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Columbia C. V. Starr East Asian Library Receives Chinese Film Collection

The C. V. Starr East Asian Library of Columbia University in early 2011 received a donation of over six thousand Chinese DVD titles from Beauty Media Inc., covering feature films, TV series, drama, music, culture, language, ceremony, and martial arts. The donation makes the Columbia University Libraries East Asian film collection one of the largest in the world. The DVD collection will be housed in Butler Library.

(From an Eastlib posting by C. Wang, Columbia University)

Chinese Historical Papers Donated to UCLA

The Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library of the University of California, Los Angeles recently received the following donations of historical Chinese materials:

1. ***The Ah & Howard Wong (Louis) Historical Papers in San Luis Obispo.*** The documents, mainly original letters and accounting records written in Chinese and dating from the early twentieth century, record the early history of the first Chinese-American immigrant family in the San Luis Obispo area, the Wong (Louis) family. The documents are important resource materials for the studies of early modern history of the Chinese-American community from the late nineteenth century to early twentieth century, the relationship of the Chinese-Americans and the Chinese Revolutionaries led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen during the period of China's Democratic Revolution in 1911, the history of Chinese-Americans in the California gold rush and building the Pacific Railway, and the early twentieth century legal system.
2. ***Journalist Wang Kang's Work Diaries.*** Wang Kang was a famous journalist in China and Taiwan. He worked as the principal journalist for *Daily News* (新聞報), a major newspaper in Shanghai, in the 1940s and *Central Daily* (中央日報), a major newspaper in Taiwan, in the 1950s and 1960s. He became a main writer for the Chinese-American newspaper, *China Daily News* (世界日報) after immigrating to the United States. He interviewed many Chinese and world leaders during his professional life. His work diaries, which have never been published, cover the period from 1950 to 1959 and are an important primary source for modern/contemporary Chinese history and international relations.
3. ***The Rubel-Crohn Historical Shanghai Photographic Archive.*** Prof. Carole H. Browner, Chair of the Department of Anthropology at UCLA donated this album of historical photos taken by her late husband, Prof. Arthur J. Rubel, who was born in Shanghai in 1923. The album provides first hand images of foreigners' life in Shanghai during the early twentieth century. In addition to the family photos, the album also includes many historical photos.

Staff members of the Chinese section of the UCLA East Asian Library are currently processing and digitizing the resources, after which the original materials will be transferred to the Special Collection and SRLF (Southern Regional Library Facilities)

for preservation. Researchers will be able to access the digital images through the UCLA Digital Library.

(From an Eastlib posting by Hong Cheng, UCLA)

Tateuchi Foundation Extends Funding for University of Washington Retrospective Conversion Project

The Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation has signed an agreement with the University of Washington Libraries to give \$144,000 toward the cataloging retrospective conversion project for the Japan Studies Pre-Catalog materials at the East Asia Library of the University of Washington Libraries. This funding will extend the position of Tateuchi Japanese Cataloger held by Ms Saeko Suzuki for more than two years starting January 2012. The collection being converted consists of around 6,500 Japanese publications, some of which are rare materials held by very few libraries. With the generous support of the Tateuchi Foundation, the Japan Studies Pre-Cat Project at the UW East Asia Library was launched in January 2010 and has since made significant progress. The extended funding should allow the project to be completed, and the special collection should be accessible via OCLC WorldCat by the end of 2014.

(From an Eastlib posting by Zhijia Shen, University of Washington)

University of British Columbia Asian Library to host international conference

The University of British Columbia Asian Library, in cooperation with the Ohio University Libraries, will host the 5th international World Conference of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies (WCILCOS) on “Chinese through the Americas” May 16-19, 2012, at the University of British Columbia (Point Grey Campus) in Vancouver, Canada. The return of the WCILCOS Conference to North America recognizes the rapid expansion of Chinese overseas studies in the region. One of the goals of the WCILCOS conferences is to facilitate greater interaction between scholars and librarians around the world.

(From an announcement by Eleanor Yuen, University of British Columbia)

Dawn Lawson selected as Fulbright Scholar: Dawn Lawson, East Asian Studies Librarian at the New York University Libraries and CEAL Secretary 2009-2012, was selected as a Fulbright Scholar for 2011-2012 to do dissertation research on Japanese women writers and translators of the late nineteenth century at the Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies of Josai International University. While Ms. Lawson is on leave, her duties as CEAL Secretary, following the procedures stated in Article IX. B of the CEAL Bylaws, will be carried out by Beth Katzoff, Archival/Public Services Librarian at C. V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia

University and runner-up for the position of Secretary in the last election, beginning July 1, 2011 until March 2012. Ms. Katzoff is already on the Executive Board as a Member-at-Large until 2013 and will serve in both positions concurrently until the next Secretary is elected in March 2012.

(From an Eastlib posting by Joy Kim, University of Southern California)

Kuniko Yamada McVey chosen as NCC Chair-Elect: Ms. Kuniko Yamada McVey, Librarian for the Japanese Collection at the of Harvard-Yenching Library, has been chosen as the new Chair-Elect for the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC). She will serve in that capacity for the calendar year 2012, followed by a three-year term as NCC Chair (2013, 2014, and 2015). Ms. McVey is a graduate of International Christian University in Tokyo, holds an MLIS degree from Simmons College, and is completing an MA in Regional Studies East Asia at Harvard University. She has been a librarian for 29 years in Japan and the U.S. Her accomplishments include serving as Chair (2002-2004) of the Committee on Japanese Materials for the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) and Member-at-Large of the CEAL Executive Board (2006-2009). She took part in the Japanese Studies Information Training Seminar (JSIST) in Japan (1999), and the Tenri Workshop on Japanese Antiquarian Books (2007-09) in Japan. She co-chaired NCC's intensive 2002 Junior Japanese Studies Librarian Training Seminar (JLTS), took part in the Training the Trainers Workshop (T-3) in 2004.

(From an Eastlib posting by Keiko Yokota-Carter, University of Washington)