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University of Pennsylvania

Chi-wah Chan joined the University of Pennsylvania Libraries as Chinese Studies Librarian on June 1, 2009. Dr. Chan received a Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies from UCLA in 1993. He also holds an M. Phil from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from Rutgers University. After receiving his Ph.D. he pursued a teaching career for three years at the University of Florida and four years at Rutgers, during which time his publications focused on Tiantai Buddhism. Upon receiving his MLS in 2000, Dr. Chan became a cataloger for the international cooperative Chinese Rare Books Project, based in the East Asian Library at Princeton University. In 2004 he was appointed Librarian for the Chinese Collection in the East Asia Library, Yale University, and Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at Yale University, where he served until moving to the University of Pennsylvania.

As Chinese Studies Librarian, Dr. Chan selects scholarly resources to support the University's Chinese Studies program, organizes and supervises the technical processing of these materials, and provides specialized China-related reference and instructional services for faculty and students. He can be reached by telephone at 215-898-3412, and by email at chan8@pobox.upenn.edu.

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University of Colorado - Boulder

Kevin McDowell began work as East Asian Studies Librarian at the University of Colorado-Boulder in May, 2009. His main focus at CU-Boulder is on collection development for Japanese studies. Literature and language materials make up the core of the Japanese/Chinese collection at the University of Colorado, augmented by resources in the history, philosophy, religion, and art.

His duties also include providing reference and research assistance to graduate students, as well as participating in a bibliographic and research methods class for graduate students working with Japanese materials. His position is part of the Research and Instruction Department; hence in addition to responsibility for Japanese studies resources and students, he also provides general reference assistance to students at all levels and teaches information literacy classes.

Kevin received a B.A. in 1992 from the University of Oregon in history, an MA in Japanese history from the University of British Columbia in 2002, and his MLS from the University of Arizona in 2003. Kevin may be reached at Kevin.Mcdowell@Colorado.EDU.