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Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library appoints Dawn Wong Public Service Librarian

Dawn Wong began her duties as Public Service Librarian at the University of Toronto Libraries Cheng Yu Tung East Asian Library (EAL) and the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library (CHKL) on 1 November 2013.

Dawn received her MLIS from the University of British Columbia (UBC). She holds a BA in Chinese Studies from the University of Alberta and comes with solid knowledge in Chinese and Chinese Canadian studies. In addition to English, she speaks fluent Mandarin, Cantonese and Taishanese, which will be an asset to her in providing excellent public service to the increasingly diverse user group in both libraries. Dawn gained considerable experience in coordinating events for academic and public outreach purposes in her role as the academic coordinator for a Chinese Language program at UBC. She was a student librarian at St. John College of the UBC from 2011 to 2013 and conducted her internship at the CHKL in the summer of 2013. Her participation in the Chinese Canadian Stories project at UBC and the Canada-Hong Kong project at CHKL provided her with the opportunity to develop strong project management skills, which will help her develop Chinese Canadian resources at UTL.

(From an Eastlib posting by Jack Leong, University of Toronto)

Washington University in St. Louis East Asian Library appoints Ryuta Komaki Japanese Studies Librarian

Ryuta Komaki joined the staff of the East Asian Library at Washington University in St. Louis as the Japanese Studies Librarian as of December 2nd, 2013. Ryuta holds a bachelor's degree in Comparative Culture with a focus on anthropology and sociology from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan; attended the graduate program at the Department of Sociology at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in sociology of science and technology; and recently completed his doctorate degree at the Institute of Communications Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a particular focus on the use of digital and mobile media by Japanese-Brazilian return migrants in Japan. Ryuta worked as a Graduate Assistant at the Asian Library, International and Area Studies Library, and the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, and also as a Research Assistant in the Department of History, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Ryuta can be reached at 314-935-5155 and rkomaki@wustl.edu.

(From an Eastlib posting by Tony Chang, Washington University in St. Louis)

Wei Zheng appointed Chinese Cataloger at Columbia C.V. Starr East Asian Library

Wei Zheng (郑玮) took up her position as the Chinese Cataloger at the Columbia University C. V. Starr East Asian Library on February 3, 2014. Wei obtained her MLS degree as well as a Certificate in Archives, Records Management, and Preservation from Queens College of CUNY in 2006. She previously worked at the New York Public Library (NYPL) first as a volunteer from December 2006, as a reference librarian from May 2007 to June 2008, and as a Chinese cataloging librarian from July 2008 until January 2014. In addition to cataloging

and database maintenance duties, she also assisted NYPL's collection development committee in evaluating gift materials for the Chinese research collection. She served on the NYPL RDA Task Group and participated in the RDA training and implementation in the Cataloging Department. Wei Zheng can be reached by phone at 212 854-1502 and by email at wz2282@columbia.edu.

(From an Eastlib posting by Sarah Elman, Columbia University)