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Robert Felsing Awarded Richard & Mary Corrigan Solari Faculty Fellowship Award:

Dr. Robert Felsing, East Asian Bibliographer at the Knight Library of the University of Oregon, was one of two librarians at the University of Oregon to receive the prestigious Richard & Mary Corrigan Solari Faculty Fellowship Award. As one of his nominators noted: “while others ‘talk the talk’ of pursuing digital dreams, Dr. Felsing ‘walks the walk.’” His e-Asia project has “put the University of Oregon Libraries on the map of digital projects produced by U.S. research libraries.”

In addition to building a premiere digital collection of important scholarly resources, Bob has also served the students and faculty of the University of Oregon extremely well in more traditional ways. As the head of one of the academic departments that Bob serves notes: “there is no doubt that Bob is absolutely central to a lot of the scholarly activity that takes place in the East Asian field.” He “has also devoted considerable time—compensated only by the pleasure of sharing his knowledge and seeing others make progress—to providing both formal and informal bibliographic instruction” to students. “He also manages to get students past their hesitancy to use ‘old works,’ and gives them a sense of the intellectual lineage of which they are a part.” Another nominator concluded that “Bob is a colleague who can be counted on to push the institutional envelope, to make us re-examine cherished assumptions and to defend our point of view.”

Sandy Tilcock, Chair of the Grants and Awards Committee, concluded the announcement of the award with the words: “In recognition of his outstanding achievements and for his efforts that inspire us all to be better professionals, Bob Felsing is awarded the Richard & Mary Corrigan Solari Faculty Fellowship Award.”

(Taken from an Eastlib posting of the University of Oregon announcement)

Columbia University’s C.V. Starr East Asian Library Receives 2,200 Taiwanese Volumes from the Information Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office:

In July, 2002, Columbia University’s C.V. Starr East Asian Library received 2,200 books from the Information Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in New York. TECO relocated its library in June and donated its collection to a number of academic libraries.

Due to the Center’s association with Professor David Wang, Chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia, and the strength of the University’s program in Chinese literature, TECO donated the books on literature to Columbia. Two graduate students in Chinese studies and Charles Wu, Head of Technical Services at Starr, went to the TECO library and selected over 2,200 volumes. These books significantly enrich the Starr Library’s collection.
Dr. Amy Heinrich, Director of the C.V. Starr East Asian Library said, “The addition of these volumes to our collections is tremendous.” She continued, “They increase our ability to support research and study of Taiwan and its literature. Receiving this donation of books from TECO is an honor.”

The Information Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York is one of more than 50 overseas offices of the Government Information Office (GIO) of the Republic of China on Taiwan. Its primary mission is to promote better understanding between Taiwan and the United States in all aspects by keeping the American press, academic, political, and social leaders abreast of accurate and up-to-date information about Taiwan.

The C. V. Starr East Asian Library is one of the major collections for the study of East Asia in the United States, with well over 720,000 volumes of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, and Western language materials, with some holdings in Mongol and Manchu, and over 5,000 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 library’s web site is located at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lll/div/starr/.

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(From a press release by Columbia University Libraries)

Columbia University Libraries and Waseda University Library, Japan Sign Memorandum of Understanding:

Columbia University Librarian James G. Neal and Professor Michitaro Urakawa, Director of Waseda University Library, signed a memorandum of understanding between their libraries on May 30, 2002 at Waseda University in Tokyo. It outlines terms and conditions of agreement between the two institutions regarding cooperation in materials exchange, information assistance, interlibrary loan, digital initiatives, staff exchanges and network building. This agreement extends the cooperation the two have enjoyed through the Association of Research Libraries Global Resources Japan Project and a long period of personal contacts and will continue through the new Global ILL Framework initiative.

The libraries have agreed to cooperate on exchanges of books and journals published by the presses of both institutions and by assisting each other to obtain books, journals and other scholarly information resources, both print and digital, on the basis of equivalent value and mutual benefit. The interlibrary loan agreement expands the existing Waseda /Columbia interlibrary loan arrangements. In addition the two institutions will explore collaborative digital initiatives, conduct staff exchanges, and work together to develop close ties between East Asia and North American libraries and their institutions.

James Neal signed the agreement when he was in Japan addressing a conference on the future of scholarly publishing. “We are especially pleased to have a direct memorandum of
understanding with Waseda University, one of the world’s leading institutions of higher learning. They are a valuable academic library partner in Japan and in Asia,” he said about the agreement.

Waseda University Library was established in 1882 when the university was founded as Tokyo Senmon Gakko. A new Central Library building opened in 1991 to commemorate Waseda University's centennial. There are 28 libraries at the University including the Central Library, four Campus Libraries, and school libraries or reading rooms for students and faculties that are attached to each school and institute. With more than 4.5 million volumes, 46,000 serials, Waseda University houses one of the largest library collections in Japan and has central services supporting various information needs on and off-campus. The Waseda University Library web site is at: http://www.wul.waseda.ac.jp/index.html.

Columbia University Libraries is the nation's eighth largest academic library system, with 7.5 million volumes, 49,000 serials, as well as extensive collections of electronic resources, manuscripts, rare books, microforms and other non-print formats. The collections are particularly strong in humanities and history, architecture, East Asian and other Area Studies materials, oral history, theater, and original materials in English and American literature and history. The collections and services are organized into 22 libraries, supporting specific academic or professional disciplines. The Library's web site http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/is a gateway to the print and electronic collections and services.

(From a press release by Columbia University Libraries)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill receives Taiwan donation:

In July of 2002, the Information Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Atlanta donated 1,500 volumes of material about Taiwan to the Libraries at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. These works, which were collected from various Taiwanese government agencies, universities, museums, and libraries, cover a wide range of subjects including history, biography, Taiwan's political development, elections, women's studies, social sciences, economics, and education. Also included in the collection are maps, manuscripts, research reports, yearbooks, and the collected writings of former Taiwan president Chiang Ching-kuo. This impressive collection of books and other materials is the result of a joint effort by private and government institutions in Taiwan. The gift of these materials will greatly enhance the UNC Libraries' current Taiwan studies collection and will benefit students, faculty, and visiting scholars in their research.

(From an Eastlib posting by Hsi-chu Bolick)

Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, 2002:

An East Asian library panel was part of the program at the annual meeting of the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, held this year in Provo, Utah, and sponsored by Brigham Young University, September 26-27, 2002. The panel, titled “Library Services for Asian Studies,” was made up of three presentations. Erminia Chao, Asian Cataloger at BYU, spoke on the topic “The Switch to Pinyin Romanization: What Library
Users Need to Know;" Hitoshi Kamada, Japanese Studies Librarian at the University of Arizona, gave a talk entitled “Effective Library Instruction for Japanese Studies Courses: Enhancing Student Learning;” and Gail King, Asian Studies Librarian at Brigham Young University, spoke about “Library Support for Undergraduate Asian Studies Courses.” Discussant for the panel was Dr. Marilyn Levine of Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho, whose pertinent and useful comments on each of the papers led to a good discussion among panel members and those in attendance on regional cooperation, copyright, library use instruction, and issues in collecting print and electronic library materials.

(Gail King, Brigham Young University)