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## LIBRARIANS

### Indiana University

SHIZUE MATSUDA has retired after fourteen years as East Asian Librarian at Indiana University. During her professional career she made substantial contributions not only at IU where she was responsible for collection development and reference work in Chinese, Japanese and Korean studies and taught courses in Japanese bibliography, but also to the field of East Asian librarianship more generally.

Born in Honolulu and raised in a traditional Japanese-speaking family, Matsuda moved at the age of eleven to Japan where she was educated. After the war she studied at Keiō University Library School and served for eleven years as head of the National Research Council's Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission Library. In 1960 she received a fellowship from the American Medical Association for travel to the United States to visit fifty-two libraries. In 1962 she returned to America to study at Columbia University. She received a B.S. cum laude in Oriental Studies and Anthropology and an M.S. in Library Service, both in 1966. She worked as a part-time indexer at Columbia's Parkinson's Disease Information Center, indexing Japanese medical articles for input into a computerized information system from 1964 and 1968. During this time she also began work toward the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Chinese literature. She held a number of fellowships, including NDFLs (1966-70) and the Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship (1970-71). In 1972 Matsuda was appointed as East Asian Studies area specialist at Indiana University Libraries. She received the Ph.D. in Chinese literature from Columbia University in 1978 having successfully defended her dissertation, entitled, "Li Yu: His Life and Moral Philosophy as Reflected in His Fiction." In 1980 she was promoted to the rank of Librarian at Indiana University in recognition of excellence in her teaching, research and publications. She served as a visiting scholar at Tokyo University (1982) and as an exchange professor at Tenri University (1983-84). She has also served as a consultant on East Asian library operations at a number of universities, including the Ohio State University.

Throughout her career Shizue Matsuda has been a proponent of cooperation and resource sharing among East Asian libraries. At the 1978 Workshop for Japanese Collection Librarians in American Research Libraries she gave a presentation on "Resource Sharing: A View from a Smaller Collection." Among the proposals she put forward in that paper was the compilation of a union list of current subscriptions to Japanese periodicals. With the endorsement of the participants in the workshop she received funding for the project from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission and characteristically completed the project in short order. The result were published in 1980 as Current Japanese Serials in the Humanities and Social Sciences Received in American Libraries. Its publication had an immediate beneficial impact on interlibrary loan activity for Japanese serial publications.

At the time of her retirement Matsuda received a number of tributes from her colleagues at Indiana University. George Elison, chairman and professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures, said "Shizue has been a tireless and wonderfully cooperative worker on behalf of the Asian studies collection in our library. I appreciate the cordiality with which she agreed to teach courses in Japanese

research methods for the department of East Asian languages. She is a person of rare qualifications." Philip West, director of the East Asian Studies Center, added "We will miss her dedication, her impressive language skills and her knowledge of East Asian vernacular materials."

Shizue herself has been quoted as saying, "I am not going into a hole called retirement, and I am not going to take it easy." She is currently working on a translation project and has plans to study Russian and Korean.

#### Ohio State University Libraries

DAVID Y. HU has retired from the Ohio State University Libraries. Prior to his retirement, in the spring of 1986, he made a trip to the People's Republic of China where he gave lectures at a number of universities.

REIKO YOSHIMURA has been appointed Japanese Cataloger at the Ohio State University Libraries. She received the Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University and has served as Music Cataloger at Indiana University (1985-86) and as a Customer Service Staff Member at Maruzen Co, Ltd. (1984-85). She has a number of publications primarily in the area of music librarianship.