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Jim Cheng Appointed Director of the C. V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia University

Jim Cheng has been appointed the new Director of the C. V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia University effective July 1, 2010. He succeeds Amy Heinrich, who retired as Director of the Starr Library in December 2008 after more than eighteen years of service.

Cheng holds a B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature from Fudan University, Shanghai, China, and an M.A. in Comparative Literature and M.L.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington, Seattle. He joined the International Relations and Pacific Studies Library/East Asia Collection at the University of California, San Diego as Director in 2002. Prior to that he held librarian positions at the University of Iowa, New York University, and the University of Washington. In 2008 Cheng was named a “Mover and Shaker” by *Library Journal* for his innovative work in building the UCSD Libraries’ Asian film collection, film festival and symposium series. He received a Fulbright Scholar Research Award to conduct research in Taiwan for three months in the fall of 2009 to complete his book, *An Annotated Bibliography for Taiwan Film Studies*.

As Director of the C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Cheng will oversee 22 staff and one of the major collections for the study of East Asia in the United States, with over 840,000 volumes of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, and Western language materials, some holdings in Mongol and Manchu, and over 6,500 periodical titles. The collection, established in 1902, is particularly strong in Chinese history, literature, and social sciences; Japanese literature, history, and religion, particularly Buddhism; and Korean history. The C. V. Starr East Asian Library owns many rare and unique materials non-circulating materials, including valuable art folios and special collections.

Since 1902 Columbia University has demonstrated leadership in the field of East Asian studies, with the creation of one of the first departments in the country, and in the postwar period, of the first core curriculum in East Asian studies.

The website of the C.V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia University is located at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/eastasian>.

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