

Council on East Asian Libraries

Association for Asian Studies

2014 Business and Plenary Minutes

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Pre-Plenary I: Business (10:00–10:20am)

President Peter Zhou welcomed CEAL members to the 2014 Council on East Asian Libraries annual meeting and began the business portion of the meeting.

Zhou announced several newly appointed East Asian librarians:

- Dr. Molly C. Des Jardin : University of Pennsylvania, Japanese Studies Librarian
- Dr. Liangyu Fu : University of Michigan, Chinese Studies Librarian
- Angela Kinney : Library of Congress Asian and Middle Eastern Division, Acting Chief (distinct from LC's Asian Division, which is under the Collections and Services Directorate)
- Adam Lisbon : University of Colorado, Boulder , Japanese Studies Librarian
- Dr. Diana Y. Chou : Cleveland Museum of Art, Ingalls Library, Asian Art Bibliographer
- Dr. Ryuta Komaki : Washington University in St. Louis, Japanese Studies Librarian
- Dawn Wong : University of Toronto, Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library, Public Service Librarian
- Yukari Sugiyama : Yale, Japanese Technical Services Librarian
- Te-Ching Kao : Yale, Chinese Technical Services Librarian
- Sumiko Ando : Harvard-Yenching Library, Japanese Language Cataloger
- Wei Zheng : Columbia University, C. V. Starr East Asian Library Chinese Cataloger

Zhou then recognized colleagues who had retired during the past year:

- Thompson (Tom) Yee, the acting chief of the Policy and Standards Division and acting chief of the Asian and Middle Eastern Division of the Library of Congress (again, different from LC's Asian Division), retired last January.
- Eleanor Yuen, head of the Asian Library at the University of British Columbia, retired last June.
- Raymond Lum, librarian for the Western Languages Collection of the Harvard-Yenching Library for 38 years, retired last January.
- Darrell Dorrington, China/Korea information access librarian at Australia National University, retired last December.
- Law-Cho Chin, Chinese bibliographic assistant at Yale's East Asian Library, retired last January.

Zhou noted the passing away of Eizaburo Okuizumi (Chicago) and Robert (Bob) Felsing (Oregon).

Zhou recognized the contributions of seven outgoing Executive Board members:

- Susan Xue, Chair of Committee on Chinese Materials
- Setsuko Noguchi, Chair of Committee on Japanese Materials
- Yunah Sung, Chair of Committee on Korean Materials
- Shi Deng, Chair of Committee on Technical Processing
- Jidong Yang, Chair of Committee on Public Services
- Jade Atwill, Member at large
- Tao Yang, Member at large

Report by Task Force on JEAL

Gail King recounted that the Executive Board had established the Task Force on JEAL in 2013, charged with studying the possibilities for changing the *Journal on East Asian Libraries*'s publishing format from its current print copy (with digitized form made available through the CEAL website) to an online version only, and with submitting a report on the relative advantages of each approach. Task Force members included Hee-Sook Shin, Vickie Doll, Chengzhi Wang, Joy Kim, Ellen Hammond and Peter Zhou (ex officio).

Advantages of changing to an online version only approach include

1. Significant savings on printing and mailing costs, both of which continue to rise; the money saved could then be used for other CEAL priorities.
2. Libraries also would be saved the expense of having to bind the print copies and to shelve them.
3. JEAL could be made part of the move to open access to scholarly output.

Drawbacks include:

1. Institutional subscriptions would be cancelled.
2. Uncertainties about the sustainability of electronic archives.
3. Some people just prefer print.
4. Some individual members might no longer pay membership dues.

King said that publication of JEAL would still cost about \$500/year. She also said it might be possible to offer a print-on-demand option for the Journal. Other examples of scholarly journals that have switched to online publishing include the *JAS Newsletter* (print plus online versions), *ACLR Journal* (entirely online and free), and the *Journal of the Middle East History Association*.

On or about April 1st, the Task Force's report will be distributed, following which there will be a thirty-day review period. From May 1st to May 15th, a vote on the change to online format only will be conducted among all CEAL members. Results will be announced on May 20th.

CEAL Elections

Dawn Lawson, Chair of the Election Committee thanked the members of the Election Committee, including ad hoc members for the assembling of an excellent ballot of candidates. Seventy percent of qualified CEAL members submitted votes. She then announced the results of the election:

- Members-at-Large: Michael Meng (Yale) and Tomoko Bialock (USC)
- Committee on Technical Processing: Erica Chang (Hawaii)
- Committee on Public Services: Sharon Domier (Massachusetts)
- Committee on Korean Materials: Miree Ku (Duke)
- Committee on Japanese Materials: Michiko Ito (Kansas)
- Committee on Chinese Materials: Hong Cheng (UCLA)
- Vice President / President-Elect: Jim Cheng (Columbia)

Zhou asked that the newly elected Executive Board members attend the Executive Board Meeting II the next day, Thursday, at 8am.

Passing of the CEAL Seal

Zhou presented the CEAL Seal to incoming President Ellen Hammond, who then thanked Zhou for his two groundbreaking years as President.

Zhou reminded members that the CEAL Reception would be held that evening, from 8:00 to 10:30 pm. He then concluded the business portion of the Plenary Meeting.

Opening Plenary (10:30am – 12:10pm)
*Scholarly Networking, Inter-disciplinary Research and e-Scholarship:
Implications for East Asian Libraries*

[The Opening Plenary was open to members of CONSALD and CORMOSEA members, as well as to all CEAL members]

CEAL President and Moderator Peter X. Zhou welcomed attendees to the Opening Plenary and noted that this year's meeting will discuss the impact of new modes of communication—e-scholarship—on libraries, especially on East Asian libraries. The morning program included three keynote speakers.

- **Peter K. Bol**, Vice Provost for Advances in Learning, Harvard University, 10:35 – 11:05. [“Collections, Modules, and MOOCs: Roles for East Asian Libraries”](#) (link to PowerPoint)
- **Donald Waters**, Program Officer for Scholarly Communications and Information Technology, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 11:05 – 11:35. “The Digital Humanities and their Effects on Academic Publishing and Library Practices in the Changing Ecology of Scholarly Communications.”
- **Virginia Steel**, University Librarian, UCLA, 11:35 – 12:05 [“Think Globally, Act Locally: Strategies for Research Libraries in the Era of Globalization”](#) (link to PowerPoint)

Following the three presentations, Zhou invited questions.

1. **Tao Yang** (Rutgers): Digital humanities faculty have to do double work and their digital humanities activities are not peer reviewed. Is this not a disincentive?
 - **Waters**: The act of aggregation is itself an interpretive act and is beginning to get better recognition. This process mirrors the credit that grew in the 19th century turn to the publication of scholarly journals.
 - **Bol**: The American Historical Association and Harvard are beginning to factor in such activities in evaluating faculty contributions.
 - **Steel**: Libraries try to partner with faculty who develop these resources. The library's role is to provide infrastructure to support their sustenance. It requires further attention to continue development.
2. Hong Cheng (UCLA): How can libraries advance these ideas with limited financial and manpower resources?
 - **Waters**: Apply for grants.
 - **Steel**: Collaboration between libraries.
 - **Bol**: Libraries should assign a small per-use charge.
3. **Xiuying Zou** (Pittsburgh): There is a need to build cross-cultural awareness. What can East Asian libraries do in this regard?

- **Steel:** Libraries should send more of the collection to storage and repurpose the space. Renovate space to foster conversation and host symposiums for faculty and students to mingle and interact informally. Also, East Asian librarians should provide functionality to make Chinese-only resources, for example, more accessible to non-Chinese speaking users.

The morning session ended and attendees were invited to return after the lunch break.

Plenary Session:

What is New in Scholarly Networking: Scholars' Perspectives

Moderator: Setsuko Noguchi, Princeton University

- **Alexander Zahlten**, Professor, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, The Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University, 2:05 – 2:30pm
“The ‘Problem’ of Presence: New Media Tools for Connectivity vs. Academic Event Culture”
- **Victor Mair**, Professor, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania, 2:30 – 2:55pm
“The Importance of Blogs, Discussion Lists, and Other Online Forums for Chinese Studies Today” [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#)
- **Seung Joon Lee**, Professor, Department of History, National University of Singapore, 2:55 – 3:20pm
“[Archival Research in the Age of Digitization](#)” (link to PowerPoint)

Following the three presentations, Noguchi invited questions.

1. **Ryuta Komaki:** How can librarians effectively insert themselves into the context of digital materials in online spaces?
 - **Zahlten:** It depends on a case-by-case situation. Library space should still be an important hub, and should be a curated space. How it actually looks is hard to say.
 - **Lee:** It also depends on the academic discipline and the related research materials. Local specialties may assert a distinct character to the space.

A Forum on Area Studies

Scholarship and Librarianship in the Age of Globalization

Moderator: Shi Deng, UC San Diego

- **Don Hazen**, Associate Librarian for Harvard College Library, 3:45 – 4:05pm
“The Global Dimensions of Scholarship and Research Libraries”
- **Marion Frank-Wilson**, Head, Area Studies Department, Indiana University Libraries, 4:05 – 4:30pm
["Collaboration, Advocacy, and Recruitment: Area and International Studies Librarianship"](#)
(link to PowerPoint)

Following the two presentations, three respondents were allotted ten minutes each to give their reactions to the day’s program.

- **Ellen Hammond**, (Yale) singled out the theme of collaboration and partnership, including collaboration among local libraries and collaboration with faculty. On this last point, she noted that one of the areas in which the Executive Board will be focusing CEAL’s attention will be how to strengthen ties with faculty. In the East Asian area, there are probably more opportunities for collaboration, but this requires more vetting; there should be real reasons for doing it. Such efforts will help in demonstrating the Library’s role in support of the University’s mission.
- **Jidong Yang** (Stanford) said that we should aggressively promote digital initiatives. He related a story about Victor Mair’s earlier resistance to sending print materials to off-site locations, a direct contrast to the ideas he presented at this meeting; his attitude has clearly evolved. Yang mentioned that another area for collaboration should be between area studies librarians. He also said that for the recruitment of area studies librarians, more than the MLS degree is now required.
- **Matthias Kaun** (Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin) said that he leads a German collaborative organization to collect South and East Asian archival materials. E-resources are now an established matter, especially in light of how expensive it is to borrow books, on interlibrary loan, from other countries. Collaboration is difficult, but essential.

Questions were then invited from the floor.

1. **Fu Ku Shen** (Library of Congress): There is a need for cross-border scientific study, but it is difficult to set up. Do you have any suggestions?
 - **Deng**: We need to be creative in funding ways to bring people together.
2. **Sharon Domier** (Massachusetts): The depth of international studies in small liberal arts colleges has lessened in recent years; they cannot afford to support them. Instead, librarians tend to be liaisons now.

- **Frank-Wilson:** The emphasis in Title VI grants now is on outreach
 - **Hammond:** Someone from CLIR has said something relevant to this as well.
 - **Hazen:** Smaller institutions are having problems dealing with this.
 - **Kristine Troost** (from the floor): Duke has recently looked at this issue, and subject expertise has increased.
 - **Deng:** It is an issue for smaller colleges and libraries.
3. **James Cheng** (Harvard) [to Hazen]: The general approach in area studies collections seems to be that there is a trend to fold all area studies into “international studies.”
- **Hazen:** Area studies tend to be informed by our understanding of geopolitical considerations. International focus is contingent on such considerations as globalization and post-Cold War situations.

The Opening Plenary session was concluded at 5:30 pm.