

## Print view of 'CEAL Election February 2016'

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### Vice President / President Elect 2016-2018

**Zhijia Shen**

(University of Washington)



**My experience of 24 years as head of three East Asian libraries and my academic training in East Asian studies have prepared to take on the challenges of CEAL president.** I have been director of the East Asia Library at the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle since 2006. Previously, I was Head of the East Asian Library at University of Colorado at Boulder (1992-2006). During that time, I took a two-year leave of absence to serve as Head of East Asian Library at University of Pittsburgh (2001-2003), where I also held an appointment as adjunct assistant professor on the faculty of the History Department. I promote holistic librarianship and cross training for CJK staff and between Technical and public services to best use staff expertise to

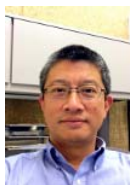
enhance services. I make every effort to create opportunities for younger CJK librarians to grow into leadership roles. I advocate exchanges with libraries in East Asia and outreach to our CJK communities. My library at UW now has visiting librarian programs through various funding with all CJK countries, and hosts influential outreach programs with Korean and Taiwanese communities in Seattle. My research and publications include five book projects on East Asian librarianship, diversity in libraries, and Chinese history and literature. I have a Ph.D. in Chinese History and an MA in International History from the University of Chicago and an MS in Library and Information Science from University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. In addition to CEAL, I am actively involved in the Chinese American Librarians Association, one of the five ethnic caucuses of ALA, serving as its president in 2010-11, which provided me with experience leading a national organization in a scope comparable to that of CEAL.

**To stand for election and be willing to serve would allow me to give back to the CEAL community.** A CEAL member since 1992, I've enjoyed generous professional support and mentorship from CEAL leaders and colleagues. CEAL is the organization that gives me a strong sense of professional belonging. I served as a member of CEAL Statistics Taskforce (1993-96), Committee on Chinese Materials (CCM) (1999-2005; and 2011-14), as a member at large on the Executive Committee (2002-05), and then as chair of CCM (2005-08). During my term as Chair, in collaboration with the UW Libraries, the CCM successfully co-hosted the 2008 Summer Institute for Chinese Studies Librarians on the UW campus in Seattle.

Today's East Asian libraries are facing unprecedented challenges. To meet the challenges, CEAL leadership must continue promoting training to sharpen our members' skills and to develop new knowledge; communicating with the scholarly and library communities to advocate library resources and services for East Asian studies; and collaborating locally, nationally, and internationally to optimize our resources. I am honored and humbled to accept the nomination to stand for election for the CEAL Vice President/President Elect position. If elected, I will work closely with the CEAL leadership team, committees, and my fellow CEAL members to create innovative programs and initiatives to tackle the challenges and to provide strong support and resources for CEAL members. Thanks for giving me this opportunity! I respectfully ask for your vote.

**Jidong Yang**

(Stanford University)



I am honored to be nominated for the position of Vice-President/President-Elect. If elected, I would work closely with all CEAL members to make this great organization even better.

I received a bachelor's degree in History from Peking (Beijing) University, a Ph.D. degree in East Asian Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MLIS degree from Rutgers University. With a wide range of academic interests as well as knowledge in multiple historical and modern languages, I have published in the fields of medieval Chinese history and literature, pre-modern Buddhism, bronze-age archaeology, and studies of ancient

Chinese manuscripts. My article appearing in the latest issue (Vol. 135, No. 3) of the Journal of the American Oriental Society deals with the early Silk Road during the Han dynasty (206 B.C. – 220 A.D.). As an active researcher, I understand the information needs and research behaviors of scholars in East Asian studies. It is my firm belief that the libraries and librarians represented by our organization will continue to play an essential role in teaching, learning, and research related to East Asia.

Over the past two decades, I have worked for three academic libraries located in the east, middle, and west parts of the United States. After serving as the Chinese Studies Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania for nine years and the Head of Asia Library at the University of Michigan for five years, I became the Head of East Asia Library at Stanford University in 2013. I feel very lucky to have had chances to work with so many devoted librarians from a great diversity of regional, cultural, and educational backgrounds. I have also been an active CEAL member, giving presentations at several annual meetings and serving as the Chair of the Public Service Committee from 2012-2014. Looking forward, I believe that CEAL will continue to thrive and help its members meet the challenges brought about by the changing world of technology and scholarship.

Thank you all very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you all soon in our annual gathering in Seattle.

**Please vote for one candidate for CEAL Vice President / President Elect.** You may choose one of the listed nominees, or write in one CEAL member's name.

Zhijia Shen

Jidong Yang



### Chair, Committee on Technical Processing 2016-2017

Special Election: One Year Term

**Charlene Chou**  
(University of Washington)



I have been serving the CEAL community in various capacities since 2007 and thus am very aware of members' needs as well as the issues and challenges CEAL members are facing in this digital world that has rapidly transformed our library community. My chief goal is to keep CTP and CEAL members synchronized with major developments in the areas of RDA, linked data, e-resource management and DDA, etc. In addition, collaborating with other groups to prepare trainings and establish CJK best practices and standards for various kinds of data will also be crucial for data sharing and international collaboration. I would love to serve the CEAL community in such an exciting era, and will be counting on your support.

**Bio:**

Head, EAL Technical Services, UW Libraries, member, Bibframe testing team (2014-), Cataloging Policy Committee, etc., (2013-); Chinese Cataloger, EAL, Columbia University (2007-2013), Acting Head, EAL Technical Services, Columbia University (Jan.-Aug., 2008), Principal Serials Cataloger/CONSER Coordinator in Original & Special Materials Cataloging Dept, Columbia University (2000-2006); Chair, CTP Subcommittee on RDA (2013-2017); Team leader, CTP RDA workshop (2011-), member, CEAL ERMB Task Force (2013-); Chair, OCLC CJK UG Executive Board (2012-2014), member (2009-); ALA ALCTS/CRS Continuing Resources Standards Committee (2008-2012, Chair 2010-2012), ALA/ALCTS representative to IFLA Standing Committee for Bibliography Section (2009-2013), etc.

**Please vote for one candidate for Chair of the CEAL Committee on Technical Processing. You may choose one of the listed nominees, or write in one CEAL member's name.**

Charlene Chou

### Member at Large (Japan Focus) 2016-2019

**Ryuta Komaki**  
(Washington University in St. Louis)



I am a Japanese and Korean Studies Librarian at the East Asian Library at Washington University in St. Louis. I have been a member of CEAL since 2013, the year when I started at my current position. From 2014, I am serving in the Committee for Japanese Materials. Prior to joining Washington University as a librarian, I completed my PhD at the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Japan-focused dissertation research.

At Washington University, my responsibilities encompass many areas of librarianship, including research support, instruction, collection development and cataloging as they relate to Japanese and Korean studies. I am also pursuing deeper engagement with digital humanities, both working on my own projects and collaborating with on-campus initiatives. As a Japan-focus member-at-large of the CEAL Executive Board, I hope to lend my expertise in Japanese studies, which includes knowledge of research lifecycle and digital scholarship, as well as my all-around experience as a librarian. I am excited with this opportunity to contribute more to the CEAL community, and learn and grow with its members.

**Kevin McDowell**  
(University of Oregon)



I am extremely honored to have been nominated for a position on the CEAL Executive Committee as a Member-at-Large with a Japan focus. It would be a great privilege to serve on the Executive Committee and collaborate with the other members to make a contribution to East Asian Librarianship as well as to give something back to the CEAL organization, which has played such a major role in the development of this field of librarianship

I have been the Japanese Studies Librarian at the University of Oregon since 2012. Before that I had a similar position at the University of Colorado from 2009 to 2012. My main responsibilities as the Japanese Studies Librarian at the University of Oregon are to develop the Japanese Collection and act as a liaison to the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department. Another objective I have in this position is to provide outreach to international students from Japan and to promote the Japanese Collection to a wider group of users. In that regard, my colleague and I have created Chinese, Japanese and Korean vernacular language library tutorials for students from those countries and we will soon have a Chinese, Japanese and Korean popular reading collection in the Asian Collection space. The aim of the popular reading collection is to offer study materials for CJK language learners, books for pleasure reading and to support faculty course instruction as well as the new Comics Studies minor at the University of Oregon. In addition, we are optimistic that the popular reading collection will act to increase usage of the Asian Collection and attract more patrons to the library.

**Please vote for one candidate for CEAL Executive Board Member at Large (Japan focus). You may choose from the listed nominees, or write in one CEAL member's name.**

Ryuta Komaki  
 Kevin McDowell  
 Other:

### Member at Large (Korea focus) 2016-2019

**Jude Yang**  
(University of Hawaii at Manoa)



I am a Korean Studies librarian at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. In that position, I have served on and been involved with various committees related to East Asian librarianship, in addition to my local community activities.

I hope that my experiences combined with my devotion to the profession will be valuable to the overall health of CEAL.

**Committee Experience:** Korean Collections Consortium of North America, Vice-chair/Chair-elect (2014-2016) | CEAL- Committee on Korean Materials - member (2014-2017) | Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance Program- Planning Committee -member (2014) | Hawaii Library Association, treasure (2013-2015) | CEAL - Committee on Public Services, member (2011-2013)

***Please vote for one candidate for CEAL Executive Board Member at Large (Korea focus). You may choose from the listed nominees, and/or write in one CEAL member's name.***

- Jude Yang
- Other:

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