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Presidential Panel: Roles of East Asian Libraries
and Librarians in Digital Scholarship

10:30-12:00 PM, March 20, 2019, Grand Ballroom 1, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

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Hilde De Weerdt

Professor of Chinese History, Leiden University; Head, Leiden University Centre for Digital Humanities

Speech Title: Developing a Text Analysis Infrastructure for East Asian Languages: MARKUS, VISUS, and COMPARATIVUS

Hilde De Weerdt works on imperial Chinese intellectual and political history focusing on the question of how elite networks shaped Chinese politics. Her first book is an intellectual history of the civil service examinations. Her latest book examines the formation of a new information regime in imperial Chinese history, characterized by the production and dissemination of court- and polity-related texts by cultural elites (literati) instead of the court and high officialdom. It also examines the impact of this shift in cultural production on political identities and the structure of the polity.

Abstract: How can researchers and students in East Asian Studies best take advantage of existing biographical databases, historical geographic datasets, and dictionaries in analyzing their own text collections or sources gathered from full-text databases? Professor De Weerdt will introduce the thinking behind MARKUS, COMPARATIVUS and associated platforms designed for the customized semi-automated annotation of texts and the analysis and visualization of the resulting data. She will also discuss ongoing collaboration among humanities researchers, librarians, computer scientists, and publishers in the design and sharing of digital scholarship.

MARKUS and COMPARATIVUS are platforms designed by Brent Ho and Hilde De Weerdt at Leiden University with modules contributed by Mees Gelein, Tu Hsieh-Chang, and Miao Shengfa.

Relevant Links:
https://dh.chinese-empires.eu/markus/
https://dh.chinese-empires.eu/comparativus/
https://dh.chinese-empires.eu/forum/category/8/research-blogs
https://dh.chinese-empires.eu/markus/beta/video.html
http://chinese-empires.eu/analysis/tools/

Peter Zhou

Assistant University Librarian and Director of C. V. Starr East Asian Library, University of California, Berkeley

Speech Title: The Shifting Roles of Academic Libraries in Supporting Digital Scholarship: Implications for East Asian Collections

Dr. Zhou has written and spoken widely on digital humanities, digital preservation, scholarly communication, and Chinese studies. He has held grants from the U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Museum and Library Services, The Luce Foundation, CCK Foundation, and Council on Library and Information Resources, and has been a consultant for major universities and institutions in the United States and Asia. Dr. Zhou holds a PhD in Linguistics and an MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's degree in English from Wuhan University, China.

Abstract: In this presentation, I will examine the trends and issues of digital scholarship and their implications for research libraries. In particular, I will discuss the challenges for sustainability, and provide an analysis of the digital life cycle vs. the print life cycle. A case study of the Digital Dunhuang Program will be offered to shed light on various key aspects of data creation, DAM, digital preservation, access, and publishing. Finally, I will point out the key transformation and changes that affect librarians, and discuss what they mean to those of us working in the East Asian collections across North America.

Betsy Wilson

Vice Provost for Digital Initiatives and Dean of University Libraries, University of Washington

Speech Title: Imagine, Align, and Prosper: Roles of East Asia Libraries and Librarians in Digital Scholarship

Betsy Wilson has held numerous leadership positions in ALA and ACRL. She is a past member of the Board of Trustees of OCLC. She served as Board Chair from 2003-2007. She is the immediate past chair of the Orbis Cascade Alliance, a regional consortium of 37 academic libraries in the Pacific Northwest. She currently is a member of the CLIR Board, and the Governing Board of the HathiTrust, and has served on the ARL Board, the DLF Executive Committee, and as Chair of the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA).

She is the recipient of many awards, including the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award, Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award, the Margaret E. Monroe Award, and the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year, just to name a few. She holds an M.L.S. from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a B.A. from Northwestern University.

Abstract: Research libraries, especially East Asia Libraries, are uniquely positioned to help create and lead robust digital scholarship cultures and infrastructures at our universities. Librarians are proven collaborators who thrive in an interdisciplinary world. They bring a holistic perspective on and experience with the entire research lifecycle, scholarly publishing, and digital technologies to the scholarship table. They not only connect people with knowledge but with each other, which is foundational for a productive digital scholarship culture and institutional framework.

The new roles for librarians require a continuing commitment to building capacity for user assessment and liaison librarian programs in order to anticipate the digital needs of scholars and to demonstrate the value that librarians bring to the enterprise. In doing so librarians commit themselves to being part of a learning community by investing in staff who can advance digital scholarship, new areas of research support, and innovative partnerships.