

## **CEAL Committee on Chinese Materials Annual Report 2013-2014**

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### **I. Introduction**

This report covers the activities of the CEAL Committee on Chinese Materials (CCM) from March 2013 to March 2014. In its last year of the CCM's three-year term, the committee has successfully organized the 2014 joint plenary, annual meeting, Chinese Buddhist Temple Gazetteers Workshop, Managing Citations in Chinese Languages Workshop, Forum on Chinese Rare Book Collaborative Preservation, developed partnership with peer institutions in China, and continued with training initiatives.

### **II. Committee Membership**

Vickie Doll 傅玉波 (University of Kansas)

Tang Li 李唐 (Yale University)

Ming-sun Poon 潘銘燊 (Library of Congress)

Zhijia Shen 沈志佳 (University of Washington)

Ping Situ 司徒萍 (University of Arizona)

Susan Xue 薛燕 (University of California at Berkeley), Chair

Haihui Zhang 张海惠 (University of Pittsburgh)

### **III. Committee Annual Programs**

In 2014, the CCM organized five programs to implement the chosen theme by CEAL Executive Board, as well as address members' needs. See this link for more information:

<http://www.eastasianlib.org/ccm/Program2014.shtml>

#### **1. Joint Plenary with Committee on Japanese and Korean Materials**

Since 2013, CEAL has made some changes to the format of its meetings. The CEAL plenary and committee meetings were required to focus on the theme of the annual event. The Committee on Chinese, Japanese and Korean Materials were asked to jointly organize a panel within the scope of the conference theme. The theme determined for CEAL 2014 was *Scholarly Networking, Inter-disciplinary Research and e-Scholarship: Implications for East Asian Libraries*. After much discussion, the chairs of the three committees decided the joint plenary topic as *What is New in Scholarly Networking: Scholars' Perspectives*, and we would invite speakers who are scholars and have extensive experience in scholarly networking. The CCM had gone through long discussion and invited Victor Mair, Professor, East Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania, to present at the panel. His talk titled *The "Problem" of Presence: New Media Tools for Connectivity vs. Academic Event Culture*.

#### **2. CCM Work Session: Meet the Challenge: Changing world of scholarly communication: new roles and challenges for libraries**

This 50 minutes session focuses on practical issues, new projects, and best practices. The final program consisted of four presentations: *Scholarly communication between Chinese and*

*American scholars – an investigation on channels and impacts*, a study by Haihui Zhang, Chinese Studies Librarian, University of Pittsburgh, and Shuyong Jiang, Chinese Studies Librarian/Cataloging Coordinator, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; *Are there cultural differences in researchers' use of social networking services?* A survey conducted by Tao Yang, East Asian Librarian, Rutgers University; *Current status of Open Access in China in the field of humanities and social sciences*, presented by Dianna Xu, East Asian Studies Librarian, University of Wisconsin-Madison; *Critical questions to answer for archiving scholarly blogs, online forums, and other digital communications*, presented by Michael Neubert, Supervisory Digital Projects Specialist, Library of Congress. The four presentations discussed new methods in scholarly networking currently used by scholars and researchers, and how have libraries/librarians responded to these new trends. Presentations were well received and speakers received questions from peers after the meeting.

### **3. Pre-conference Workshop: Chinese Buddhist Temple Gazetteers**

Gazetteers are local histories that contain a wealth of information about a site. While bibliographic finding aids for gazetteers of administrative units such as districts or provinces were relatively easily available, until recently Buddhist temple gazetteers had not been sufficiently cataloged. This workshop introduces participants to the discovery and use of Buddhist temple gazetteers. It looks at traditional editions, catalogues as well as modern databases and platforms. Instructor for this workshop is Marcus Bingenheimer 馬德偉, Assistant Professor at the Department of Religion, Temple University, Philadelphia. His main research interests are the history of Buddhism in East Asia and early Buddhist sutra literature.

### **4. Pre-conference Workshop: Managing Citations in Chinese Languages: Mendeley, Zotero and more!**

Librarians receive questions on how to use citation management tools to cite Chinese materials all the time; however, there are no ready answers to it. This workshop is to introduce Mendeley, a new citation tool in managing Chinese materials, in comparison with other citation management software such as Zotero and EndNote. Trainers of this workshop are Tang Li, Public Services Librarian, East Asia Library, Yale University, and Susan Xue, Head of Public and Information Services, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, University of California at Berkeley.

### **5. Forum: Report on a Survey Project on the Collaborative Preservation of Chinese Rare Books Overseas**

This forum was co-organized by the Committee on Chinese Materials and the National Library of China (NLC). The NLC sent a delegation to CEAL for this forum. Mr. Zhang Zhiqing, Deputy Director of the National Library of China, delivered the report. The forum was well-attended and received many questions. This event was reported by China Daily on April 29, 2014, stating it as "A joint project between the NLC and CEAL to systematically document the ancient Chinese book collections held by major council members... It is the first international collaboration on such large scale."

This forum led to another major training event co-organized by the CCM and the NLC - The Eighth National Advanced Workshop on Appraisal and Preservation of Rare Books. The workshop was held in the NLC from June 25 – July 1, 2014. The workshop provided training on

preservation and appraisal of Ming, Qing and earlier editions, manuscripts, and ancient Buddhist materials. Twenty eight librarians from 24 libraries in the United States, Canada, Britain and Hong Kong attended the workshop. Three well-known rare book masters conducted the training: Mr. Li Zhizhong (李致忠) delivered a lecture on Song and Yuan Editions (印本古籍鉴定), Mr. Chen Xianxing's (陈先行) lecture was on Manuscripts (稿抄校本古籍鉴定), and Mr. Li Jining's (李际宁) lecture on Buddhist materials (佛经文献鉴定).

#### **IV. Committee Activities**

Major CCM activities during March 2013 – March 2014:

- 1) Discussed and identified potential speakers for the joint plenary on scholarly networking, and what issues the speaker should address. (June – December 2013, all members)
- 2) Discussed topics and speakers for CCM Work Session. (July – December 2013, all members)
- 3) Discussed and determined that the two pre-conference workshops on Chinese Buddhist Temple Gazetteers and citation management software (June – December 2013, Chair and all members)
- 4) Determined the joint forum with the National Library of China (NLC), and confirmed the agenda with the delegation of NLC. (August – December 2013, Susan Xue )
- 5) Discussed with Mr. Zhang Zhiqing, Deputy Director of the National Library of China (NLC), to decide on a tailored training program for overseas Chinese librarians on rare books. The program was initially determined to take place in July 2013, but was postponed to July 2014 due to budgetary reason (2013 - 2014, Susan Xue)
- 6) CCM website update and maintenance throughout the year. The website was updated and the regular maintenance has been operated; the annual programs were uploaded on time. (Tang Li and Susan Xue)

#### **V. Functions within CEAL**

CCM Chair represents the CCM in the CEAL Executive Board. During 2013-2014, the Chair provided input with regard to CEAL business, contributing to discussion of CEAL's future and direction, discussing CEAL annual programs, approving CEAL Executive Board members' requests, and implementing CEAL organization calendar. Representing the CCM, the Chair served on appointed CEAL committees, working with other committee chairs to address shared issues. Representing the CCM, the chair has selected relevant news and shared resources and news relating to Chinese materials and Chinese librarianship with CEAL community through Eastlib and CEAL Blogger.

#### **VI. Conclusion**

The Committee on Chinese Materials has been very active in the past year. The committee had productive and creative discussions, both via email as well as meeting in person. The committee successfully organized CCM 2014 Annual Meeting as well as other four programs. With these, the CCM successfully completed its three-year term.