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University of Michigan East Asia Library

Jidong Yang joined the University of Michigan East Asia Library on July 1, 2008 as Head of the Asia Library. After completing his B.A. in History and M.A. in Chinese History at Beijing University, he received his M.S. in Library and Information Science from Rutgers University and Ph.D. in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. From 2000 Dr. Yang served as the Chinese Studies Librarian and directed the Chinese Studies Unit at the University of Pennsylvania. While Chinese Studies Librarian at Penn, he increased collection holdings, managed a retrospective conversion project, created a web gateway to Chinese collections, and expanded the Library's instruction program in support of East Asian studies.

Dr. Yang has published and presented on a range of topics in Chinese history and literature, including the application of technology and digital content to research in Asian Studies. At the 2007 AAS meeting he gave a panel presentation titled "Approaching Pre-Modern China through the Computer: the Benefits and Risks of Using Electronic Resources in Sinological Research."

Jidong Yang can be reached by email at yangjd@umich.edu and by phone at 734-936-2354.

(Based on an Eastlib posting by Barbara MacAdam, The University of Michigan)

Columbia University C. V. Starr East Asian Library

Sarah S. Elman was appointed Head of Technical Services of the Columbia University C. V. Starr East Asian Library in September, 2008. Sarah received a B.A. in History from National Chengchi University in Taiwan in 1981 and an M.L.S. from UCLA in 1990. Sarah has worked as a visiting librarian at libraries in Taiwan and China and from 1992-2002 was a cataloger and then Head of Cataloging & Public Services at the Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library at UCLA. Just prior to coming to Columbia she worked at the East Asia Library of Yale University, from 2002-2004 as Cataloging Coordinator, and from 2004-2008 as Associate Curator. Sarah has been an active member of the national and international East Asian library community and has served on various ALA, OCLC, and CEAL committees.

Sarah can be reached at by email at sse2109@columbia.edu and by phone at 212 854-2579.

(Based on an Eastlib posting by Amy Heinrich, Columbia University)

Beth Katzoff joined the Columbia University Starr East Asian Library as Archival/Public Services Librarian in September, 2008. Beth holds a PhD in modern Japanese history from Columbia and formerly worked at Cornell University and the Library of Congress. Her duties at Columbia will include working on the Makino Collection on the history of East Asian film, as well as reference and public services.

Dr. Katzoff's email is bsk9@columbia.edu, and her phone is 212 854-8728.

(From an Eastlib posting by Amy Heinrich, Columbia University)

Yale University East Asia Library

Ms. Tang Li has joined the staff of the Yale University East Asia Library as Public Services Librarian. Tang is from Wuhan, China and received her B.A. from Fudan University in Shanghai. She came to the U.S. in 2003 for graduate study and received Master's degrees in art history and library science at the University of Maryland. She has since interned and worked in a number of libraries and most recently worked for Blackwell Book Services. At Yale Tang will be the East Asia Library web master and primary contact for reference and instructional services.

Tang Li can be reached at 203-432-1794 and tang.li@yale.edu.

(From an Eastlib posting by Ellen Hammond, Yale University)

Princeton University East Asian Library

Mr. Hyoungbae Lee has been appointed as the first Korean Studies Librarian of the Princeton East Asian Library. An alumnus of Seoul National University with BA and MA degrees in English language and literature, Mr. Lee came to the U.S. in 2002 to study historical linguistics at Yale. While at Yale, he worked part-time at Yale's East Asia Library and the experience was so positive it made him decide to change his career to the library field. He obtained a Master's degree in linguistics in 2005 and a Master 's degree from the School of Information Science of Syracuse University the summer of 2008. As Korean Studies Librarian, Mr. Lee will support the expanding Korean studies program at Princeton University.

Mr. Lee can be reached at hyoungl@princeton.edu, 609 258-0417 (phone), 609 258-4573 (fax).

(From an Eastlib posting by Ma Tai-loi, Princeton University)

Ms. Chiharu Watsky has joined the Princeton East Asian Library as Japanese Cataloging Specialist. Ms. Watsky graduated from Obirin College in Tokyo with a BA in English language and literature after spending a year as an exchange student at Oberlin College. She received her MLS from Rutgers University and was an intern at Keio University Library in Tokyo, and a Japanese Cataloger at Princeton for a year. Just prior to her return to Princeton after an absence of fifteen years, Ms. Watsky was the ILL Librarian at Vassar College Libraries as well as a Cataloging Librarian and liaison to its Asian Studies Program and Chinese and Japanese Department.

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From an Eastlib posting by Ma Tai-loi, Princeton University)