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## **Anna Leon Shulman and Frank Joseph Shulman Announce Retirement**

Anna Leon Shulman and Frank Joseph Shulman informed the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) in mid-September of their plans to retire on December 31st following 35 years and 50 years respectively of professional involvement in the AAS *Bibliography of Asian Studies* (BAS). Their plans were conveyed in a letter addressed to the association's Secretariat and its Officers as well as to the BAS Associate Editors and Advisory Committee members.

Anna began her work as an associate editor for East Asia of the BAS in 1985 and began serving as its full-time editor in 1993. Frank worked as an assistant editor between 1970 and 1972, subsequently served the BAS as a consultant, and worked more than half time from the mid-1990s onwards as one of its associate editors. Together they have sought to provide the community of scholars, students and librarians engaged in Asian Studies with authoritative bibliographical coverage of Western-language publications in virtually all academic disciplines (ranging from Anthropology, Economics, and History to Literature, Politics, and Science & Technology) and in various Western languages about China, Hong Kong, Japan, North and South Korea, Macao, Mongolia, the Russian Far East, Taiwan and Tibet as well as about East Asia as a whole and about Asia as a regional entity.

Over the past fifty years, they have witnessed, participated in, and through professional collaboration with their colleagues helped lead and direct a number of developments that transformed the BAS from an annual printed bibliography of the books, articles and chapters in edited volumes published during a single calendar year to a cumulative, periodically updated, increasingly annotated, online database of nearly 940,000 bibliographical entries on East, Southeast and South Asia. They stress that this could only be accomplished with the support and ongoing cooperation not only of their colleagues but also of many academic libraries—in particular, the University of Maryland, College Park Libraries—and of editors, publishers and librarians around the world.

Frank's retirement is actually his second professional retirement. He worked for twenty-five years (1976–2001) as a faculty/staff member of the University of Maryland Libraries, where for part of that time he served as the Head of the East Asia Collection and Curator of the Gordon W. Prange Collections of published and unpublished materials from the early years of the Allied Occupation of Japan.

Upon their retirement, Frank and Anna intend to redirect their time and energy to a number of long-term projects. The first one centers on finishing up a multivolume, annotated bibliography of some 15,000 Western-language studies entitled "The First Century of Doctoral Dissertation on Korea, 1903–2004", which the University of Michigan Press has agreed to publish upon its completion. It includes brief notes about the academic backgrounds and Western-language master's theses of as many of the authors as possible. (An updated 280-page overview that includes 150 representative entries is available upon request as a PDF file.) An estimated 2,000 of the 15,000 bibliographical entries in this work are for dissertations that deal in some way (either extensively, only in part, or at times just tangentially) with China and the Chinese. Over 2000 entries also deal in some way with Japan

and the Japanese. This is to be expected in view of China's longstanding interaction with and cultural influence on Korea and Japan's historical engagement with Korea, the large number of theses written about East Asia and about Asia, respectively, as regional entities that include coverage of China, Japan and Korea, and the many studies about Asian Americans that deal with Chinese, Japanese and Korean Americans. In addition to *Doctoral Dissertations on Asia: An Annotated Bibliographical Journal of Current International Research*, which was published by the AAS from the mid-1970s to the early 1990s, this cumulative bibliography on Korea will be the latest in a succession of book-length bibliographies of dissertations that they have compiled, annotated, edited and published since 1970 on Japan and Korea, China and Inner Asia, Hong Kong, Burma, Malaya and Malaysia, and South Asia.

Following its completion, they expect to devote time to organizing and placing under some form of bibliographical control their Asian Studies Newsletter Archives, an extensive (but not comprehensive) paper-based collection of ephemeral newsletters and bulletins issued from the late 1960s to the early 2000s that was started in the 1970s and that also deal in part with China, Japan and Korea. Many of these publications are useful resources for documenting the development of Asian Studies and the activities of numerous faculty, students, administrators and members of the general public.

For the present time, Frank and Anna Shulman will continue to reside in College Park, Maryland, near the campus of the University of Maryland. They may be contacted by e-mail at: [fshulman@umd.edu](mailto:fshulman@umd.edu), and through the US mail at: 9225 Limestone Place, College Park, MD 20740-3943.