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1999 CEAL JAPANESE STUDIES LIBRARIAN TRAINING WORKSHOP

The CEAL Japanese Studies Librarian Training Workshop 1999 was held Saturday, March 13 to Sunday, March 14, 1999 during the AAS/CEAL Annual Meeting in Boston. The venue was Harvard University, where we had access to the rich resources of the Harvard-Yenching Library and to the UIS Computer Training Center facilities on campus.

The goal of the Workshop was to provide an opportunity for junior and mid-career Japanese Studies librarians in North America to gain practical knowledge and hands-on experience in some of the most important aspects of Japanese Studies librarianship. The Workshop included nine courses which covered a diverse range of topics, reflecting the multi-faceted training needs of our rapidly changing field. In Harvard-Yenching Library lecture hall, reading room, and the UIS Computer Training Center environment, twenty-six participants, along with locally participating Harvard librarians, were exposed to critical issues and concerns, and had the opportunity to learn new skills from five instructors from Japan and eight instructors from North America. Ms. Lynne Kutsukake of the University of Toronto was the Workshop moderator. She provided informative introductions to the instructors’ backgrounds at the beginning of each session.

Workshop Agenda

Locations:
Lecture Hall #18 : Harvard-Yenching Library building: 2 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge
Harvard-Yenching Library : 2 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge
UIS Computer Training Center:1730 Cambridge Street, 3rd floor, Cambridge

Saturday, March 13, 1999

8:30-9:00 (Lecture Hall #18)
Welcoming Remarks and Introduction / Sachie Noguchi, University of Pittsburgh

9:00-10:00 (Lecture Hall #18)
Proposal Writing: Grantsmanship / Dr. E. Gangloff, Japan-United States Friendship Commission

10:00-12:00 (Lecture Hall #18)
The Electronic Library: What can be Done by Transforming Library Materials into Digital Format / Ms. Junko Kito, Science and Technology Materials Division, National Diet Library and Dr. Masako Ema Watanabe, International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken)
12:00-1:00 Lunch (Harvard-Yenching Library Common Room)

1:00-3:00 (Lecture Hall #18)
Cataloging Japanese Materials / Mr. Hideyuki Morimoto, University of California at Berkeley

3:00-5:00 (UIS Computer Training Center)
Japanese Language Research Tools on the Web / Ms. Mihoko Miki, University of California at Los Angeles

5:00-6:00 (UIS Computer Training Center)
Working with Japanese and Your Systems People / Mr. Rob Britt, University of Washington

6:30- Dinner for participants, instructors, and hosts (Narita restaurant : 18 Eliot Street, Cambridge : phone 617-868-2226)

Sunday, March 14, 1999

8:30-9:30 (UIS Computer Training Center)
Finding Relevant Information in Japanese Newspapers / Ms. Sharon Domier, University of Massachusetts, with a guest presenter, Dr. Jonathan Lewis, Institute for Social Sciences (Shaken), University of Tokyo

9:30-10:30 (UIS Computer Training Center)
Book Acquisition: from Using the Web for Selection to Used Book Vendors in Japan / Sachie Noguchi, University of Pittsburgh

10:30-1:00 (Harvard-Yenching Library Reading Room)
Resources for Reference in the Humanities and Social Sciences: how to solve real-life reference questions / Team taught by: Izumi Koide, International House of Japan; Yasuko Makino, Princeton University; and Eizaburo Okuizumi, University of Chicago

1:00-2:00 Lunch (Harvard-Yenching Library Common Room)

2:00-3:30 (Lecture Hall #18)
Japanese Rare Books / Prof. Jun Suzuki, National Institute of Japanese Literature (Kokubungaku Kenkyu Shiryokan)

During the Workshop, a chartered bus was provided transportation for the Workshop participants from Marriott Copley Place Hotel to Harvard campus in the morning.

The Workshop also offered an opportunity for Japanese studies librarians to get to know each other as colleagues and friends, and to share and learn from each other’s practical experience. A special effort was made to provide unofficial time for relaxed
communication and networking during the bus ride and during the lunches and dinner sponsored by the Workshop.

Many days of planning, preparation, and hard work went into making this Workshop a reality. To plan the Workshop, a Program Subcommittee was established by the Committee on Japanese Materials (CJM). This Subcommittee was chaired by a CJM member, Mr. R. Britt of the University of Washington. Mr. Britt was a participant in the Japan Foundation and National Diet Library Senior Japanese Librarian Training Program in 1997. The Workshop Subcommittee members also included Ms. L. Kutsukake of the University of Toronto and Mr. H. Morimoto of the University of California at Berkeley (both also from CJM), Mrs. Y. Makino of Princeton University (also a participant in the Japan Foundation and National Diet Library Senior Japanese Librarian Training Program in 1997), and Ms. S. Domier of the University of Massachusetts (a participant in the NCC NACSIS-IR Training Program in 1997). All members worked very hard, and proposed an excellent program to the CJM Chair, Sachie Noguchi, who made the final decisions.

This workshop was made possible by the generous support of the Harvard-Yenching Library and the Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies. Thanks to Dr. J. Cheng, Mr. T. Aoki, Ms. S. Sessler, and Ms. J. Eykholt of the Harvard-Yenching Library, and Dr. A. Gordon, and especially Ms. K. Yamada-McVey of the Reischauer Institute, whose tireless and invaluable assistance made all local arrangements possible.

We are also indebted to all who agreed to serve as subcommittee members and instructors and who gave so generously of their time and experience to help the rest of us learn more about this rich and ever-evolving field: Dr. E. Gangloff of the JUSFC, Ms. S. Domier of University of Massachusetts, with a guest presenter, Mrs. M. Miki of UCLA, Mrs. Y. Makino of Princeton University. We are especially grateful for the instructors who traveled all the way from Japan to participate: Dr. J. Suzuki, the National Institute of Japanese Literature, Dr. M. E. Watanabe, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Ms. J. Kito, the National Diet Library, Ms. I. Koide, International House of Japan Library, and Dr. J. Lewis, Institute for Social Sciences (Shaken), University of Tokyo. Their participation made this workshop a very special learning opportunity indeed.

The Workshop was made possible as well by generous grants from the Northeast Asia Council (NEAC) of the Association for Asian Studies which original funding was granted by the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, and by grants from the University of Pittsburgh Japan Council with funding from the University's Mitsubishi Endowment Fund and the Japan Iron and Steel Federation Endowment. Additional support came from the University of Pittsburgh's Asian Studies Program with funding from the U.S. Department of Education through its National Resources Center. Generous donations were received from Japanese publishers and book dealers: Japan Publications Trading Co. Ltd., Kinokuniya Shoten, Maruzen, Toshokan Ryutsu Center, and Yushodo.

Fortunately, the Workshop was immensely successful. We have received many positive responses and letters of thanks from the Workshop participants. Hyperlinks to selected
presentation papers, slides, and hand-outs from the sessions in the Workshop have been embedded at the Workshop Agenda part of the Workshop report on the 1996-1999 Committee on Japanese Material’s Web page (http://www.pitt.edu/~snoguchi/cjmw/home.htm). The Workshop homepage can be used as a guide to Japanese studies librarianship or a handbook for Japanese studies librarians by colleagues not only in North America, but also worldwide.

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