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Franklin Odo appointed Interim Chief of Library of Congress Asian Division

Franklin Odo succeeded Peter Young as the Chief of the Library's Asian Division on January 1, 2011 and will serve in that capacity for at least the first half of 2011, until a new, permanent chief of the division is selected and appointed. Odo, a specialist on the Japanese Americans in Hawaii (he is himself a sansei) and on Tokugawa Japanese history, has also been active in the Asian Division Friends Society (ADFS). Before his retirement in January 2010 from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., he served for thirteen years as the founding director of its Asian American Pacific Program. Odo received his B.A. in Asian Studies (China and Japan) from Princeton University in 1961, an M.A. in East Asia Regional Studies from Harvard University in 1963, and his Ph.D. in Japanese History from Princeton University in 1975.

Dr. Odo's publications include

A Pictorial History of the Japanese in Hawaii, 1885-1924. Honolulu: Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, 1985. 229p.

No Sword to Bury: Japanese Americans in Hawaii during World War II. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2004. 328p.

Columbia Documentary History of the Asian American Experience. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002. 590p.

(Contributed by Frank Shulman)

Lily Li joins UBC Asian Library

Lily Li joined the staff of the Asian Library, University of British Columbia October 18, 2010 as Chinese Canadian History Librarian/Archivist. She has managed digitization projects at the Institute of Texan Cultures Library and worked as an archivist at the New Frontiers School Board in Chateauguay, Quebec. Ms. Li can be reached by email at lilly.li@ubc.ca or by phone at 604 822-0532 or 604-5628930.

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