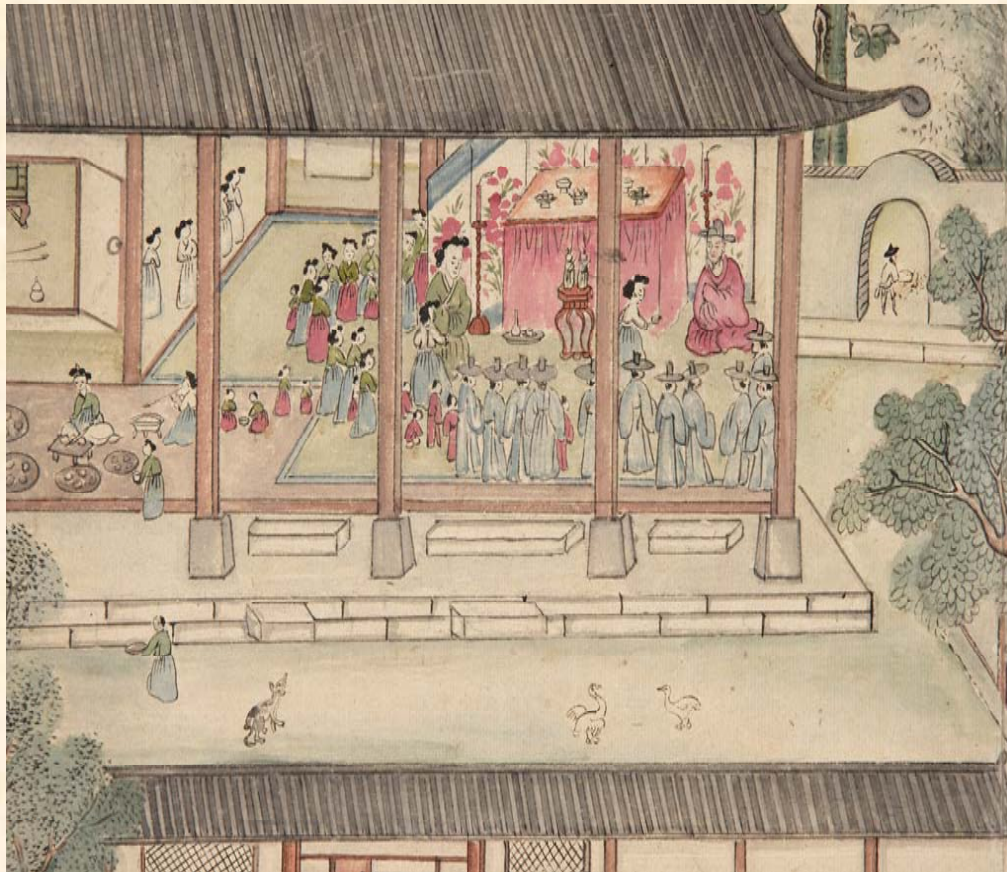


Korean Studies and Korean Collection Development at Yale: The Unfinished Story



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Outline

- The History of Korean Books at Yale
- Unfinished Business: The Korean Studies Program
- The Korean Collection since 2002
- Strategies for Collection Development

Timeline: Korean Books at Yale



1865

Addison Van Name
appointed Librarian of
Yale College.

Van Name begins the
acquisition of East
Asian books for Yale.

Timeline: Korean Books at Yale (2)



1903

Van Name exchanges correspondence with Homer B. Hulbert, American missionary and scholar in Seoul. Hulbert may have assisted Van Name in acquiring Korean books.

Timeline: Korean Books at Yale (3)

- 1915 “Korean Collection” first mentioned in the Yale Librarian’s Annual Report. It documents 44 Korean works in 70 v. worth \$175.
- 1932 The Librarian reports Korean 60 works in 160 v.
- 1934 Yale Association of Japan Collection donation includes 44 Korean rare manuscripts, scrolls, maps, and books.

Yohwa noinhoe gŭnch'ŏp (1908)

요화노인회근첩 (撓花老人回帖)

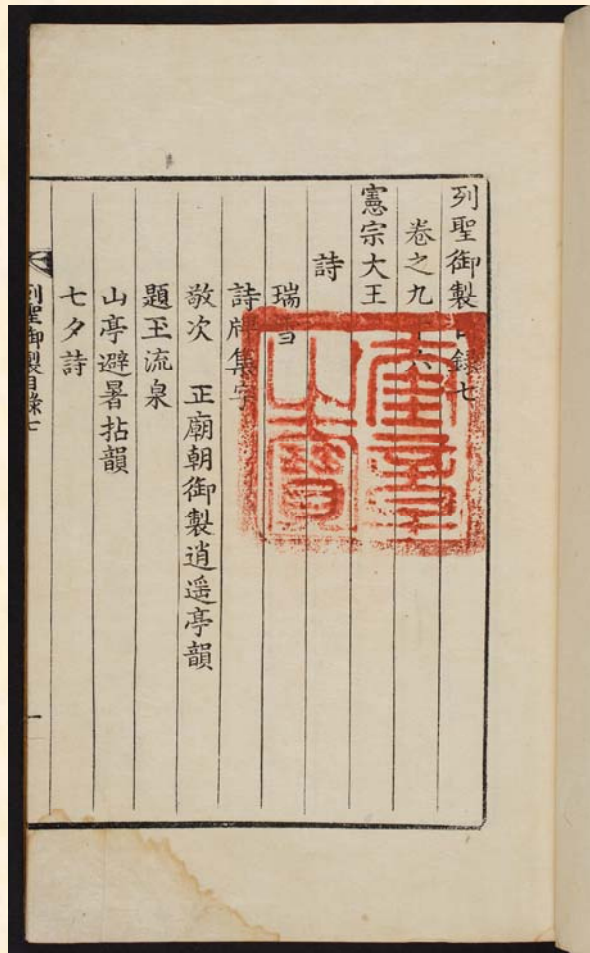
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Yölsöng öje (1850)

열성어제 (列聖御製)

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Ŏmssi hyomun ch'ŏnghaenglok (19th c.)

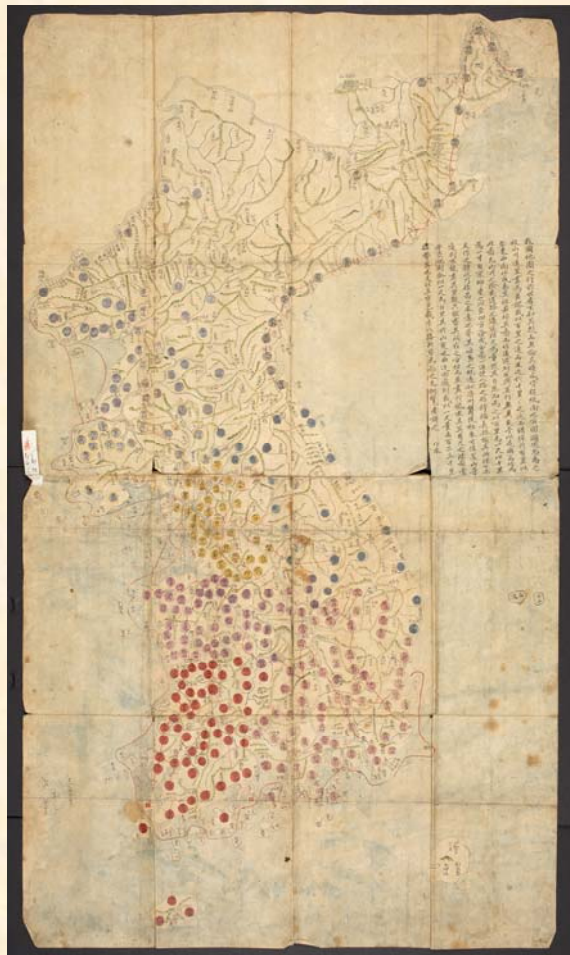
엄씨효문청행록 (嚴氏孝門淸行錄)

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Chido ch'öp

지도첩(地圖帖)



Mirŭk hasaeng kyöng

미륵하생경(彌勒下生經)



Hamhŭng sipkyŏng to, Kwanbuk sipkyŏng to(1882)

함흥십경도(咸興十景圖), 관북십경도(關北十景圖)

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Ŭpch'wihŏn chip (1795)

음취헌집 (翠軒集)

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Timeline: Korean Books at Yale (4)

Continued slow and steady growth after WWII.

- 1940s & 1950s buying program through Mrs. E. McCune at the Library of Congress
- Collection development policy (1960):
 - Material for the study of the Korean language
 - Major monographs and periodicals for the study of Korea, regardless of language
 - Basic sources for Korean history, for future needs

Timeline: Korean Books at Yale (5)

- Korean collection development policy (1981)
 - “Minimal, skeleton Korean reference collection”
 - Materials relevant to the study of language
 - Some historical source materials
- Selection continued by Mrs. Boksoon Hahn.

1981	4,223 v.
1991	6,302 v.
2001	9,970 v.

Unfinished Business: The Korean Studies Program at Yale

Koreanists at Yale:

Samuel E. Martin (linguist)

- *Korean in a Hurry* (1954)
- *Korean-English Dictionary* (1967)
- *Beginning Korean* (1969)
- *Reference Grammar of Korean* (1992)

Unfinished Business: The Korean Studies Program at Yale (2)

Goal: Korean Studies at Yale

- Council on East Asian Studies Korea Task Force (2002)
- President Richard Levin to Korea (2003)
- Korea Foundation President to Yale (2003)
- Yale receives Korean Foundation grant for visiting professors (2004)

Unfinished Business: The Korean Studies Program at Yale (3)

Korean studies stakeholders 2002 to the present:

- Senior faculty (1)
- Language lecturers (2)
- Council on East Asian Studies post-docs (5)
- Korean Foundation visiting lecturers (4)
- Graduate students (3)
- Undergraduates

The Korean Collection since 2002

- Korean Collection Consultant (2004)
- Graduate Student Intern (2004)
- Strategic Plan for Korean Collection Development (2005)
- Acquisitions & Cataloging Assistant (2006-2008) with Title VI and Library funding
- Visiting Librarians (2006-Present), also Title VI funding

The Korean Collection since 2002 (2)

Major Events

- Survey of Korean rare books (Korean National Research Institute of Cultural Heritage, 2006)
- Survey of Korean rare books (Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2007)
- Exhibition: “The Splendor of *Hangul* in Calligraphy and Print” (2009)
- Exhibition : “*Traveling Through*: Objects and Memoirs of Korea” (2009)

The Korean Collection since 2002 (3)

Current Status

- University collections reporting Korean holdings to CEAL: 53
- Yale ranking: 17
- Korean holdings (print monographs): 12,679 v.
Compare Chinese holdings: 477,424 v.
Compare Japanese holdings: 261,562 v.
- Budget (2008-09): \$41,600
- Public services: 2 workshops in 2008

Strategies for Collection Development

- Periodicals: go digital
KISS
DBPia
Choson Ilbo Archive
- Print monograph selection:
Vendor catalogs
Korea Foundation annual list
Other gifts and exchange lists
Korean collection new acquisitions lists
Korean collection duplicate lists

Strategies for Collection Development (2)

- Staff
 - Graduate student (1 semester)
 - Grant-funded assistant (2 years)
 - Visiting librarians (3 years)
- Training, continuing education & moral support
 - Colleagues
 - CEAL Korean Studies Training Workshop

Strategies for Collection Development (3)

The Future

- Stalled momentum in the development of the Korean Studies Program
- Financial austerity
- Formal charge to leverage cooperative lending arrangements between Ivy League institutions (Borrow Direct)
- Implications for collection development

감사합니다
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