

CEAL Plenary Session

Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 8:30 am – 10:20 am

Hyatt Regency Atlanta, International Ballroom South

Welcome: CEAL President Philip Melzer welcomed everyone, especially first-time attendees.

Honoring recent retirees:

- Katsuko Hotelling, Japanese Studies Librarian, Arizona State University
- Lily Kecskes, Senior Reference Librarian, Library of Congress, and former head of the Freer Museum
- Tomoko Kakehi, Japanese Librarian, University of British Columbia
- Lynne Kutsukake, Japanese Studies Librarian, University of Toronto
- Catherine Lee, Collections Research and Instructional Services, UCLA
- Bill McCloy, Assistant Librarian for East Asian Law, University of Washington, and former CEAL president.
- Thaddeus Ota, Senior Reference Librarian, Library of Congress
- Seunghi Paek, Korean Cataloguer, Harvard-Yenching Library
- Charles Wu, Head of Technical Services, Columbia

Election Results: Yunah Sung, head of the nominating committee, gave an overview of the election and election results. She thanked Su Chen and Toshie Marra for their help, Wooseob Jeong for designing and running the e-ballot, and Ellen McGill for compiling a list of previous candidates. She also expressed appreciation to those who sent nominating letters to help the committee present qualified candidates. She noted that some couldn't vote because not they were not CEAL members in good standing (i.e. an AAS member and a subscriber to *JEAL*). Please check your status with the Treasurer Toshie Marra and keep your membership updated

- Vice-President / President-elect: Joy Kim (University of Southern California)
- Members-at-Large: Cathy Chiu (UC Santa Barbara) and Yasuko Makino (Princeton University)
- Committee on Chinese Materials: Kuang-tien (K.T.) Yao (University of Hawai'i Manoa)
- Committee on Japanese Materials: Haruko Nakamura (Yale University)
- Committee on Korean Materials: Hana Kim (University of Toronto)
- Committee on Library Technology: Rob Britt (University of Washington)
- Committee on Public Services: Eiko Sakaguchi (University of Maryland College

Park)

- Committee on Technical Processing: Sarah Elman (Yale University)

The new members were applauded and asked to attend the next Executive Board meeting at 4 pm the next day in the Lenox Room.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: The following Executive Board members were thanked for their service to CEAL and to the profession:

- Hideyuki Morimoto (Columbia University), Member-at-Large
- Martin Heijdra (Princeton University), Member-at-Large
- David Hickey (University of Florida, Gainesville), Committee on Public Services
- Mikyung Kang (Harvard-Yenching Library), Committee on Korean Materials
- Zhijia Shen (University of Washington), Committee on Chinese Materials
- Xian Wu (Cornell University), Committee on Library Technology
- Keiko Yokota-Carter (University of Washington, Seattle), Committee on Japanese Materials
- Mary Lin (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Committee on Technical Processing

Special Committee on CEAL bylaws: Hideyuki Morimoto, head of the special committee on CEAL bylaws, talked about the changes proposed and the revision process. A discussion and background document has been prepared. It summarizes the issues, especially whether the Executive Board recommendation agrees or differs from the special committee recommendation, and whether that item is on the ballot or not. It is available at http://docs.google.com/View?docid=dggt98qj_12g2nj7qfv

Forum on the changing environment and the Future of East Asian collections in North America: Peter Zhou introduced the forum and the speakers. How can we develop a common agenda for East Asian collections on the national and local level? Research libraries are undergoing fundamental changes which impact East Asian collections. We need to respond in a timely fashion. Phil Melzer invited the panel to examine these issues and present challenges; discussion from CEAL members is welcomed..

Panelists:

- Peter Zhou, UC Berkeley: [10 Major Trends in Research Libraries](#)

- Ellen Hammond, Yale University: [Staff knowledge, training & skill sets](#)
- Yuan Zhou, University of Chicago: [Building Collections and Scholarly Resources for East Asian Studies](#)
- Jim Cheng, UC San Diego: [Making East Asian digital resources web-scale: infrastructure for East Asian Collections](#)
- Maureen Donovan, The Ohio State University: [Scholarly Communication and Patron Services](#)

Discussion: Kristina Troost noted that much of technical processing has been moved from East Asian to general technical processing and asked how this might relate to the technical specialization and blurring of boundaries raised by Peter Zhou. Ellen Hammond remarked that on the one hand, libraries are internationalizing, so there are more distributed skills, but on the other we also see specialization in libraries, such as East Asian e-resources librarians. She emphasizes the porousness between East Asian libraries and staff and other departments in libraries. Peter Zhou opposed the move of cataloguers to technical processing departments, because it is a move away from patrons and a loss to the East Asian collections without a significant gain to technical services.

Amy Heinrich asked how we can spread our expertise and materials. East Asian materials are important in all areas of our institutions. How do we handle this? Do we collect for other disciplines and catalog for them? There is an impact across technical services, subject specialization, etc. How do we face our areas becoming central rather than peripheral? Maureen Donovan commented that universities which have invested in an East Asian collection raise their institutions' place in rankings of research universities. The collection creates connections between the university and East Asia at deeper levels; it shows an interest in East Asian culture, etc. The world now is increasingly about connections, and the library can be seen as a place where scientists and others can go for these connections, e.g. information to attend conferences in East Asia. Our patron services need to extend into other disciplines and departments. Ellen Hammond added that Yale is thinking a lot about this with collection development issues. Should we focus on current faculty and staff interests, or build for future faculty and staff? This is especially pressing since many people may be CJK native speakers but not in East Asian studies. Other collections have branched out to acquire Russian-American studies materials or Arabic materials on social science topics. Others mentioned that the University of Washington East Asian staff are cataloguing science materials because of the growing number of Chinese scientists and faculty members. Library staffing across the

university really needs to reflect the language skills of faculty and staff. Yuan Zhou brought up an article in *JEAL* on the East Asian library's "unstated mission."

Besides our core clientele and collections, we may also serve native CJK speakers who are faculty or students in other disciplines and areas and the greater community of CJK speakers as immigrant groups are growing. Is this our mission? If not, who serves these other groups?

Guo-hua Wang wondered who provides the digital records or metadata for google CJK; Jim Cheng answered that at UC San Diego, the library provides them via a secure link. In response to a question about OCR quality, he said that Google thinks OCR is mature for Chinese and Japanese, but not yet for Korean. Other digital book providers include the Open Alliance content and Microsoft Books, but only Google currently deals with CJK.

Welcoming the new president: Phil Melzer called on Kristina Troost to take her place as the new CEAL president and to receive the CEAL seal. She thanked Phil for his last two years of service, especially for organizing great plenary sessions and guiding the Executive Board through the bylaws revision discussion and other issues with patience and humor. There was a warm round of applause.

Announcements: Phil Melzer thanked Guo-hua Wang from Emory University who is our local host. She helped arrange the 3 workshops on Monday and Tuesday; the fellowship dinner; and with many other items of business.

Guo-hua welcomed everyone to Atlanta. 205 people have registered for the CEAL fellowship dinner. If you haven't registered, this is the last call; please see Etsuko to sign up if you haven't registered. Directions and maps to the restaurant were passed out.