

CEAL Plenary Programs

Tuesday March 29, 2011
1:20 pm-4:00 pm South Pacific Ballroom I & II
Hilton Hawaiian Village

Plenary I: Business

The business portion of CEAL's two 2011 plenary session consisted of the following activities.

1:20-1:25 [Introduction](#) (go to the link to see the PowerPoint presented at the session)—Joy Kim, President of CEAL

1:25-1:29 **Recognitions**—Joy Kim

- New members and first-time attendees
- Outgoing Executive Board Members:
 - Cathy Chiu (Member-at-Large)
 - Sarah Elman (Technical Processing)
 - Hana Kim (Korean Materials)
 - Yasuko Makino (Member-at-Large; not present at the meeting)
 - Haruko Nakamura (Japanese Materials)
 - Eiko Sakaguchi (Public Service)
 - Kristina Troost (Past President)
 - Kuang-tien Yao (Chinese Materials)
- Retired since last meeting and before next year's meeting:
 - Charmian Cheng, Chinese Cataloguer, Princeton Univ. (June 2010)
 - Hisayuki Ishimatsu, Librarian for the Japanese Collection, UC Berkeley (Dec. 2010)
 - Naomi Kotake, Japanese Studies Librarian, Stanford Univ. (Feb. 2011)
 - Judy Lu, Head, Collections Services, Asian Division, Library of Congress (Dec. 2010)
 - Kenji Niki, Curator, Japanese Collection, Univ. of Michigan (Apr. 2011)
 - Sook-ja Park, Library Assistant for the Korean Collection, UC Berkeley (June 2011)
 - Younghee Sohn, Korean Studies Librarian, Univ. of Chicago (Sept. 2010)
 - Chun Shum (aka Shen Jing), Curator of Rare Books, Harvard-Yenching Library (Feb. 2011)
 - Peter Young, Chief, Asian Division, Library of Congress (Dec. 2010)
 - Abraham Yu, former CEAL President (2003-2006), former President of the OCLC CJK Users Group (1997-1999), & head of East Asian Cataloging team, UC Irvine (Nov. 2010)

- Deceased since last meeting:
 - Raoul Kulberg (1930-2011), former Reference Librarian & CEAL Member, Univ. of District of Columbia
 - Warren Tsuneishi (1921-2011), former Chief, Asian Division, Library of Congress (for a special tribute to Dr. Tsuneishi, see JEAL 152 (Feb. 2011))

1:30-1:40 [Special Report on the Impact of the Japan Disaster on Libraries](#) —Makoto Okamoto

Mr. Okamoto noted that one effect of the disaster has been to make Japanese less hesitant to use social media services such as Twitter. He also said that it is too early for there to be any substantive statistics relating to the amount of damage suffered by libraries and library materials.

1:40-1:49 **Q & A or Discussion**

In response to questions about how people in evacuation centers were gaining access to information, Mr. Okamoto said that their sources include volunteers in the centers; the Internet (NTT is providing access to some centers); and the courier company Takyubin, which has been used effectively in the aftermath to convey paper materials.

1:50-1:55 **Election Results**—Cathy Chiu, Chair of the Election Committee

Eighty percent of eligible CEAL members voted, and the results are as follows:

- Committee on Chinese Materials: Susan Xue
- Committee on Japanese Materials: Setsuko Noguchi
- Committee on Korean Materials: Yunah Sung
- Committee on Public Service: Jidong Yang
- Committee on Technical Processing: Shi Deng
- Members-at-Large: Jade Atwill, Tao Yang

1:56-2:00 **Announcements**

- Search for the Chief of the Asian Division, Library of Congress—Franklin Odo (2 min.)
- Fellowship Dinner—Kuang-tien Yao (2 min.)

Plenary II: Program

After CEAL President Joy Kim introduced the speakers, the session ran as follows.

2:10-2:40 **Electronic Bridges for East Asian Research: the Scholar's Perspective**
By **Evelyn Rawski**, University Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Rawski briefly surveyed the enormous improvements in electronic data transmission that have transformed the landscape of research on East Asia and suggested some areas that need further attention in the near future. She mentioned the use of GIS data, as seen in Harvard Professor Peter Bol's work on the social networks of Sung Dynasty literati. Professor Rawski pointed out that research on China has become highly interdisciplinary, in part because of China's economic transformation, which has brought out the fact of our global interconnectedness. For example, thirty thousand Chinese were evacuated from Libya due to the recent unrest in the Middle East. In connection with events in the Middle East, Professor Rawski touched on the new information management and preservation challenges posed by the role of Facebook posts and Twitter tweets in those events. She also noted that East Asian scholars who are now and/or will soon be retiring are in possession of unique photographs taken as part of their fieldwork decades ago and that these primary sources needed to be stewarded lest they be lost to future scholars. Professor Rawski also posed the astute question, why is there no Japanese equivalent to JSTOR, such as we have in China Academic Journals for Chinese.

2:40-3:10 **[Cooperation in Constricting Times - Models and Prospects](#)**
By **James Simon**, Director of International Resources, Center for Research Libraries

James Simon reviewed developments in collaborative activities among Area Studies subject specialists in academic libraries. Building on the ideas presented last year by Deborah Jakubs, James discussed several models or best practices drawn from the Global Resources Network projects as possible directions for East Asian libraries in financially constraining times.

3:10-3:40 **[Seeing Through Brown Eyes, Not Blue: the Changing Perspectives of Libraries Local and Global](#)**
By **Paula Mochida**, Interim University Librarian, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Asia has had the attention of the world for over a thousand years, but until recent times the western world did not see it from a level playing field. The technologies and economies of the 21st century are giving rise to China, Japan, Korea and other nations of Asia as leaders of an expanded global society. Reflecting on shifting perspectives of academic research libraries as both "local" and "global," Mochida posed the following questions. What is the future need and role of Asian collections in U.S. academic research libraries as Asia invests in its own universities, libraries, and information technologies? How do U.S. academic research libraries sustain the growth and maintenance of area collections when reduced budgets, rapidly evolving technologies, and the changing demands of the academic community call into question the mission, vision, and values of the traditional research library? What is the role of the academic research library in Asia? How can we all work cooperatively to guarantee access to information, to make access easier, and to preserve access to information for future generations?

3:40-4:00 **Q & A**

The discussion encompassed a wide range of considerations, including the need for the collection and preservation of materials such as popular media and textbooks that are not deemed to be “scholarly” in the traditional sense of the word. In response to a question about the need for librarians in an increasingly digital future, Professor Rawski expressed the view that librarians are more necessary than ever as guides to the digital world. It was noted that the Library of Congress’ plan to maintain a Twitter archive is a positive development, but is anyone archiving the East Asian counterparts to Twitter?