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The East Asian Collection in the Ohio State University Library

The development of East Asian Studies at the Ohio State University can be said to date from the academic year 1960-61, when the first course in Chinese language was offered in the Division of Linguistics. With the creation of the Division of East Asian Languages and Literatures in 1963, an undergraduate major in Chinese language and culture was established. The first B.A. degree in Chinese was awarded in 1964, at which time the library holdings in East Asian languages were only 4,000 volumes.

The East Asian Program was formally recognized in 1966 as one of the four language and areas programs. A separate Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures was established in 1970, replacing the former Division. For 1977-78, there are 23 faculty members from nine departments associated with the East Asian Program. Ph.D. degrees in Chinese linguistics, literature, and history, and M.A. and B.A. degrees in Chinese and Japanese history, linguistics and literature are offered. To match the development of the East Asian studies on campus, the library has correspondingly expanded the East Asian collection to meet the patrons' needs. As of June 30, 1978, the library holdings have increased to 56,176 volumes in Chinese, 10,643 volumes in Japanese, and about 25,000 volumes in Western languages dealing with East Asian studies. The following is a brief description of the development of this collection.

1. Bibliographical works.

With the appointment of the East Asian Bibliographer in November, 1971, a number of bibliographic works were prepared and distributed to the faculty, including the following:

a) Selective List of Chinese and Japanese Accessions to the OSU Library. Due to the shortage of East Asian catalogers, some 15,000 uncataloged volumes in Chinese and Japanese have accumulated in the pre-cat area which is not open to the public. It is uncertain when these new accessions will be cataloged. Even though such East Asian books are pre-cataloged, given accession numbers and are available for circulation, only a temporary slip for each title is filed in the public catalog, under the author's name, and its information is listed in the library computer system. It is still difficult for patrons to locate the materials they want if they do not know the author's name. The above list has been issued semi-annually, beginning with May, 1972. No. 13 was issued in July, 1978. The list informs patrons of recent acquisitions.

b) A Checklist of Chinese materials on microforms. The titles in this checklist are divided into five groups: the first group comprises the source materials dealing with Communist Chinese history; the second group includes scholarly publications issued by major universities in mainland China before 1949; the third group consists of general periodicals and newspapers issued before 1949; the fourth group comprises periodicals issued in mainland China since 1949; the fifth group includes all other microform titles, among which are the European journal, T'oung-pao, K'ang Yu-wei's manuscripts, and Hsu Wen-ch'ang's works.
Most of the microforms are not yet cataloged. Those which are, are intershelved with the general microforms in the Room for Microforms. The checklist was issued in 1972 to provide patrons with an overview of the library's Chinese microform holdings and information on their location within the library.

c) A List of Periodicals in the Field of Chinese and Japanese Studies Held in the OSU Library. Issued in 1974 in 71 pages, this list contains periodical titles in Chinese (390), Japanese (120), and selected titles in Western languages in the field of East Asian studies (240). It excludes East Asian periodicals dealing with science and technology held in the departmental libraries. Most of these periodicals are obtained on subscription, although a number of important magazine titles are gained as gifts, or through exchange with university libraries, research institutions, and noted societies. Periodicals listed with call numbers are shelved in the main library stacks (current issues in the East Asian Reading Room). The serials on microform are shelved in the Room for Microforms if they are cataloged. Pre-cat reprints and back issues of magazines bearing accession numbers are temporarily shelved in the pre-cat area. Periodicals without call numbers or accession numbers are shelved either in the East Asian Reading Room, accumulated for processing, or are in the Catalog Department awaiting cataloging.

2. Acquisitions.

a) Policies. In order to keep abreast of developments in the academic programs and their related effects upon the East Asian collection, the East Asian Bibliographer serves on the Committee of East Asian Studies and the Committee on the East Asian Collection, which give advice concerning development of the East Asian collection. It is recognized that the State of Ohio, a heavily industrialized area, has had increasing business ties with Japan, and that special efforts should be made to strengthen the OSU Japanese studies program to serve this potential clientele. The Japanese collection is very small and far from meeting satisfactorily the needs of Japanese studies. Therefore a policy has been determined to allocate two thirds of all funds for the East Asian collection for the acquisition of Japanese materials. This policy was proposed by the Committee on the East Asian Collection and approved by the Committee of East Asian Studies.

b) Current Book Program. The East Asian current book, or 'blanket order' program began in 1976. Specifications of the types of materials desired—as well as those types not desired (e.g., reprints, extracts, most textbooks, etc.)—are set forth in the 'subject guide.' The dealers use this guide as an aid in selection, while the library staff uses it to judge the adequacy of the dealers' selections. Unsuitable publications are subject to return to the dealer, and detailed criticisms are sent to the book dealers from time to time. Guided by the criticism and additional selections, the book dealers are able to form a 'profile' of the library's needs and interests. (The blanket order method was developed at the Library of Congress, primarily during the period 1946-1953, and is in use currently).

Among the significant benefits the program has yielded are the following: Since publications are sent now by the blanket order dealers four to six weeks before they are listed in the national bibliographies or trade lists, books are received much faster than under the title-by-title selection procedure. Selection is more comprehensive and systematic because the books are now selected by the book dealer on the basis of specifications set forth in the subject guide. Finally, the rate of book acquisition has risen approximately 50% without a corresponding increase.
in acquisition staff. The man-hours saved have been used in retrospective collection building.

c) Exchange Arrangements. The OSU Library has exchange arrangements with libraries and institutes in Tokyo, Peking, Hongkong, and Taiwan. Many volumes have been received as gifts or through exchange. For instance, during the last two years, the OSU Library received a large donation of 1,007 volumes from the National Central Library in Taipei (worth about $3,000), 149 oversize volumes dealing with art (worth about $1,500) from the National Palace Museum in Taipei, a large set of the Dictionary of Japanese language in 22 volumes (worth more than $500) from the Japan Foundation, and approximately 45 volumes of Japanese reference materials (worth about $600) from the Japanese Publications Trading Co., after those books were exhibited at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in New York City.


a) East Asian Reading Room. Since the Reading Room was set up last fall, some 126 shelves of East Asian reference books, mostly in Chinese and Japanese and some in Western languages, are being transferred there from the main library stacks. In addition, the Reading Room has some 220 periodicals and 21 newspapers transferred from the Current Materials Room and the Graduate Historical Library. A request sent out last November for the transfer of several East Asian reference works from the Reference Department to the Reading Room has not been approved.

The East Asian Bibliographer is available 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, in the East Asian Reading Room to answer questions, and to help patrons locate materials. For Reading Room services such as transferring books and periodicals, reshelving volumes, checking in new periodical volumes, accumulating them for binding, etc., a part-time student aide has been added.

b) Service to Ohio Asianists. Although the main concern of the OSU East Asian Collection is to serve its patrons on campus, service is also extended to faculty of other State universities. Since the establishment in 1971 of the Conference of Ohio Asianists, which lists some 207 members from 36 institutions, the OSU East Asian Library, which is the largest in the state, has come to function as a center for library service for Conference members. Among the services rendered is the distribution of the accessions list mentioned above, which is provided upon individual request.

c) Interlibrary Loan. Materials which the OSU Library does not have are borrowed from other libraries through interlibrary loan. The East Asian Bibliographer has been often asked to identify the authors' names, places of publication, and dates, and especially the names of libraries which hold such materials. However, because of the lack of adequate bibliographical controls for East Asian materials in American libraries, such identifications have been unnecessarily difficult.

4. Pre-cataloged Materials.

a) Newly received books immediately available for circulation. Because of the lack of East Asian cataloging staff, it is not known when current books will be cataloged. Hence books newly received must be immediately pre-cataloged by the East Asian Bibliographer and his assistant and put in the ICS system for circulation. To date, the accession numbers for Chinese books have risen to C14445,
and for Japanese books, to J03859.

b) Circulation of East Asian Pre-cataloged Materials. The circulation of pre-cataloged East Asian materials presents certain difficulties, since it is handled by personnel in the Circulation Department who have no knowledge of East Asian languages and who are thus often unable to locate items desired by patrons. At such times, the assistance of the East Asian Bibliographer or his aide is required. Moreover, faculty and staff wishing to examine these publications must be accompanied by East Asian Collection staff to gain access to the area in which these precataloged materials are kept.

5. Future Prospects.

a) A Separate East Asian Collection. As early as 1963 it was recommended that, because of the specialized use of Chinese and Japanese works, and because of the difficulties of integrating materials in these languages with those in other languages, the East Asian Collection should be set apart from the rest of the Library, either as a separate part of the main library, or in a separate building. With the expansion of the OSU Library a few years ago, this recommendation has been taken under consideration. A proposal has also been made to catalog all future East Asian accessions with the letters, EA, added above the call number to distinguish these materials from the rest of the Library's collections. Although no decision has as yet been reached, a separate East Asian Collection at OSU remains a possibility.

b) Centralization of East Asian Reference Materials. At the present time some East Asian reference works are shelved in the Reference Department and others in the recently established East Asian Reading Room. Because this arrangement has resulted in much inconvenience to patrons, it has been suggested that the relevant materials in the Reference Department be transferred to the East Asian Reading Room. A list of East Asian reference items to be transferred has been submitted to the Reference Department, and a response is expected in the near future.

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University of Chicago

The Far Eastern Library of the University of Chicago has recently acquired from a private collector a rare copy of the Chingbi-rok 慕思録 by Yu Song-yong 柳成龍 (1542-1607), with a preface by Kaibara Ekiken 賀原益軒 (1630-1714), blockprinted in Kyoto in 1695. Chicago's call number is: T3487.7/4250.

Claremont Colleges. Asian Studies Collection

The Asian Studies Collection at the Claremont Colleges is enriched by the bequest of the late Professor Shou-yi Ch'en's Library. Professor Ch'en was the first chairman of the Department of Chinese Language and Literature at Pomona College in 1941. He was enthusiastic and interested in developing the Oriental Library (changed to its present name in 1969). During his sabbatical leave in 1948
he went to China and purchased many volumes of Chinese books which helped to form a solid foundation for the library. During the second World War he also arranged for the library to obtain the China Collection of the California College (Pettus Oriental Collection), which contained original editions of histories, local histories, works of literature and art, and academic journal titles. From 1973-1977 he selected and donated thousands of volumes of Chinese language monographs and serial titles from his library to fill the gaps in the library's holdings. Prior to his death in February, 1978, he willed his library (consisting largely of books in Chinese and English) to the Asian Studies Collection and the Honnold Library. Of the Chinese-language monographs (approximately 2,500 in 6,200 volumes), many are rare items and works in limited editions. Among the subject fields covered are history, literature (both classical and modern), philosophy, art, and social sciences. In addition to books, there are some twenty cartons of manuscripts, old maps, films, slides, and reference materials. The Collection also received a Memorial Fund of $2,500 for the purchase of Chinese books.

(Frances Wang)

Harvard University. Harvard-Yenching Library

On October 10, 1978, the Harvard-Yenching Library honored Mr. Chinn Ho, Chairman of Capital Investment of Hawaii, Inc., at a ceremony dedicating the library's Chinn Ho Reading Room. Representing the University and President Bok was Dean Henry Rosovsky who spoke at the ceremony, as did Mr. Douglas W. Bryant, Director of the Harvard University Library. A reception followed in the library. The Chinn Ho Reading Room is the main reading room in the Harvard-Yenching Library and also houses current newspapers and journals. Access is free to all users.

(Eugene Wu)

University of Hawaii at Manoa

In accordance with a Grant Agreement with the Japan-U. S. Friendship Commission, the University of Hawaii at Manoa will use grant funds in the amount of $15,000 for support of the Japanese Studies library collection and for service to scholars and interlibrary loans in the following manner:

1) Xeroxing costs for reproduction of short (50 or fewer pages) articles and the like from its Japanese-language collection for interlibrary loan purposes-$1,000.

2) Library acquisitions to supplement holdings in the Sakamaki Collection on the Ryukyu Islands and the recently-acquired Kajiyama Collections on Japanese emigration-$6,000.

3) Library processing costs for (1) materials purchased for the two collections through the award and (2) materials in these collections already acquired but still unprocessed. Also costs for the compilation of a Bibliography on Japanese
Language Sources on Korea, with free translation, to be compiled by Minako Song and Masato Matsui, published by the end of this year, and sent to Japanese collections in the United States—$8,000.

The $1,000 for xeroxing expenses will enable the University to make more materials readily available to scholars through interlibrary loan. The $8,000 earmarked for processing costs will insure that all materials acquired or to be acquired through the award will be processed, including marking the materials with the library gift plates, a time-consuming process. In addition, a bibliography of Japanese language materials on Korea, a major part of the Kajiyama collection, will be compiled, thereby advising users of the availability of these specific titles at the University through interlibrary loan.

The decision to concentrate on the Sakamaki and Kajiyama Collections for the present was based on the belief that these are unique and valuable collections which need to be enlarged and which can well be expanded without undue duplication of holdings elsewhere. The University will discuss long-range plans for coordination of acquisitions with other library representatives.

Library policy permits free access to visiting scholars and free interlibrary loan services to scholars requesting them. The funds allocated from the award will be used to help meet some of the costs of the interlibrary loan services. The University plans to improve services in this area through consultation with other library representatives.

Library of Congress. Asian Division

As part of the reorganization of the Library of Congress, the Orientalia Division, which since 1945 had consisted of five Sections (Chinese and Korean, Hebraic, Japanese, Near East, and Southern Asian Sections), was reconstituted as the Asian Division as of July 31, 1978. The main administrative effect of this change was the transfer of two of the five Sections of the former Orientalia Division, the Hebraic and Near East Sections, to the newly created African and Middle East Division, leaving the Asian Division with the three remaining Sections, the Chinese and Korean, Japanese, and Southern Asian Sections.

University of Pittsburgh

Following an experiment at the University of Toronto Libraries, the East Asian Library of the University of Pittsburgh has recruited a person who has linguistic background, but does not hold an M.L.S. degree, to assist in cataloging East Asian materials. The successful candidate, Mrs. Mun-jung Lim, is the holder of an M.A. in history and a Master of Philosophy from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. On August 21, she commenced her present duties with the title of Library Associate. After an initial period of training, she is now able to prepare work sheets for revision by the professional cataloger. The experiment has proved to be quite satisfactory.
Washington University in St. Louis

During the 1977-78 academic year, a grant of $2,000 from the Asian Art Society of Washington University made the acquisitions of some expensive Chinese art books possible. The following are a few of the important titles that were purchased through this fund: Sung-hua ching-chua (Great Paintings of the Sung Dynasty. 3 vols. Taipei: National Palace Museum, 1977-78); Kokyu Hakubutsuin (Palace Museum in Peking. 2 vols. Tokyo: Kodansha, 1975); Wu-p'ai-hua chiu-shih-nien chan (Ninety Years of Wu School Paintings. Taipei: National Palace Museum, 1975); Yuan ssu-ta-chia (The Four Great Masters of the Yuan. Taipei: National Palace Museum, 1975). On several occasions in the past decade, the Asian Art Society has generously donated funds for purchasing Chinese art materials.

(Ernest J. Tsai)

East Asian Library Program

On August 1, 1978, the East Asian Library Program was created to succeed the ACLS Steering Committee for a Study of the Problems of East Asian Libraries. The new program is co-sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, the Association of Research Libraries, and the Social Science Research Council. The director of the program is Dr. John W. Haeger, Former Chairman of the Department of Chinese at Pomona College and former Director of Foundation Relations for the Asia Foundation. Working with him is an Advisory Committee comprised of Eugene Wu (Harvard), Hideo Kaneko (Yale), F. W. Mote (Princeton), Robert Ward (Stanford), and Patricia Battin (Columbia).

The program's primary charge is to insure that the issues raised by the Steering Committee and its recommendations are pursued appropriately, re-evaluated and revised as necessary, and implemented when possible. The program will seek to secure national attention for the specific problems and interests of the East Asian Library community, especially in relationships with the Library of Congress, the expansion of national library services such as NPAC (National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging) and the establishment of new facilities, such as the proposed National Periodicals Center.

The program is not funded to make grants, but it welcomes communications from all members of the library community and the East Asian studies community regarding problems which seem to require regional or national approaches. The Advisory Committee will also be glad to review any relevant proposals or drafts which institutions or individuals may choose to submit and will try to be helpful in placing such proposed activities within the context of national approaches. The program also hopes to be in close and continuing communication with funding agencies which have expressed an interest in this area. The program's mailing address is P. O. Box 161, McMinnville, Oregon 97128, and the office phone number is 503-472-9230.
The Academy of Korean Studies

The Republic of Korea dedicated a new Academy of Korean Studies last July to augment the national revitalization movement of President Park Chung Hee. Dr. Sun Keun Lee, former President of Tongguk University, has been appointed the first Chancellor of the Academy. The Academy is housed, with sources on Korean culture and with a research staff selected from among noted Koreanologists, at a location at Unjong-doong, Songnam-si, Kyonggi-do.

(Key P. Yang)

PROFESSIONAL VACANCIES

Princeton University Library

Position: Chinese Bibliographical Specialist, Gest Oriental Library and East Asian Collections
Rank: Librarian II or III
Salary: From $13,000. (L-II) or from $15,000. (L-III) dependent upon qualifications and experience.
Benefits: Twenty-four (24) vacation days a year, plus eleven (11) paid holidays. Annuity program (TIAA/CREF), group life insurance, major medical insurance, and disability insurance, all paid for by the University.

Responsibilities: Responsible for a bibliographical and textual study of the individual Chinese titles in the original Gest collections, consisting largely of pre-Republican period imprints, and for preparing bibliographical data for descriptive cataloging and notations for publication. The position is being funded from a U. S Office of Education Title II C grant for one year, to be renewed for a second year. Works closely with two other members as a team and with other staff members.

Qualifications. Advanced knowledge of history of Chinese printing and bibliography. Experience in the compilation of cataloging of Chinese rare books or traditional imprints, using special knowledge in pan-pen. Degree in Chinese literature or history preferred. Ability to communicate in English preferred. Ability to work well with other library staff.

Apply to: Chinese Bibliographical Specialist Search Committee
c/o Maria G. Larson
Personnel Librarian
Princeton University Library
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Please include resume and three letters of recommendation by October 13, 1978.