins360 Faculty Highlights)

Sheau-yueh Janey Chao’s New Chapter


As the publishers note, "[A] growing number of American colleges and universities have made international engagement a key facet of their missions. . . . Universities are establishing campuses, branches, and enhanced programs outside of the United States" and "[a]cademic libraries are playing a key role in many of these undertakings" (http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=11860). Sections of the book explore library design, access services, collection development, research and reference services, and technical services. Professor Chao’s chapter, "Resource Description and Access: Internationalizing, Teaching, and Learning RDA Cataloging Abroad," addresses issues of providing technical services support in a global context and draws from her experience teaching cataloging services in Taiwan. For more information about the book see the ALA store.
Haiwang Yuan Translates Popular Children’s Book Series

Haiwang Yuan, Professor of Library Public Services at Western Kentucky University, has recently published his translation of Different Carmela, a set of children’s picture books in China. This set of 12 books were originally the work of French author and illustrator Christian Jolibois and Christian Heinrich. It was translated into Chinese and sold millions in China. Yuan was invited to translate the Chinese version into English, as many of the Chinese parents want their children to start learning English at an early age. The original French version has won the French Cherbourg Teenagers’ Book Awards in 2001, the French Goncourt Children Literature Awards in 2003, the French Country Children’s Literature Awards in 2003, and the French Le Havre Children Literature Jury Awards in 2006.

Each of the 12 books describes an adventure by brother and sister chickens with their lamb friend. The adventures introduce to young readers great people like Columbus, Galileo, Aesop, the Montgolfier Brothers, and Sir Lancelot – one of the Knights of the Round Table, and even Martians! Without their even knowing it, young readers will learn from these adventurous stories how to be curious and courageous, and how to treat fairly those who look different from us.

The set of books is accompanied with dramatic recordings of the text by two Americans, and the recording is accessible via a QR code printed on the back cover of each book. Readers of the books can scan the code with a scanner available in WeChat, a popular social media platform recently featured by New York Times.
Two Books Edited by Raymond Pun are Published


This year, I had the opportunity to work closely on publishing edited volumes in two particular areas: Career Transitions for Librarians and International Librarianship. Both edited volumes came from my own experiences working abroad and transitioning from one type of library into another. Both volumes also contain essays and interviews by CALA members. I’ll highlight some of their contributions in these new edited volumes!

1. Career Transitions for Librarians: Proven Strategies for Moving to Another Type of Library (Rowman and Littlefield 2016)

Interested in hearing how librarians transition from one type of library into another? The edited volume brings together a series of essays and interviews with librarians who have worked in multiple types of libraries such as public, academic and special, transitioned internationally, and also involved in special services in our profession. CALA members such as Heng (Helen) Ge shares her experiences on working in public and academic libraries in Canada and China; Past-President of CALA Lian Ruan reflects on her own experiences working in special and academic libraries; Northeast Chapter President of CALA Jia Mi writes about her experiences working in a corporate library and transitioning to an academic one.

Many of these narratives explore how wide and diverse our field is and how it is possible to gain new experiences, skills and preparations to transition to new roles in the profession. There are also essays from librarians who work in Korea, the Philippines, Sweden, Argentina and United Arab Emirates and discuss their library transitions. I also contributed a short essay on transitioning from public to academic librarianship and focus on key skills that one should consider developing when making the shift.


In my second edited volume – this book offers a series of essays and interviews on how to “set up” an academic library abroad. Today, more and more universities are engaging with international issues: creating more study abroad programs; recruiting more international students and building and forming campus partnerships abroad. My experiences working at NYU Shanghai from 2013-2015 gave me this inspiration to create an edited volume on this development. It is not about general international issues in libraries but rather how can academic libraries create effective service models to support students, faculty and researchers abroad in other campus partners.

The pieces come from American universities that have created such collaboration with other universities abroad – NYU is one example – along with Northwestern Qatar and American University of Cairo. CALA members who contributed this edited volume include Heng (Helen) Ge from NYU Shanghai and Sheau-yueh J. Chao from C.U.N.Y Baruch College. HengGe co-writes a chapter on how technical and processing services is coordinated in a global scale with NYU in New York, Abu Dhabi and Shanghai. Sheau-yueh shares her experiences on teaching RDA cataloging in Taiwan.

Working on both volumes was a great learning experience – I thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with over 70 contributors from all over the world for these two books. I also hope that the edited volumes will benefit our profession and demonstrate the values that librarians can bring in the profession, particularly those who are CALA members!
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Ms. Tang’s research interests include digital library, information literacy, distance learning, and innovative learning technologies. She has published papers in peer-reviewed journals such as The Journal of Academic Librarianship, Collection Management, Educational Technology & Society, and Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning. She was the Co-Chair of the CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research (2015-2016). She serves on the CALA Occasional Paper Series Committee and the Newsletter Group. She is also a CALA board member of 2015-2018.

Ms. Tang's publications in 2016:

Jian Anna Xiong's Article

Jian Anna Xiong’s article “A Comparison of Three Emerging Online Government 3D Printing Resources: NASA 3D Resources, Smithsonian X3D, and the NIH 3D Print Exchange” (co-authored with Horton, J.) was published in 2016 by The Charleston Advisor, 18(2).
Seeking Inspiration within Digital and Other Realms

The Works of Sai Deng

Sai is the Associate Librarian and Metadata Librarian at the University of Central Florida. She newly published a peer-reviewed article "Bridging the Gap between Library Services in Academic Libraries Worldwide: a Visiting Librarian Model" (co-authored with Jing Xu and Ying Zhang) in International Information & Library Review, 48(4), 2016.

Sai’s scholarly interests are focused on digital libraries, metadata, linked data, data curation and international librarianship. Sai presented "Preparing for Linked Data in Digital Repositories" in the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Technical Services Interest Group Meeting at the American Librarian Association (ALA) MidWinter Conference 2016, Boston, MA. She discussed “Social Media for Librarians and Users, a Global Perspective” (co-authored with Ying Zhang and Jing Xu) at the ALA Annual Conference 2016 poster session in Orlando, FL. She also shared "A History and Analysis of CALA’s Social Media" at the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Annual Meeting poster session in Orlando, FL in the same year. Locally, Sai spoke on "Metadata Services in the Context of Digital Humanities" in THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) Florida in February, 2016.

In addition to digital libraries, Sai has a keen interest in Chinese culture and heritage and Chinese American Librarianship. She has recently submitted a book chapter on CALA’s history for the book Asian Pacific American Librarians and Library Services Today (tentative title), edited by Janet H. Clarke, Raymond Pun and Monne Tong. Currently, she’s working on translating several chapters of a historical book Walks in the City of Canton into Chinese. This book was originally published in 1875. It was written by John Henry Gray of Christ’s College, Cambridge who came to China and stayed as a missionary for many years. Sai was invited to translate the book by Professor Guoqing Li, a series editor and a professor at Ohio State University. At the CALA Southeast Chapter meeting this fall, Sai shared her textual analysis of the book as well as the observations she obtained in the translation experience.

Back in 2015, Sai published a book chapter "Redefining Scholarly Services in a Research Lifecycle" with her colleague Lee Dotson as part of the Creating the 21st Century Academic Library series, Vol. 4, Research Infrastructures. This book was edited by Dr. Brad Eden and published by Rowman and Littlefield. Her first book chapter was "Information Representation" (co-authored with Cui Hong and Xiaoya Tang) in Research Fronts in Library & Information Science in the West. This book was edited by Heting Chu and Yin Zhang, and it is part of the Research Fronts in the Humanities & Social Sciences in the West series (Beijing: Renmin University Press, 2007).

Sai received her M.L.S. from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2005. Prior to coming to the U.S, she was an editor for the Commercial Press International and a newsletter editor for the Sanlian Joint Publishing in Beijing, China. She has edited books in Chinese and English as well as bilingual dictionaries, and published book reviews in China Reading Weekly, Guangming Daily, The National New Book Information, China Book Business Report, Beijing Television Weekly and American Studies. After she started to pursue her library career in the US, she published papers in several peer-reviewed journals including New Library World, Journal of Library Metadata, OCLC Systems & Services: International Digital Library Perspectives and Chinese Librarianship: an International Electronic Journal. She is a life member of the Chinese American Librarians Association and has worked for many of its committees including Publication, Membership and Best Book Award. Currently she’s a Co-Editor of the CALA Newsletter, Chair of the CALA Social Media Group and in 2013-2014 she led the effort of compiling and publishing CALA’s 40th Anniversary Issue.

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2015 CALA Best Book Award Winning and Nominated Books

The Good Immigrants: How Yellow Peril became the Model Minority, by Madeline Y. Hsu (Princeton University Press)

"Conventionally, US immigration history has been understood through the lens of restriction and those who have been barred from getting in. In contrast, The Good Immigrants considers immigration from the perspective of Chinese elites—intellectuals, businessmen, and students—who gained entrance because of immigration exemptions. Exploring a century of Chinese migrations, Madeline Hsu looks at how the model minority characteristics of many Asian Americans resulted from US policies that screened for those with the highest credentials in the most employable fields, enhancing American economic competitiveness.

The earliest US immigration restrictions targeted Chinese people but exempted students as well as individuals who might extend America’s influence in China. Western-educated Chinese such as Madame Chiang Kai-shek became symbols of the US impact on China, even as they patriotically advocated for China’s modernization. World War II and the rise of communism transformed Chinese students abroad into refugees, and the Cold War magnified the importance of their talent and training. As a result, congress legislated piecemeal legal measures to enable Chinese of good standing with professional skills to become citizens. Pressures mounted to reform American discriminatory immigration laws, culminating with the 1965 Immigration Act.

Filled with narratives featuring such renowned Chinese immigrants as I. M. Pei, The Good Immigrants examines the shifts in immigration laws and perceptions of cultural traits that enabled Asians to remain in the United States as exemplary, productive Americans."

Mystery of the Giant Masks of Shanxingdui, by Icy Smith, illustrated by Gayle Garner Roski (East West Discovery Press)

"The mysterious and ancient city of Sanxingdui is famous for its astonishing bronze-casting technology. Villagers come from faraway lands to admire the bronze masks and trade for the highly prized bronze wares. However, Sanxingdui faces danger when its people hear rumors of a foreign invasion. The chief’s daughter, Min, and her newly initiated warrior brother, Wei, lead the villagers to flee their homeland. Where do they go? And what do they do with their sacred bronze masks and statues?

This unprecedented children’s story reveals the people’s collective sacrifice for peace, and offers a glimpse into the lost civilization of Sanxingdui in China, over 3,000 years ago.

In 1986, the epic discovery of the monumental bronzes in Sanxingdui was acknowledged as the ‘ninth wonder of the ancient world.’ The artifacts unearthed are as old as the Pyramids of Egypt and reveal an advanced and civilized society in Sanxingdui."
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Braden has always measured himself through baseball. He is the star pitcher in his small town of Ornette, and his ninety-four mile per hour pitch already has minor league scouts buzzing in his junior year. Now the rules of the sport that has always been Braden's saving grace are blurred in ways he never realized, and the prospect of playing against Alex Reyes, the nephew of the police officer his father is accused of killing, is haunting his every pitch.

Braden faces an impossible choice, one that will define him for the rest of his life, in this brutally honest debut novel about family, faith, and the ultimate test of conviction.

Conviction, by Kelly Loy Gilbert (Disney-Hyperion)

"Ten years ago, God gave Braden a sign, a promise that his family wouldn't fall apart the way he feared. But Braden got it wrong: his older brother, Trey, has been estranged from the family for almost as long, and his father, the only parent Braden has ever known, has been accused of murder. The arrest of Braden's father, a well-known Christian radio host has sparked national media attention. His fate lies in his son's hands; Braden is the key witness in his father's upcoming trial.

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The Price of China's Economic Development: Power, Capital, and the Poverty of Rights, by Zhaohui Hong (University Press of Kentucky)

"This book explores the non-economic price of China's economic development since 1978 by scrutinizing its political system, social structure, and cultural environment. The first part of the book focuses on the institutional price of the economic development with an emphasis on the emergence and development of the power-capital institution. Such an institution is a hybrid political culture that infuses political power and economic capital, evidenced in the formation of the power-capital economy, growth of the power-capital entrepreneurs, and the emergence of the power-capital culture. The second part of the book deals with another socio-cultural price of China’s economic growth, that is, the poverty of rights, as seen in the exclusion and deprivation of disadvantaged groups in the process of economic transition and development. The poverty of rights resulting from systematic inequality and injustice is the main cause for under-represented groups’ daunting socio-economic challenges, as reflected in the poverty of rights for the urban poor, the poverty of land rights for farmers, the rights deprivation for migrant laborers, and for Protestant house church members. Taking advantage of interdisciplinary research on economics, sociology, political science, and history, this book provides another analytical dimension of China’s development since 1978 by offering a study of the socio-cultural price and consequences of China’s economic development."

Secret Coders, by Gene Luen Yang, illustrated by Mike Holmes (First Second/Macmillan)

"Welcome to Stately Academy, a school which is just crawling with mysteries to be solved! The founder of the school left many clues and puzzles to challenge his enterprising students. Using their wits and their growing prowess with coding, Hopper and her friend Eni are going to solve the mystery of Stately Academy no matter what it takes!"
Middle of the Night, by HC Hsu (Deerbrook Editions)

"Night. When serotonin levels in the brain are pulled to their highest, aching peak. When the soul ventures away from its cage. When a woman exchanged a story for her life; when men, drunk, spoke to each other of love. Night is when ‘ghosts and demons are most powerful,’ and when men turn into wolves. Night is for dreamers. Night is for insomniacs. Night is death. Night is rest. Night is wandering. Night is waiting.

Taking Tang poet Bai Juyi’s poem ‘Come in the middle of the night/Gone at the break of dawn/Come as a fleeting dream of spring/Gone as a morning cloud vanishing without a trace’ as inspiration, Middle of the Night is The Best American Essays nominee HC Hsu’s collection of award-winning personal essays from 2009-2014. Arranged by time written rather than date, these circadianly adrift essays explore love and sex, history and identity, hopes, nightmares, and other nocturnal joys and quotidian tyrannies haunting our sunlit existence.

From a ghost-hunting chronicle in a famed Buddhist temple in rural Japan, to childhood memories of night markets, ancestor worship and martial law in metropolitan Taipei; from praising Elfriede Jelinek’s pitch-black contempt, to lambasting Christ’s ideal of compassion; from a vignette on crying at night and other habits after dark, to a sustained somnambulant philosophical meditation on the ontological virtues of chicharrónes—a synchronicity emerges in these essays in the way they reveal the shadowy memories and experiences of a young ‘Easterner’ living in the ‘West,’ as well as of all those who consider themselves migrants, in the broadest sense, in the first light of a new dawn of globalization and diaspora.

Middle of the Night will appeal to fans of such contemporary essay works as Phillip Lopate’s Against Joie de Vivre, Richard Rodriguez’s Hunger of Memory and Ha Jin’s Writer as Migrant. This tightly themed collection filtering the kaleidoscope of Asian migrational and transmigrational phenomena—from WW2 to MAG—through a 1001 Nights-like parable introduces a new and exciting literary voice and will appeal widely to Asian and Asian American audiences, as well as anyone interested in what makes the lives of these people, here and now, unique and universal."

Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook, by Paul Yee, illustrated by Shaoli Wang (Crocodile Books)

"In this enchanting collection of fairy tales, a glorious procession of characters—peasants, ghosts, merchants, monks, demons, monsters, villagers, and kings—makes an appearance. The stories presented here, whether humorous, haunting, or magical, all feature food prominently; and each tale is followed by a recipe for a classic Chinese dish relevant to the story. Paul Yee also provides scholarly anecdotes on Chinese culture and culinary history.

Most of the thirteen fairy tales included in the book have been adapted and retold from original sources; a few are original to this text, but remain true to the spirit of the collection. They are accompanied by an introduction by series creator Jane Yolen, one our most celebrated folklorists and children’s authors. The dazzling illustrations by Shaoli Wang, evoking Chinese folk art tradition, offer a wealth of cultural detail. All of these ingredients combine to make Chinese Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook a unique treasure that will delight readers and cooks across the generations."
Buddhist and Christian Responses to the Kowtow Problem in China, by Eric Reinders (Bloomsbury Publishing PLC)

"The most common Buddhist practice in Asia is bowing, yet Buddhist and Christian Responses to the Kowtow Problem is the first study of Buddhist obeisance in China. In Confucian ritual, everyone is supposed to kowtow, or bow, to the Chinese emperor. But Buddhists claimed exemption from bowing to any lay person, even to their own parents or the emperor. This tension erupted in an imperial debate in 662.

This study first asks how and why Buddhists should bow (to the Buddha, and to monks), and then explores the arguments over their refusing to bow to the emperor. These arguments take us into the core ideas of Buddhism and imperial power: How can one achieve nirvana by bowing? What is a Buddha image? Who is it that bows? Is there any ritual that can exempt a subject of the emperor? What are the limits of the state’s power over human bodies? Centuries later, Christians had a new set of problems with bowing in China, to the emperor and to ‘idols.’ Buddhist and Christian Responses to the kowtow problem compares these cases of refusing to bow, discusses modern theories of obeisance, and finally moves to examine some contemporary analogies such as refusing to salute the American flag.

Contributing greatly to the study of the body and power, ritual, religion and material culture, this volume is of interest to scholars and students of religious studies, Buddhism, Chinese history and material culture."

Archival Resources of Republican China in North America, by Chengzhi Wang & Su Chen (Columbia University Press)

"North America has the largest collection of archival materials of the Chinese Republican Era outside China and, due to political and ideological reasons on the part of the Chinese government, some of the only material accessible to general public and researchers. Further, these valuable materials are generally unique; instead of duplicating the archival collections held in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other places, they complement those archives. This volume provides an essential organizational tool to enable research in North American archives through a selected multi-institutional catalog, in both English and Chinese, of collections of personal papers, correspondences, memoirs, diaries, photographs, and other documents relating to the period of Republican China (1912-1949), held at various academic and research institutions in the United States. Each catalog entry is organized and presented to provide descriptions about these archives, including information about the title of the each archival collection; the person or organization responsible for creation of the content of the archive; physical descriptions and the size of the collection; location or Internet links to the finding aids (if any); basic information about the creator of the archives; original language of the archival materials; origin of the materials; holding institution; general summary of the archive; and a note to include cross-reference to other related archives that are mostly listed in this book."
2016 CALA Travel Grant Reports

Michael B. Huang
Stony Brook University

I was pleased to learn that I had been selected as a recipient of 2016 CALA Conference Travel Grant Award. I’d like to thank the CALA Conference Travel Grant Committee for your financial support. With the assistance of the grant, I was able to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference and Exhibition, Orlando, Florida, June 23-28, 2016.

The program I attended was the East Asia and Pacific Forum held on Saturday, June 25, 2016, which focuses on the library transformation of the academic libraries and public libraries in the East Asia & Pacific region. I presented “Transformation of academic libraries in China: Challenges, opportunities, and best practices.” Other three speakers at the Forum were: Dr. Tony Lin, Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs, New Taipei City, New Taipei, Taiwan, Ms. Sara Kuhn, Research and Learning Coordinator, Library and Learning Commons, Monash University Malaysia, Malaysia, and Mrs. Elaine Ng, Chief Executive Officer, National Library Board Singapore.

I benefited a lot from the high quality presentations by all speakers. I met and exchanged new and innovative ideas with library colleagues from China, Malaysia, Singapore, the United States, and other countries. Attending and presenting at ALA Annual Conference was another enriching experience for me. Thank you very much again for the CALA Conference Travel Grant!

Xudong Jin
Baltimore City Community College

I jointed CALA in early 2000 and became a CALA life member in 2007.

In March this year, I received an invitation letter from Dr. Qi Chen, then CALA Vice President/President Elect 2016, to serve as one of the panelists for CALA Annual Program occurring at ALA Annual Conference on Sunday, June 26, 2016 in Orlando, Florida. The theme of the program is “Helping CALA Helping You, Joining CALA and Advancing Your Career.” The letter also says “Having served in several CALA positions including CALA president, you had the firsthand knowledge and experience in promoting our association, developing programs and helping our young and new librarians grow professionally.” After consideration and preparation, I decided to talk about how I, with many others, have helped CALA’s growth with various programs including CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series and how CALA also helped me with my professional growth. I thought the panel will attract some non-CALA members to join CALA and encourage current CALA members to stay in CALA and become more actively to participate in CALA events and activities. Also, sharing my growth experience of working for CALA and growing up with CALA could help people, especially young librarians, understand how CALA and other professional organizations can help them advance in their professional field.

However, with drop of enrollment and reduction of budget at our college, no one could have a new travel request approved in the college starting early February this year. When hearing this, Dr. Chen said in her email, “I am so sorry to hear this as you are a perfect person to talk about this.” Later she said “have you thought of applying for CALA travel fund?”

Although my supervisor was very supportive to my panelist role at the CALA Annual Program, I was told that I could not get funding from my institution. I did not have any other financial support or grant from other sources either. Therefore, CALA Conference and Travel Grant became the only funding I may get for attending the CALA Annual Program at ALA. I submitted my application with other required documents to CALA Travel Conference Grant Committee and received a message from the committee that I got the grant within a month.

With the $500 conference travel grant, I made my travel available to ALA in Orlando in June. Working with other panelists and Dr. Qi Chen, the CALA annual program at ALA was very successful this year. Our panel had many CALA members and non-members and we were asked good questions by the participants. I believe the panel had its great significance in CALA’s history.

I would like to thank the CALA Travel Conference Committee. Without the grant, I might have to miss another chance to serve for CALA.
Hong Miao
Marywood University Library

I decided to apply for CALA 2015-2016 Travel Grant to attend the American Library Association (ALA) 2016 Annual Conference because my institution is in a financial crisis. It no longer sponsors any tenured and non-tenure track faculty including librarians for scholarly or professional activities.

I submitted my proposal for a CALA poster session presentation - the International Student Book Discussion Group, a multicultural outreach program. The Book Discussion Group initiative offers a platform for student-led discussions and provides collaborative learning experience in small groups outside of class. During the CALA Poster Session event I demonstrated how the Book Discussion Group was started and implemented, and how it helped the international students become engaged learners in class and active team players in group work.

Not only did I have the opportunity to present my own professional contribution at the CALA Poster Session I was able to learn from my peers. Two of the poster presentations turned out to be practically helpful to me, Vincci Kwong’s “Quality Library Instruction can be Yours, and It is a Rubic away”, and Ping Fu’s “Beyond Traditional Librarianship: a Case Study of Embedded Librarianship at Central Washington University.” The information and ideas gleaned from both will be put into practice in my future work.

During the ALA Conference weekend I attended CALA Executive Board meeting, Board meetings, Membership Meeting, CALA Leadership Training Program (1st half), and CALA Award Banquet. I made the presentation on CALA’s financial management for the Board, and at the Executive Board meetings. Another important task of my ALA trip was for me to work on the transition with the incoming treasurer. For this purpose I had several meetings with the incoming treasurer and the incoming Executive Director to discuss CALA’s fiscal affairs.

As my tenure as CALA treasurer came to an end, I was most honored to be awarded CALA President’s Distinguished Service Award at the CALA Award Banquet during the ALA. I will continue to serve CALA in other capacities in the years ahead.

Jane Wu
Otterbein University Courtright Memorial

I am honored to be one of the CALA 2016 Conference Travel Grant recipient which enable me to attend 2016 ALA annual conference combined with CALA/ALA annual conference from June 23-28, 2016 in Orlando Florida.

I have been a CALA member since 2003. Currently I serve as Co-chair for CALA Professional Development Task Force and I am also the Ohio liaison for CALA Midwest. With the support of the grant, I was able to attend ALA annual conference the first time after being an academic librarian for more than 24 years. Some sessions I attended include:

- Imagineering the Framework: Implementing and Assessing Information Literacy Programs
- OCLC Data-driven Website Design: Using Analytics to Maximize Search Box Use on Your Website
- AASL Best Websites for Teaching & Learning
- CALA 2016 Annual Program: Help CALA and Help You, Join CALA Advance Your Career
- Emerging Technologies Librarians: Changing Roles for Changing Times
- Using Qualitative Assessment to Inform Strategic Decision Making
- CALA Award Banquet
- Improve Services and Create Value: Using Data to Guide Your Library’s Strategic Planning Process

With the support of this grant, I was also able to present for the first time at ALA, titled: “Culturally Responsive Teaching: Pedagogical Issues and Strategies for Teaching International Asian Students.”

As the chair for the CALA Professional Development Task Force, I received the 2016 CALA President’s Recognition Award on behalf of the task force during the CALA Award banquet. It was also a great pleasure to get to know other Chinese American librarian at the banquet.

The honor to be able to attend this conference served as an important landmark in my professional career. I really appreciate CALA provided me this unique chance to be able to connect with, and learn from, the wide range of attendees from all types of libraries from the US and the rest of the world. It also provided me with the fresh new ideas, practical knowledge and skills that can be applied to my own work and projects. I greatly appreciated the committee for awarding me the grant.
Qi Chen
Calumet College of St. Joseph

Thanks to CALA 2016 IFLA Registration Grant, which allowed me to attend IFAL Congress for the first time in August 2016 in Columbus OH.

My IFLA experience is overwhelming and beyond my expectation. Not only did I encounter many colleagues from advanced countries, I also have met those from third world countries, from Africa, South America and Asia. I attended many session and enjoyed listening to the topics relating serving under privileged and underserved populations. I am deeply moved by those who strive to provide resources to raise information literacy and intellectual level of these patrons and admired their enthusiasm and hard work.

I also attended sessions talking about modern technology/practice and leading new trend in the field. Between the poor and rich, the advanced and underdeveloped, I have found a balance and saw the future. Many times, when we are too involved in working with one type of population, we will think and question how the new technology, new approaches and trend benefit people, who do not or only have access to very basic information. However, through various meetings and seminars at the IFLA Conference, I saw and found the relationship between the two: advanced research libraries are inventing the wheel and leading the role to future, so that the underdeveloped countries and libraries could have a direction to follow and to improve their lives and practice.

The IFLA Conference opened my eyes, broadened my view so that I am able to embrace the new trend, needs and services of library and information science. It also better prepared me to serve our students, faculty and all patrons as a whole. IFLA Conference has also brought me to a higher level connecting what we do daily to the practices internationally.

Guoying Liu
University of Windsor Leddy Library

Thanks to the financial support of the 2016 CALA IFLA Registration Grant, I was able to attend the IFLA conference in Columbus, OH, August 13-19, 2016. I participated in both Canada Caucus and Chinese Caucus where I met a lot of library professionals from various parts of Canada and Chinese speaking librarians from China, Singapore, United States and many other countries in the world. I also joined the volunteer team for the conference, serving delegates in both English and Chinese.

On Sunday August 14, 2016, I attended the joint Meet & Greet Dinner organized by ASIS&T, ALISE and CALA. During the event, I met Mr. Xuemao Wang, Mr. Haipeng Li, Dr. Shali Zhang, Ms. Min Chou, Ms. Qi Chen, Mr. Bailuo Huang, Vincci Kwong and many other renowned CALA members.

At the IFLA conference, I did a poster presentation titled “Enhancing international students’ information literacy”. With this great opportunity, I also managed to promote the newly created CALA academic journal: the International Journal of Academic Librarianship (http://journal.calaijl.org), to potential authors from China, the US, Canada and many other countries and areas in the world.
Liya Deng
University of South Carolina

It was a true honor to be selected as one of the recipients of the CALA’s 2016 IFLA Registration Grant. The IFLA World Library and Information Congress that I attended during August 2016 served as a great learning experience for me. I was able to take full advantage of the opportunity to participate in this major national and international event in the field of Library and Information Science for the first time. I especially appreciated the chance to network with librarians and educators from around the globe and exchanged ideas about a wide variety of current issues, trends, and challenges in the librarianship. I was inspired by numerous discussions about best methods related to teaching, learning, and assessing information literacy skills and the best practices in libraries all over the world. I found the keynote speech particularly informative because it provided insights into how libraries and information organizations had been responding to the continual changes in the information environment.

Since I intended to become more closely involved in the work of Reference and Information Services standing committee, I attended their business meeting on Saturday. The committee members and attendees discussed the action plan for the future of the Reference and Information Services section, as well as logistics of organizing a satellite meeting in 2017. I also participated in the IFLA Information Literacy section program focusing on the global face of information literacy. The participants discussed several key issues such as differences in the information literacy programs and initiatives depending on the country contexts and cultures. They called for better collaboration among the information professionals at the country, regional, and global level. These two programs enhanced my understanding how access to information and knowledge across society could support sustainable development and improve people’s lives.

I particularly enjoyed the opening session on Sunday that was very creative and presented a story of Columbus, the history and culture of the state of Ohio, and the United States. In addition, I was interested in attending the Caucus for Chinese Speaking Participants and I was able to build initial connections with library leaders and educators from China. I believe these relationships can be developed into productive collaboration in the future.

The highlight of the conference for me was the poster session at the main Exhibition Hall. I presented a poster Increasing Access through Institutional and Community Partnerships showcasing my doctoral research on issues of accessibility and equity of access to educational information for special needs children in learning and cultural institutions. The poster drew considerable interest from many conference attendees because my research intends to raise awareness of many broader issues related to human rights, social justice, as well as diversity and inclusion in the 21st century society.

I also attended several panel presentations about promoting information literacy to underserved and economically underprivileged patrons and was glad to find out about the international perspectives on these issues. All the discussions I participated in proved to be very informative and insightful on their particular subjects. As I became familiar with the work of colleagues from Great Britain, Australia, Asia, and other parts of the world, I began to think how their experiences could inform the work of libraries in the United States and improve the information services to communities in need in this country.

Overall, attending the 2016 IFLA World Library and Information Congress was a wonderful experience. I believe what makes IFLA a unique professional association is its global reach, outstanding members and the community that the members build. The conference acts as a strategic think tank to enhance a constructive dialogue and collaboration on themes relevant to information science and international librarianship, and I was proud to become a part of this community. Attending the conference this year made me realize how much we have to advocate for what we do as information professionals, the interdisciplinary nature of our field, and the important role that libraries and other information agencies play in building an equitable society.

Finally, I would like to express my heart-felt thanks to the Selection Committee of CALA Conference Travel Grant. This award facilitated my attendance of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress. My time in Columbus was both exciting and productive, and I benefited very much from this professional event.
From August 15th to August 18th, I attended the 2016 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, as short as IFLA. I am glad that my association: the Chinese American Librarian Association (CALA) offered its members the grant to cover the registration of this conference and I learned a lot through my four-day-conference-trip.

As a cataloger, I attended several sections related to cataloging and classification. The people from the Library of Congress introduced RDA Toolkit, which as catalogers we used heavily during our general workflows, and the people indicated possible changes to RDA Toolkit scheduled for late 2017 or 2018. The RDA Toolkit development team is thinking to combine some categories and delete some less-used in RDA Toolkit to let it have a nicer interface and let it be used by catalogers easier.

For subject access to indigenous knowledge (which related to the subject cataloging and indexing), I saw so many practices made by different libraries/institutions across the world. Philippine and Canada developed their local subject authority lists, including adding and deleting authority files and redesign the hierarchy among authorized terms to best describe their indigenous culture, while the iSchool at the University of Missouri analyzed the differences between local authority lists and the universal classification systems and tried to find a way that can best combine the two.

And for IFLA standards, which include FRBR, ISBD, and school library guidelines, the speakers talked about their current process of maintaining and developing the standards and they shared their pilot projects and case studies of how different libraries/institutions across the world applied those standards into their cataloging and teaching workflows.

As an academic librarian, I also attend other sections which related to academic libraries and librarianship. Through those sections, I gain a basic understanding of the vane changing library environment, including web-native library services platforms, less need to print resources and more need to electronic based resources, and the increasing shared technology infrastructure (like collaborative collection development, shared access to collections, share language and subject specialists, etc.). Academic libraries are not just information stakeholders and all academic libraries across the world need to think about their roles and ways to better provide services to its diverse users.

I also attended several sections which talks about big data, semantic web, and linked data. I gained a basic understanding of these new terms and new trend in the LIS field, how they impact the libraries & librarians through various aspects, what libraries/institutions across the world have done and their best practices to embrace those new trends in the LIS field.(e.g.: Europe has settled up many projects related to data development, data protection, and copyright exceptions for librarians. The EU also is working on the project of “open science cloud” to develop a cloud-based network and let the open research data be well maintained, managed, and shred with researchers in European countries.) I also attended related round tables and open discussions and shared my opinions and listened to others’ thoughts and concerns of these new trends in LIS field.
Xuanye Zheng

The Catholic University of America

IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2016 was the first professional conference I attended. I debated whether I should attend the ALA Annual Conference or the IFLA one. Eventually, I decided to go to Columbus to attend IFLA because my poster about “How Do Children Use Digital Information System” was accepted by the IFLA Poster Session. In addition, as an international student, I would like to know the library and information science field worldwide. Before the conference, I organized an event “Attending Professional Conferences” as an AGLISS board member. Four speakers, including professor, alumni, current student, and the program director of UMD iSchool, were invited to share their experience of attending professional conferences and give suggestions for the students who have no experience of attending any professional conferences like me. The event was really helpful for me to prepare for IFLA and participate in the conference later on.

My experience started on my plane to Columbus on Friday. The lady who sit beside me is the ISSN coordinator at the Library of Congress. She was travelling to attend the conference as well. I attended three Business Meetings on Saturday as an observer, which are Statistics and Evaluation, Science and Technology Libraries, and Libraries for Children and Young Adults. In addition, I went to the USA Caucus and the Chinese Speaking Participants Caucus. On Sunday night, I joined the ALISE, ASIS&T, & CALA Meet & Great Dinner. On Monday and Tuesday, I presented my poster for two, two-hour intervals. There were many conference participants stopping by and talking with me about my poster. They showed their interests, raised questions, and encouraged me to do further research on the topic. I attended many different sessions from Monday till Thursday. The most impressive one was Session 105 “What comes after the ‘Third Place’? Visionary libraries-spaces and users-Library Building and Equipment.” Three speakers presented a wonderful session with lots of images of library building designs around the world. It truly opened my eye that the library is serving the community with multiple ways. Furthermore, in Session 222 “Using social media at work: How to share knowledge improve collaboration and create a mutual savoir-faire?” one of the speakers comes from Shanghai University, where I graduated from three years ago. She was introducing how WeChat, a social media app, add new wings for promotion to Shanghai University Library. I joined the discussion after her presentation. Before the Closing Session on Thursday, I met Professor Amanda Wilson surprisingly, who taught one of my summer classes this year. Besides meetings and sessions in the Greater Columbus Convention Center, I went to the Cultural Evening at COSI-The Center of Science and Industry on Tuesday night and attended a library visit in Cleveland.

Finally, I ended up my first professional conference experience in the airport in Columbus. I met the new IFAL Secretary General, Gerald Leitner and took a photo with him. He was so glad to meet me as a library & information science student. It was a wonderful experience attending IFLA 2016, knowing library and information field and meeting excellent professionals!

CALA 2016 WLIC Grant Recipient Report

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1 Introduction

The 82th World Library and Information Congress: IFLA General Conference and Assembly was held in Columbus, Ohio, from August 13 to 19, 2016, with the theme of Connections. Collaboration. Community. I was greatly honored to participate in this conference under the strong support of the Chinese American Librarians Association. This report has collected all types of materials and combined the data analyzing results with the help of NVivo11, computer-assisted qualitative data analysis software, to construct the conceptual model of international librarianship developing trends.

2 Methodology and Qualitative Analysis

During the conference, I have visited nearly 20 sessions of different topics, listened to the report speeches, participated in various academic discussions. At the same time, I visited and recorded the information about the exhibition area and poster area of the general assembly. Finally, there were 20 conference and interview audio clips (10 hours 55 minutes and 25 seconds), 767 pictures, 30 video clips (17 minutes and 33 seconds), notes and conference released materials (over 10,000 of words) have been collected. The research uses the NVivo 11 to load and clean the four types of source data before materials coding (Top left picture). The encoded source data will be used for quantitative content analysis and conceptual modeling.

By using Nvivo 11’s word frequency analysis function, the key words frequency analysis has been done based on the encoded text (Bottom left picture). The font size and the word frequency in the cloud are positively related to each other. Keywords show the focus of this WLIC, which are the trends of library connectivity service, cooperation and community construction.

Clustering result shows the emergence of various trends reflected in the development of international librarianship, and each cluster marked with the same color. The keywords innovation (创新), 3D, printing (打印), digital, tools (工具) representing the challenges that library connectivity services are facing (node 1). Culture (文化), participation (参与), etc. are reflected in the efforts that the international library community paid for addressing social inequality issues (node 2). Laws (法律), limitations (限制), privacy (隐私) are the reflection of library privacy and intellectual property protection initiatives (Node 3). Collections, preservation, information reflect the library’s adherence to the collection management of the library and the freedom of the reader’s information accessing (node 4). Strategy (战略), cooperation (合作), associations (协会), institutions (机构) originated from international cooperation of librarianship (Node 5). Keywords government (政府), community (社区) and society (社会) demonstrate the interdisciplinary collaborations between libraries and governments (node 6) and library community cooperation behaviors (node 7). Space (空间), character (角色), transformation (变化) show the researches on the reconstruction of library services and social position (Node 8). Community, reader (读者), service (服务) manifest the integration of multi–culture community services (node 9).

At last, the words user (用户), environment (环境), online (在线) focus on the research field of library marketing and promotional strategy (node 9).
3 Qualitative Results Analysis

3.1 The Challenges of Library Connectivity

(1) The rise of innovative digital and network technologies has been widely accepted by all types of libraries. Among them, 3D printing technology during the 2016 WLIC was particularly noteworthy. 3D printing technology has been subject to criticism since the beginning of the invention, and even received a death sentence from Forbes in April 2016. However, 56% manufacturers believe it is likely that more than half of their peers in the US will adopt 3D printing in the next 3-5 years. In public libraries, 428 branches offered the 3D printing service, up dramatically from 250, 2014. Although 3D printing has a mandatory restructuring of the industrial chains and the risk of intellectual property infringement, but this wave of technology will eventually be unavoidable.

(2) Data management and protection and knowledge management are becoming the supportive foundation of the library digital resources connectivity. University data management space and the professional data curation skills of specialists in scientific research institutions are becoming research focus. Refer to physical collection preservation, local disaster warning, disaster prevention and theft prevention, participants from different countries gave the detailed response methods in terms of organization establishing, planning, method selecting and staff training. Libraries will continually be beneficial to the public access to information and knowledge. The freedom of information access also provides the fundamental function to enhancement of collaborative innovation and government transparency. According to ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL—How libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda, libraries have made a particularly great contribution to enhance the overall public health condition.

(3) Highly focused international issues of war in this year has sparked heated discussions among researchers. The library’s solution to social exclusion, such as refugee problem, was the hottest topic. The introduction of multi-cultural libraries has led librarians to focus their research in this field of cultural and linguistic-related services for refugee and immigrant readers.

(4) The importance of readers’ privacy and data protection has been highly raised, and the concept has also been redefined. Helping patrons to protect their data security and privacy in the community from any kind of violation has become a librarian’s conventional obligations and responsibilities. In the area of digital publishing, traditional copyright laws no longer apply to the current status. Library digital lending and usage will be built on a licensing contract system made between future libraries and publishers.

3.2 Enforcement of Strategic Cooperation of Libraries

(1) With the rise of the trend of cooperation between professional libraries and public libraries, the barriers between libraries at various levels and regions are gradually breaking down. A highly collaborative and fully interconnected international library organism is forming.

(2) Community cooperation is the critical way to expand the borders of social influence of public libraries. It is also an important step to enhance social integration and strengthen social cohesion and social inclusion.

(3) Donna Sheeder, the President of IFLA, called on the international libraries to work with governments on data innovations at the Conference Opening Session. The participation of the libraries in the network age will make the national strategic projects, especially the library information sharing project, easier to implement. A large number of digital and internet companies joined in the WLIC. There were 93 digital, automatic library technology and internet companies had individual exhibition booths to promote their technical equipment and services to the global libraries. United Nations set library as an important partner for poverty eradication, sustainable agricultural development, and national health improvement in How libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda. By seeking cooperation with international organizations, the library will promote transparency and accountability on a wider scale through the integration of public information access projects.

After the text retrieval of the WLIC keywords (Collaboration, Community, Community), it is found that the clustering results, the secondary nodes ①-⑧ have the common features of the trend of library connectivity, and the strategic cooperation of libraries is mainly reflected in nodes ③-⑦, while nodes ⑧-⑩ show the trend of library community construction. The relationship between 3 main nodes and 10 secondary nodes are confirmed, so is the formation of conceptual model (Picture below).

Awards
3.3 Construction of Library Community

1) Reconstruction of Library Services and Orientation of Future. The concept of Green Library, Sustainable Library, which became the future library developing goals, have been established at this conference. It has an irreplaceable function in eliminating illiteracy, popularizing basic education, providing public learning space and access to information resources.

2) Libraries’ Multi-Culture Readers Community. Youth and children’s literacy service has become the mainstream in the public and school libraries. Social minority patrons have distinctive feature and culture background, but library services involving minorities, indigenous people, refugees and displaced persons are much more difficult. The library using modern digital means to mine, preserve and perpetuate the traditional knowledge and cultural materials of the ethnic communities is an inescapable responsibility to librarians.

3) Library Marketing and Promotion. Library rebranding and marketing session focused on the non-traditional library model, also known as versus traditional models. Library marketing strategy in the future will be accompanied by long-term evolution of technological innovation.

4 Conclusion

This report would like to quote the message from U.S. President Barack Obama: This event reminds us of our duty, as an international community, to shape a future in which all people can fully and freely access and contribute to the great, living bank of accumulated information we share as citizens of the world. As long as we endeavor to protect and expand this access—we can bring about a future in which every person is freer and in which all our societies are more vibrant and defined by greater possibility. With the further globalization and technology revolution, as long as the libraries can function the connectivity to achieve long-term collaborations with governments, communities and companies, as the same time to build the international library community, the international librarianship will eventually usher in the rapid development period.

5 Acknowledgement

I sincerely appreciate Chinese American Librarians Association for their generous financial assistance. This valuable opportunity to participate WLIC opens a new window for my future study and research work, which allows me to get acquainted with the most prominent Chinese American librarians and scholars, and even gives me a better understanding both of the Chinese and global librarianship. Also I want to thank International Federation of Library Associations and speakers from over 120 countries for providing global scholars and librarians an outstanding conference. All the sessions and culture activities programed by the Association were extremely impressive and people live in Columbus City have showed great hospitality to all of us. At last, this report could never be finished without the kind help of those librarians who accepted my interviews. I believe that I will continue to actively participate in the research of library science and contribute to the development of CALA through my future research.

Ximin Mi Received Wiley Scholarship

With an incredibly successful first year under our belts, we were excited to connect with even more early career librarians. We were once again overwhelmed by your scholarship, insight, and creativity. After carefully reviewing all of your applications, it is my pleasure to congratulate Ximin Mi, Heather Howard, and Lauren Connolly, the 2016 winners of the Wiley Scholarship for Early Career Librarians.

Ximin Mi is a Business Data Services Librarian at Georgia State University. You can view Ximin’s video here. She will be attending ALA Midwinter in January.

Heather Howard is an Assistant Professor of Library Science and a Business Information Specialist at Purdue University. You can view Heather’s video here. She will be attending ACRL in March.

Lauren Connolly is an Online Services Librarian at the University of Findlay. You can view Lauren’s video here. She will also be attending ACRL in March.

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who applied. We’d also like to thank the library community as a whole. A full 64% of our applicants reported hearing about this opportunity from another librarian. Thanks for spreading the word!

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee
Recipient of the 2016 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung
He is Our Exemplary Role Model

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, a longtime world-renowned library and information leader, is the recipient of the 2016 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung. Congratulations to Dr. Lee on receiving this high honor. The award, $1000 and a plaque of achievement donated by the Fung’s family and friends in honor of Dr. Fung’s distinguished library career as a dedicated library director, educator, innovator, scholar, government official, and above all, an exemplary leader. Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee’s excellent professional career has reflected these merits and values. As several prestigious higher education and national library directors, as well as pioneers in library automation, cooperation, and digitization, both Dr. Fung and Dr. Lee made it their lives’ work to develop world-class library collections and services, and to enhance Chinese-Asian-American library cooperation, exchange and internship programs. We are very proud of them.

With a successful career that spans half a century of leadership in prestigious academic libraries and national library, Dr. Lee has a proven ability to work collegially with faculty, staff, administrators, legislators, students and communities to advance the institutions he had served. He is a results-oriented administrator of excellent caliber with remarkable track records of superlative achievements, innovative management and distinguished contributions. Please go to http://www.cala-web.org/node/1800 to read the full story of Dr. Lee.

* CALA honored Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee and other awardees at the CALA Awards Banquet during the 2016 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida.
Dear CALA members,

With the Board's approval, please join me in congratulating the following SIX outstanding colleagues and SIX excellent teams for the 2016 CALA President's Recognition Award in recognition of their dedicated services and significant contributions to CALA.

Individuals are:
1. Shu-Hua Liu,
2. Hong Miao,
3. Wei Peng,
4. Raymond Pun,
5. Hong Wu,
6. Le Yang

Teams are:
1. Constitution and Bylaws Committee (2015-2016),
2. Local Arrangement Committee for CALA Awards Banquet (2015-2016),
3. Web Committee (2015-2016),
4. Collaboration and Organizational Development Initiatives Task Force (2015-2016),
5. Professional Development Task Force (2015-2016),

Congratulations again!

Thank you for your attention,

Lian Ruan (CALA President, 2015/16)

* The awards were presented to all winners at the CALA Awards Banquet in Orlando, FL in June 2016.

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Chris Kyauk currently serves as an Information Systems Specialist for the Alameda County Library. As dedicated library information technology support, he takes care of all things that run on electricity and a couple of things that don’t. His goal and mission is to build the Library’s capacity to be a technologically cutting-edge, community focused library. Chris is proud to be part of a team that pushes the envelope of what it means to be a library today. At the Alameda County Library, he has worked to bring new services to the organization - services such as an automated laptop lending kiosk, gigabit-enabled broadcasting, and cloud-based digital signage.

In previous incarnations Chris has worked at a memory chip seller and in academic and special libraries. Chris has a master’s degree in Library Science from San Jose State University and is a proud Spectrum Scholar. In his spare time he is either teaching himself programming, trying out a new recipe, or going on a new adventure.

(Source: CLA Technology Interest Group SYNC Newsletter, Vol. 5, Issue 2)
Jennifer Zhao Received 2016 CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research

The pursuit of excellence in research and service was what defined the career of Jing Liao (1954-2011), a long-time CALA member and a devoted and accomplished librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The establishment of this memorial fund honors the memory of Jing Liao by encouraging CALA members to strive for excellence in research.

The CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Jennifer Zhao as the 2016 recipient of the Jing Liao Award. Her co-authored publication cited below is selected as the winner:


Ms. Zhao was awarded $500 from the Jing Liao Memorial Fund, and an additional $500 Supplemental Travel Fund at the 2016 CALA Annual Awards Banquet on June 26, 2016 in conjunction with the ALA Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Ms. Zhao received her Master of Library and Information Studies at Dalhousie University in Canada, 2007. She is a Liaison Librarian at Schulich Library of Science and Engineering, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. She has joined the CALA since 2013.

The purpose of this co-authored study was to compare information literacy challenges encountered by native Chinese-speaking and native English-speaking undergraduate students from a communication in engineering course at McGill University. A total of 17 students participated in the 3-session in-depth interview study pertaining information searching, evaluating, reading, writing, and citing. Qualitative data was collected. The study found that the major challenges to native Chinese-speaking students were more pronounced in area of reading, writing, and citing. An alternative Peer Support Program for International Students is suggested in addition to traditional services offered by a library.

International students have varied background knowledge and skills of information literacy. With growing enrollment of Chinese students, it is important to identify barriers they have in information seeking and using. The research study is a valuable addition to the literature. The findings gathered from this study can be used to inform and guide library services for underserved International students.

The article exhibits high quality in research with its extensive literature review, solid research methodology, in-depth analysis, and an excellent presentation. The article is well structured, the logical arrangement is clear, and the language is free flowing.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Zhao and wishing her continued success in pursuit of excellence in research.

CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Committee, 2015-2016

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Congratulations to CALA-sponsored ALA Emerging Leaders, Minhao Jiang and Jingjing Wu!

Congratulations to all EL participants!

CHICAGO — The American Library Association (ALA) has selected 50 people to participate in its 2017 class of Emerging Leaders. The program is designed to enable library staff and information workers to participate in project planning work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers.

Maureen Sullivan and Audrey Barbakoff, co-chairs of the Emerging Leaders program welcome the 2017 class. They look forward to working with this most recent cohort of talented and committed early career leaders who are eager to pursue leadership opportunities in the association. “This year’s class joins a distinguished group of alumni, many of whom have made significant contributions to ALA in the past ten years of this program.”

The Emerging Leaders program kicks off with a day-long session during the ALA 2017 Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta. Following the kickoff session which includes orientation and training, the program will continue in an online learning and networking environment for six months. The program culminates with a poster session where the 2017 Emerging Leaders will showcase the results of their project planning work during the ALA 2017 Annual Conference in Chicago.

The Emerging Leader participants commit to taking part in all aspects of the program and may have an opportunity to serve on an ALA, division, chapter, round table, or affiliate committee or workgroup upon completion.

Nearly 70% of this year’s participants have received sponsorships. The sponsors included ALA divisions, roundtables, state chapters, ALA affiliate groups and other organizations. Each sponsor commits to financial support of an Emerging Leader in order to help defray costs for attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference.

The complete list of selected participants (PDF) and sponsoring organizations can be found on the Emerging Leaders webpage.

(Source: ALA News "American Library Association announces Emerging Leader participants for class of 2017")
Two librarians, along with other faculty members who work at San Jose State University (SJSU)’s University Library are more than just librarians. They are prolific researchers who study how students use libraries in hopes of improving student success and information literacy.

San Jose State University’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library has been recognized as having the most prolific university library researchers in the nation based on a number of articles published in subject specialty journals in the last five years (2011-2015). Yuhfen Diana Wu has been recognized for the most publications in the category of information literacy and business resources and with Bernd Becker recognized for the most publications in the category of behavioral/social sciences. SJSU was ranked third overall out of 278 four-year institutions of higher learning for all categories. The rankings were announced at the Special Libraries Annual Conference in Philadelphia on June 13, 2016.

SJSU was cited as “best in the nation” in business for Wu’s work and in behavioral/social sciences for Becker’s contributions, accounting for 28 percent and 26 percent of the national share of papers respectively. SJSU librarians, who are classified as faculty members, published 36 articles in subject specialty journals in the last five years, outpacing their publication record for the previous 10-year analysis period (2000-2010).

Ms. Wu, is interested in how users receive and use information to fulfill their daily needs. “For our students, I am especially concerned with how they educate themselves to become productive citizens,” she said.

Since she started with the University Library, she has focused on business information literacy and information literacy at workplace. She has presented at various conferences and authored or coauthored multiple papers with colleagues from SJSU and other institutions. Her articles and presentations, available on Scholarworks, which is the Institutional Repository (IR) for SJSU, have been downloaded 2,449 times as of September 30 by scholars at 120 institutions in 68 countries. These numbers do not include all of the other venues from which people may access her work, like journal publisher sites and databases.
The article Ms. Wu co-authored with Dr. Malu Roldan, current Interim Dean of College of Business at SJSU, is about “Building Context-Based Library Instruction” has been downloaded from SJSU IR site 86 times and cited 46 times. The article she co-authored with Sue Kendall is about “Teaching Faculty’s Perspectives on Business Information Literacy.” It has been downloaded from SJSU IR site 112 times and cited 38 times. These two articles were selected as recommended reading materials by the Instruction Section of Association of College and Research Library, a division of the American Library Association.

Furthermore, in 2015 Wu has led the effort in developing a campus-wide survey to collect data assessing information literacy proficiency, which has been helpful to customize library instruction aimed to directly increase the information literacy of SJSU students.

Information literacy has become one of the core proficiencies for graduation that is assessed by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for accreditation. The other proficiencies are: Critical Thinking, Quantitative and Qualitative Reasoning, Oral, and Written Communication. Together, these 5 proficiencies are critical to prepare today’s students “for work, citizenship, and lifelong learning.”

In the coming year, she plans to work with junior colleagues on investigating student’s information seeking behavior in an era where most students rely on mobile devices to access information.

“Doing research is a long journey yet rewarding that requires support and encouragement. We need one another to generate and share knowledge for our students and the scholarly community.”

Wu has appreciated the encouragement through the years from administrators, including former SJSU Provost Carmen Sigler and former library Dean Patricia Senn Breivik, both of whom supported her as she completed “Information Literacy at the Workplace: a Cross-Cultural Perspective” with a grant from the Business Reference and Services Section of the American Library Association. This grant was sponsored by Emerald Publisher. This article is available in Journal of Library and Information Science (April, 2012) as well as SJSU Scholarly Works site for free downloading. The majority of her works are on information literacy and lifelong learning and several of them have been published in this same journal.


Because of her expertise, she has been appointed or elected to serve on various committees and organizations. Most recently, she served on SJSU Steering Committee for WASC Accreditation (2013–2016) and CSU-wide Library Assessment Team (2012–2016). Results from the later one yielded a research guide that is housed at http://libguides.sjsu.edu/CSULibraryAssessmentKit. This kit includes many useful resources and instruments to help academic library assess the following three areas: information literacy, collection development, and space usage.

Wu is a CALA life member and a former president in 2005–2006.
CALA hosted a very successful academic session "Innovative Services and Technology in U.S. Academic Libraries" at the 2016 Chinese Library Annual Conference in Tongling, Anhui Province from October 25 to 27. Special thanks go to Michael Baiou Huang, CALA Representative to Library Society of China. Michael is the Coordinator of the Office of Global Library Initiatives and a librarian at the Health Sciences Library at Stony Brook University.

The session was chaired by the CALA President Qi Chen (2016-2017) and the room was fully packed with some librarians standing by the doors. CALA President Qi Chen, Vice President Le Yang, Executive Director Lian Ruan and other CALA members presented successfully at the session. Here are their presentations in details: Keynote speech was made by CALA President Qi Chen, Library Director, Calumet College of St. Joseph, entitled Applying Learner-centered Pedagogy in Designing Library Instruction and Reference Services. Following Qi's speech, 10 presentations were delivered as listed below:

1) Get ready for the transformation of academic libraries: Innovative technology and service at Texas Tech University Libraries by Le Yang, CALA Vice President/President Elect (2018-2019), Assistant Professor, Digital Initiatives Librarian, Head of Digital Lab, Digital Resources Library Unit, University Libraries, Texas Tech University;

2) Developing innovative services to meet emergency responders' unique needs at the State Fire Academy Library by Lian Ruan, Ph.D., CALA Executive Director (2016-2019), Head Li brarian & Director of IFSI International Programs, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

3) Advance library services through 'Student-Centered Innovative Projects' at a university library by Dr. Shali Zhang, Ph.D, Dean of Libraries and Professor Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, University of Montana in Missoula, Montana;

4) The next-generation ILS: Futures and Trend by Ping Fu, Professor and Head of Library Technology Services, Central Washington University;

5) Innovative research support in US academic and research libraries by Minglu Wang, Data Services Librarian, John Cotton Dana Library, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey;

6) Providing library information services through WeChat: A study of key Chinese academic libraries, Jie Huang, Associate Librarian/Special Projects Cataloging Librarian, Cataloging and Metadata Services, Penn State University Libraries and Jinchui Guo, Associate Research Librarian, Reference Department, East China Normal University Library, Shanghai, China;

7) Linked data and the libraries by Yongming Wang, Associate Professor in Library / Systems, The College of New Jersey;

8) The emerging models of providing online media services in U.S. academic libraries: Issues around acquisitions, processing, discovery, and delivery, by Tim Jiping Zou, Librarian/Professor, Head of the Performing Arts and Media Service, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Libraries; services for underserved International students.

9) The innovative services of the university libraries in Taiwan - The innovative services of the National Taiwan Normal University Library as an example by Wei Peng, Consultant, University Press, National Taiwan Normal University Library; and

10) Introduction to peer review process of refereed journals in the profession of library and information science by Andrew Yanqing Lee, George Mason University, Yingqi Tang, Jacksonville State University, Yiping Wang, San Jose State University and Le Yang, Texas Tech University.

CALA looks forward to attending the 2017 Chinese Library Annual Conference in Langfang.
The 23rd Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF) was held in the New China International Exhibition Center (NCIEC) Beijing Convention and Exhibition Center on Aug 23-28, 2016. The Book Fair covered an exhibition area of 78,600 square meters, with 2,512 booths. 2,407 publishing houses from mainland China and 86 other countries and regions attended the fair. Approximately 300,000 titles were on display, over 1,000 cultural events and seminars were held, and nearly 300,000 visitors were present during the fair. This year’s country of honor was Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs).

As the opening ceremony of the book fair, the 10th Special Book Award of China was held in the Great Hall of the People in the evening of Aug 23. Vice-Premier of China Ms. Yandong Liu congratulated 19 foreign experts who were honored. In total, 88 writers, translators and publishers from more than 40 countries have won Special Book Award of China.

This year BIBF continued to organize brand activities such as 2016 Beijing International Publishing Forum, BIBF Advanced Seminar on International Rights Trade, International Children’s Publishing Forum, BIBF 10+10 Roundtable Meetings, and IDPF@BIBF International Digital Publishing Forum. Some East Asian Libraries’ leaders and CALA members presented at the Serial High-End Forum and the International Trade Platform for Chinese Digital Publication Launching Ceremony and International Cooperation Signing Ceremony, including Yuan Zhou (Director of the East Asian Library, University of Chicago), Jidong Yang (Director of the East Asian Library, Stanford University), Guoqing Li (Ohio State University), Shuyong Jiang (University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign) and Xiaoxin Qiao (University of Toronto). They also selected newly published Chinese books at the special exhibition area that was designed and organized by the China National Publications Import & Export (Group) Corporation (CNPIEC).

(Jiayye He is Librarian for Chinese Collections at the C.V. Starr East Asian Library, University of California at Berkeley.)
In July 2016, Dr. Clara M. Chu, Director and Mortenson Distinguished Professor, Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois, was invited to give a lecture at the University of Montana’s Mansfield Library on “Academic Libraries in Global Context: Considering the 'Glocal' and Transnational” as a part of the University of Montana’s participation in the American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory for 2014-2016, to internationalize teaching, learning, research, and service. This lecture is the Library’s ongoing effort to increase library faculty and staff’s global awareness and cultural competencies when we are providing library services and programs in an increasingly inter-connected and global environment.

Dr. Chu’s lecture was well received by library faculty and staff. They paid special attention during the lecture. They were enlightened by what Dr. Chu presented. They also felt empowered by the new approaches and perspective from her lecture. In addition, the colleagues from other campus units and libraries in Montana also attended and enjoyed the lecture. One of the attendees wrote: “Thank you again for inviting us to Dr. Chu’s presentation! It was a fascinating talk, and we walked away feeling much inspired!”

The University of Montana’s strategic plan “UM 2020, Building a University for the Global Century” calls for active participants in the global economy. As an intellectual and technological hub at the University, the Mansfield Library has continued its efforts working toward a support of the UM 2020 strategic goals and incorporating global elements into its daily operations. Dr. Chu’s lecture on this topic has indeed help realize that goal.

(Shali Zhang is Dean of Libraries and Professor, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, University of Montana.)
As part of her own professional development endeavor, Ying Zhang, the incoming CALA Vice-President/President-Elect, presented at the 7th Asian Pacific Conference on Library & Information Education and Practices in Nanjing, China. Her presentation “Customer Focused Collection Services in the Age of Big Data” was well received as part of the panel on library practices. Ying also chaired another panel discussion presented by several librarians and library science faculty from the Asian Pacific region.

Ying was invited to a behind the scenes visit of the state-of-the-art DuSha Library at Nanjing University.

On behalf of CALA, Ying also was asked to visit and gave a couple of impromptu speeches at a few academic libraries in China during her vacation, including a visit to the University of New York at Shanghai with President-Elect Le Yang, a presentation and discussion on “Trends in Collection Services in the Academic Libraries of the United States” at Tongji University Libraries, and a keynote speech of “Collection Services of the 21st Century: Academic Libraries in the Digital Environment” to the BALIS Training Seminar at the Beijing Normal University, following Dr. Shali Zhang, the Dean of Montana University Libraries and a past CALA president.

On all these occasions, Ying promoted CALA to the colleagues and students in China, encouraging them to join CALA and to foster a closer collaboration with CALA.

(Ying Zhang is Department Head, Acquisitions and Collections in John C. Hitt Library, University of Central Florida.)
The first CALA Southeast Chapter meeting was successfully held on Friday, September 23, 2016, from 1:30 to 4pm at Olin Library, Rollins College in Orlando, FL. This year, the chapter’s conference theme is "Visiting a Library, a Museum or a Cultural Institution in Your City" and "Discovering Chinese Images, Representations and Heritage."

The first gathering was organized by the chapter president Sai Deng and hosted by Wenxian Zhang at Rollins College. It had a good turnout of about twenty people onsite and online. Several speakers presented on their research on images, cultural heritage artifacts and collections especially Chinese related topics. Wenxian, Professor and Head of Archives & Special Collections at Rollins College, spoke about his sabbatical leave research project, "China through American Eyes: Engravings of the Chinese People and Culture in the US Print Media of the Late 19th Century." David Benjamin, Head, Special Collections & University Archive at the University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries talked elaborately on archives and special collections at the UCF Libraries. Zhao Liu, Librarian at the Elling O. Eide Charitable Foundation, unveiled "The Hidden Treasure -- Elling O. Eide Center" in a rich display of images and artifacts from its collections. Dr. Lanlan Kuang, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy at UCF, introduced "Staging Dunhuang Mogao Caves: Treasures from Along the Silk Road" in an interesting and inspiring talk. Sai Deng, Metadata Librarian & Associate Librarian at UCF Libraries, shared her research on "A Southern Chinese City through the Eyes of a British Missionary: Preliminary Analysis of the Text of a Historical Travelogue." The presentation session was shared online with CALA members and the public. The onsite attendants including Min, Ying, Peter, Barbara and Brant were quite engaged. After the talks, Professor Wenxian Zhang led a tour of the Olin Library and its Archives & Special Collections at Rollins College.

The program was very well received and the following comments reminded the participants the great time they spent together:

"The presentation was fascinating and I am so happy to have attended and learned about the group's research interests. Thank you for a well presented conference. The tour of Rollins archives was an interesting addition."

"It was a great pleasure meeting you at Rollins this afternoon! Thank you so much for the invitation! Please keep me updated of any future activities, and I'd love to share them with my colleagues and students."

"I really enjoyed meeting everyone and listening to the interesting presentations and tour last Friday! Thank you Sai for arranging event and inviting me. Thank you Wenxian for hosting us at beautiful Rollins College."

"I had a great time in Friday's program. It was wonderful and I was so pleased to meet everybody. Thank you for giving me such a great opportunity and welcome to visit our library."
The photos of the 2016 CALA Southeast Chapter Fall Program have been posted to the CALA’s Facebook page at: http://bit.ly/2eLeaEK.

Its presentations have been archived in the CALA Academic Resources & Repository System (CALASYS, http://ir.cala-web.org/items/browse?collection=5).

This is one of a series of programs organized by the Southeast Chapter. Planning for other gatherings is underway. They will be held in Atlanta, GA and coordinated by the chapter officers Yue Li, Ximin Mi and Mu Peng.
Lead your college's social change agenda by making your library a collaborative community learning space and open forum for all. Library faculty and staff at the Paradise Valley Community College (PVCC) Buxton Library have led a series of programs over the past couple of years tied to cultural diversity and inclusion, global engagement, and civil disobedience/activism. We connect our program offerings to the college's strategic plan, making learning and engagement our central goal. Our Lunar New Year celebration has become a PVCC signature event.

To achieve this goal, we tie our efforts to course competencies, class themes, and campus/community interests. We encourage participation by inviting anchor classes; incorporating faculty, students, and community members to serve as presenters; and highlighting existing campus infrastructure. Over the past 3 years, Lili Kang (Library Faculty) coordinated efforts within the Asian community to present the Lunar New Year Celebration in sound, word and sight from the Lion dance, mask and drum performances to a global fair replete with chopstick games. This year saw a heightened collaboration with faculty and staff on the PVCC campus through the combined effort of both Lili and Paula Crossman (Library Faculty); this effort honed the celebration to directly link to PVCC curriculum and students. The “East Meets West” intercultural and interdisciplinary communication session united our diverse resources, particularly the Entrepreneur Education Center, to speak in one voice about the importance of cultural sensitivity for business and personal life.

By specifically framing the events as a cultural exchange and anchoring the celebration to curriculum, the learning become relevant and the events elevated to impact student learning with a diverse lens. Students are also enabled to see their classroom learning reinforced outside the classroom walls.

More details about PVCC Buxton Library’s programs to support the college’s community development & civic and global engagement:

- Providing a variety of programming open to the college and community including the DAC Award winner: Lunar New Year Celebration – SEE for full listing:
  http://paradisevalley.libguides.com/culture-diversity
Community partnerships.

- Creating displays which raise awareness, foster a sense of community and/or feature students’ work (e.g., “Money from Around the World,” “Tamang and the Rai Cultures of Nepal,” “Civil Disobedience/Activism”) – SEE: https://www.instagram.com/buxtonlibrarypvcc/

- Participating in PVCC Festival of Tales and will work on building a collaboration with the artist-in-residence program at Mercury Mine an elementary school in the PVUSD.

- Collaborating with the Ceramic Program in the PVCC Fine Arts Division to help bringing 28 Chinese Master Ceramic Artists’ Art Works (http://paradisevalley.libguides.com/Chineseceramicartists) to exhibit at PVCC and benefitted over 500 viewers from the college & metro-Phoenix.

- Partnering and supporting the PVCC United Nations of Students Club (UNoS), and help to organize its 1st major panel discussion: “Education & Opportunity: UNoS Experience.”

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In October 2016 Hebei University held a short course in community informatics taught by faculty from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Kate Williams and Abdul Alkalimat. The two professors also gave public lectures at Hebei and Renmin, and were guests at a dinner reunion of alumni of their Community Informatics Research Lab. At least six universities in China now offer coursework in this area.

Thirty-three Chinese librarians joined the 2016 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from June 22 to July 20, 2016. This is the 12th year of this successful program. This year’s theme was on “New Internet Technologies and Innovative Services.” The program covered a variety of topics on the use of new Internet technologies in academic libraries, training and development of leader competency in new Internet technologies, big data, research data management and curation, and so on. Participants met many CALA members and had productive scholarly exchange with librarians at the exemplary libraries of academic and public libraries in the United States. Many thanks to all CALA members who have helped with the program. As of July 2016, 307 Chinese librarians from 106 Chinese organizations have participated in the program since 2005.

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Photo above: (Left to right) Shenglong Han, Department of Information Management, Peking University; Haixia Cao, IMI and Library, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Peking Union Medical College; Kang Zhao, Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China ISTIC; Abdul Alkalimat, Professor Emeritus, iSchool at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Kate Williams, Associate Professor, iSchool at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Xiudan Yang, Department of Information Management, Hebei University; Lifen Zheng, Capital Normal University; Lina Xie, Department of Archives, Nankai University; Hui Yan, Department of Information Resources Management, Renmin University.

Chinese Librarians with Diana Wu at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, San Jose State University in July 2016.
The 2016 Chinese Library Annual Conference was held from October 25th to October 28th in Tongling, Anhui Province. Its theme was "Innovate China: Technology, Society and Library." CALA had an exceptionally high qualified and robust team of speakers, led by Qi Chen and Michael Bailou. Its session was titled: "Innovative Services and Technology in U.S. Academic Libraries."

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