Awards
Congratulations to Dr. Lian Ruan for Receiving Several Awards

At the Illinois Firefighters Association Annual Conference on October 20, 2017 in Champaign, President John L. Swan presented Dr. Lian Ruan with a resolution honoring her that is framed and a white firefighting helmet with Dr. Ruan's name on it. White usually designates a chief officer in a fire department.

It is clear that President Swan and the Illinois Firefighters Association very much appreciate everything that Dr. Ruan has done for the fire service.

Dr. Lian Ruan also received the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year Award. More details are available at

https://ischool.illinois.edu/articles/2017/07/ruan-receives-ila-academic-librarian-year-award

Haipeng Li, University Librarian at UC Merced was interviewed by the Chronicle of Higher Education; the article called, “As Libraries Go Digital, Costs Remain Tangible,” is published here:


Haipeng Li is also the 2017 recipient of the American Library Association Equality Award. Li’s award was presented at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on June 25, 2017.

At the ALA’s International Librarians Reception during the ALA Annual Conference on Monday, June 26, 2017, in the Chicago Public Library, the ALA’s International Relations Round Table (IRRT) presented a recognition to Dr. Shali Zhang as a “Notable IRRT Member.”

The Notable IRRT Member program recognizes active IRRT members who have made substantial contributions to ALA’s core values on the international scale. Dr. Zhang is the 26th Notable IRRT Member to be accepted this year by IRRT Executive Board into this program. The profiles of all IRRT Notable Members are at http://www.ala.org/irrt/irrtnotables

In presenting the recognition, Dr. Beth Cramer, ALA IRRT Chair, states that “ALA members have played an important role in promoting understanding of and interests in library services around the globe. Many of them indeed think, plan, and act globally. My sincere congratulations to Shali for this recognition. Her longstanding service to IRRT and commitment to international libraries is very much appreciated.”
Dr. Zhang is Dean of Libraries at the University of Montana. She served two terms as Editor-in-Chief for International Leads, an IRRT publication; chaired two terms on ALA’s International Relations Committee; served one term on the ALA Council; was elected as IRRT Chair, and served two terms on the IFLA’s Acquisitions and Collection Development Standing Committee. Since 2015, Dr. Zhang has served on the IFLA Journal Editorial Committee. She received the prestigious ALA/International Relations Committee’s John Ames Humphrey/OCLC/Forest Press Award in 2014, for her significant contributions to international librarianship.

Numerous CALA members have been accepted into the IRRT Notable Member program, along with many other ALA colleagues: Dr. Ching-Chih Chen, Barbara Ford, Loida Garcia-Febo, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Haipeng Li, James Neal, Gary Strong, Winston Tabb, Sally C. Tseng, and Betty Turock. These Notable IRRT members have made great contributions to advance the ALA’s global outreach goals.

Congratulations, Shali, on Being Honored as 2017 ALA Notable IRRT Member!
Each year, the Texas Digital Library Awards honor individuals and groups that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of digital libraries.

Trailblazer Award

Project Team: S.A.V.E. Development Group, Texas Tech University Libraries

Project Team Members:

- Le Yang, Texas Tech University Libraries
- Kenny Ketner, former programmer, Texas Tech University Libraries
- Scott Luker, Texas Tech University Libraries
- Matthew Patterson, Texas Tech University Libraries
- Christopher Starcher, Texas Tech University Libraries

While Texas Tech does have people dedicated to digital collections, there is no one dedicated to development of tools for digital collections. So, when a problem comes up that needs some work, it takes people going above and beyond in their work to get it done. The SAVE development group created a system where student recitals can be shared in a secure environment, allowing the university to make student’s graduate work available. This is the first time that Texas Tech University Library has developed a tool specifically for digital collections, and the team worked through a number of problems to successfully accomplish this. The group is currently developing an open source version of the software so that other ETD programs can use the tool to make music and video for ETDs available with authentication. The SAVE project includes the making of a new collection, innovative uses of technology, publicity outreach and promotion, a digitization project, effective working relationships between departments, metadata, and ETDs, all in one project.
Publications and Presentations
Wenxian Zhang, Professor and Head of Archives & Special Collections at Olin Library, Rollins College, recently published China Visualized by Americans: 1840-1911 (美国画报上的中国, Peking University Press, 2017, 458 pages, ISBN: 978-7-301-28394-3). The period from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twentieth century is not only a critical era in modern Chinese history, but also the peak time of illustrated news reporting in the United States. Besides illustrations from newspapers and journals, this work also presents images about China and the Chinese published in books, brochures, commercial advertisements, campaign posters, postcards, etc. Together, they have documented colourful portrayals of the Chinese community and their culture by the U.S. print media during that historical period. As the cultural understanding between American and Chinese peoples has been a long and complex process, this collection of images has essentially formed a rich visual resource that is both diverse and intriguing; and as primary source documents, they carry significant historical, and cultural values that could stimulate further academic research.

Zheng (John) Wang presented at The Global Digital Humanity and Digital Scholarship Best Practices – What is the Role of IFLA and the DH/DS SIG, Lightning Talks and Interactive Conversations. The Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship (DH/DS) Special Interest Group, sponsored by the Knowledge Management Section, held its inaugural event from 1:45 pm to 3:34 pm on August 20, the opening day of this year’s 2017 IFLA general conference in Wroclaw, Poland. The full-house attendance demonstrated the profession’s interests in the subject. The founding convener, Xuemao Wang, Dean and University Librarian, University of Cincinnati Libraries, moderated the session. As DH/DS presented challenges and opportunities for academic and research libraries, four speakers from four continents (Africa, Asia, Europe and North America) discussed their local experiences and their thoughts on the role of IFLA in supporting DH/DS services in libraries: 1) Sophie Vandeportseele, Director of the Directorate of Contemporary Collections, Royal Library of Belgium, 2) Lihong Zhou, Associate Professor, School of Information Management, Wuhan University, 3) Edwin Qobose, Acting Director, University of Botswana Library, and 4) Zheng (John) Wang, Associate University Librarian for Digital Access, Resources, and Information Technology, University of Notre Dame.
Conferences and Travels
CALA Members Attended OCLC’s Inaugural Americas Regional Council Meeting (ARC 17) in Baltimore

Three CALA members, Dr. Shali Zhang, Hong Yao and Xiaoli Li attended OCLC’s inaugural Americas Regional Council Meeting (ARC 17) in Baltimore, Maryland on October 30-31. The theme of the conference is What does it take to become a “smarter library”.

As guest speakers, Dr. Zhang spoke about student-centered innovative projects at the University of Montana that offer opportunities to librarians and staff to think and act innovatively in order to enhance library services; Hong Yao joined a panel of 4 public library leaders to showcase the public awareness campaign called “Queens Library is for every one”. The idea of the campaign was conceived and the program designed at the backdrop of current political climate. Queens Library staff took the opportunity to go outside the library and to show support for its immigrant community.
CALA Members Offered a Training Seminar to Beijing Academic Library Information Systems

Yongming Wang

On September 13 and 14, 2017, four members from the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) were in Beijing, the capital city of China, to give a two-day training seminar for Beijing Academic Library Information Systems (BALIS), a consortium of close to ninety academic libraries in Beijing.

The four CALA members invited by BALIS are from academic libraries in US and they talked about the current practice and development in academic libraries. They are: Dr. Qi Chen, the Library Director of Calumet College of St. Joseph and the immediate past president of CALA, who is also the team leader; Dr. Sharon Yang, Professor / Systems Librarian of Rider University; Mr. LiLi Li, Associate Professor / E-Information Services Librarian of Georgia Southern University, and Mr. Yongming Wang, Associate Professor / Systems Librarian of the College of New Jersey. Their presentation topics include 1) The Role of Library and Librarian in the Digital Age: The Knowledge and Skillsets; 2) Data-Driven Decision Making: Methods and Practices in American Academic Libraries; 3) The Practice of American University Research Data Management; 4) Managing Electronic vs. Print Resources: A Paradigm Shift in Library System Design and Bibliographic Control.
The first full-day session was held at Beijing Normal University Library on September 13th. About 170 Chinese academic librarians attended the session. They asked many questions, and showed great enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity of learning from their US peers. September 14’meeting was conducted in a discussion format at Beijing Foreign Studies University Library. Around 40 mid to upper level managers from Beijing academic libraries joined the forum. The topics discussed ranged from electronic resource management to research data management, next generation library system, and library and librarian’s role and place in digital age and more. It was an active and engaging session and both the team members and the attendees enjoyed it very much.

Though CALA members have presented for BALIS for the past several years, this was the first time CALA sent a team to BALIS. Last year, CALA and BALIS signed a three-year agreement launching the official cooperation between the two organizations. The training will also be held in other formats which will be further discussed. CALA/BALIS collaboration is part of CALA’s efforts stated in CALA’s five year Strategic Plan in international outreaching and collaboration. Other international activities included IMLS Think Globally Act Globally Grant, regular participation of the Annual Conference of the Library Society of China, and CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series, the longest international series starting in 2006. CALA 21st Century is the first international outreaching and for the past 11 years, CALA has held a series of joint conferences with several Chinese counterparts including Yunnan Provincial Library Commission, Universities in Changchun and Shanxi Province, and Shanghai and others. For more information, please visit http://www.cala-web.org. CALA is an official affiliate of ALA.
CALA Members at International Federation of Library Associations & World Library and Information Congress, Annual Congress 2017, Wroclaw, Poland, August 19-August 25

(Compiled by Lian Ruan, CALA Executive Director)

Thanks to all CALA members who attended the 2017 IFLA Congress for sending me a short summary of their conference activities. I hope that the following report is informative, useful and inspiring. CALA became a national association member of IFLA in 2011 thanks to many CALA members and leaders, especially Shali Zhang and Min Chou. CALA is committed to supporting members’ increasing involvement with IFLA. We look forward to seeing more of you at upcoming IFLA Congresses and programs.

After the Opening Session on August 20, 2017, Chinese librarians from the United States, China, and Taiwan gathered outside the Main Court (Photo 1).

Photo 1. Chinese Librarians at 2017 IFLA Congress, August 20. Photo Courtesy of Lian Ruan

Photo 2. Lian Ruan, Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA President Elect, Grace Liu and Michael Huang. Photo Courtesy of Lian Ruan

Photo 3. Lian Ruan, Michael Dowling, Director, ALA International and Chapter Relations Offices, Grace Liu at ALA Booth. Photo Courtesy of Lian Ruan

Photo 4. CALA members with Guangzhou Library delegation led by Director Jiazhong Fang. Photo Courtesy of Lian Ruan
On August 21, CALA members joined the OCLC Reception at the National Museum in Wroclaw.
On August 21, Grace Liu and Lian Ruan attended the IFLA Global Vision Discussion and participated in the real time online voting. On August 22, Michael Huang, Grace Liu and Lian Ruan joined the IFLA Associations Meeting on behalf of CALA.
Clara M. Chu presented at two sessions:

- Co-Chair, “Building Strong LIS Education: Work In-Progress and Critical Engagement” Session, sponsored by the IFLA Section on Education and Training, LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group, and Section on Library Theory and Research, August 24, 2017.
  [https://lisedu.wordpress.com](https://lisedu.wordpress.com)

  [http://www.coalitiontoadvancelearning.org](http://www.coalitiontoadvancelearning.org)

She participated in the two business meetings of the Section on Education and Training as an outgoing Standing Committee Member, the two business meetings of the Section on Library Theory and Research as an incoming Standing Committee Member, and the two business meetings of the Latin America and Caribbean Section as an observer. She also attended the US National Caucus meeting, and several informative sessions. Chu co-organized the joint ALISE/ASIS&T/CALA/iSchools meet and greet dinner held on August 20th at the Piwnica Świdnicka Restaurant in the Old Town Hall of Wroclaw (see Photo 2).
Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe participated in the steering committee meetings of the Information Literacy Section, chairing the second after she was elected to a two-year term as Chair. She also participated in meetings of the Standards Committee to which she was appointed for two years. Lisa served as co-chair of the day-long offsite meeting “Models for Education on Copyright, Licensing, and Other Legal Matters” that was co-sponsored by the IFLA Copyright and Other Legal Matters Advisory Committee and IFLA Information Literacy Section. She also volunteered at the ALA exhibits booth, met with potential partners for programs at WLIC 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, and enjoyed attending the CALA/ASSIST/ALISE/iSchools dinner gathering.

Michael Huang presented a poster session titled “Global Library Initiatives at Stony Brook University.” He actively participated in the two business meetings of the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section as a standing committee member and its open session titled “Achieving a Healthy Future Together.” He also assisted with staffing the ALA booth during the conference.

Guoying (Grace) Liu spoke at the Canada caucus to introduce her sessions in the IFLA WLIC conference. She presented a session titled “Serving the Multicultural Populations on Campus” and led a table discussion on the IFLA section “Library Services to Multicultural Populations”. She also did a poster presentation titled “The Creation of International Journal of Librarianship” to promote the CALA new academic journal. She helped present Dr. Lian Ruan’s report entitled “CALA & IFLA” at the Chinese Speaking Participants on August 19 due to Ruan’s flight delay.
Raymond Pun presented a paper in the IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section Satellite Meeting on Digital Humanities in Berlin, Germany and 3 papers in the IFLA WLIC in Wroclaw, Poland. At the IFLA Indigenous Matters Section, his presentation was entitled “Supporting Native Voices, Cultures and Stories through Multicultural Programming and Community and Campus Engagement at Fresno State.” One of his presentations was covered by American Libraries. He was also elected as corresponding member for Continuing and Professional Development and Workplace Learning (CPDWL).

Lian Ruan presented her poster, entitled “Developing Leaders and Innovators in the 21st Century: the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.” She joined the IFLA Information Literacy Section Standing Committee meeting as member (2017-2021). Among various conference sessions, Dr. Ruan attended the IFLA Global Vision Discussion, Demonstrating the Contribution of Libraries to the UN 2030 Agenda, and the Associations Meeting. She visited academic libraries in Wroclaw and joined dinner organized by CALA/ASIST/ALISE/iSchools.
Shali Zhang gave a presentation, “Role of Data Curators,” at the IFLA Satellite Meeting in the campus of the University of Warsaw. The meeting was organized by IFLA Library Theory and Research Section (LTR), IFLA - Preservation and Conservation Section, and IFLA- Information Technology Section. While in Warsaw, Shali also visited several academic libraries there.

At the IFLA Congress in Wroclaw; Shali participated in the IFLA Editorial Committee meeting, she assisted with staffing the ALA booth during the conference, she served as a CALA’s proxy at the IFLA General Assembly, she attended numerous conference sessions, and she visited the academic libraries in Wroclaw. Shali joined the IFLA post-conference library tour in Krakow and visited three academic libraries there. Additionally, Shali attended the joint dinner organized by CALA, ALISE, and ASIST.

Xuemaq Wang. IFLA 2017 Wroclaw DH/DS SIG Kick Off Program Summary. On Sunday, August 20, at the IFLA General Conference, the new Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship Special Interest Group (SIG) had its official kick off, a two hour program titled "The Global Digital Humanities and Digital Scholarship Best Practices- What is the Role of IFLA and the DH/DS SIG: Lightning Talks and Interactive Conversations." About 130 of our IFLA colleagues attended the session.

The program included four speakers from four continents: Edwin Qoboase, acting director of the University of Botswana Library; Sophie Vandepontseele, history licentiate at the Université catholique de Louvain; Zheng Wang, associate university librarian for digital access, resources and information technology at the University of Notre Dame; and Lihong Zhou, associate professor at the School of Information at Wuhan University.

The program allocated close to an hour for the "lightning talks", including 10-15 minute presentations from each speaker. The SIG’s founding convener, Xuemaq Wang, moderated the session, and asked pointed questions to the both panelists and audience about suggestions for the next year program. The main themes for the Q&A and ensuing conversation included:
* Different definitions and interpretations of DH/DS in different countries and regions, emphasizing the important and value of multiple global perspectives to the SIG
* Organizational structures and funding models in support of DH/DS within libraries
* The different focus and role of faculty and librarians in partnership on DH/DS
* The growing intellectual property and information privacy issues in DH/DS
* DH/DS best practices in different cultures, languages and geographic environments
* Space, design, and technology support for DH/DS
* Core competencies and training for librarians supporting DH/DS
* DH/DS and library digitization projects and repositories
* DH/DS and digital preservation
* DH/DS tools development, scalability and sustainability

I would like to thank the KM Standing Committee members for their support, and the panel speakers for participating in this program.
It was evident that national and academic libraries worldwide are embracing DH/DS as a new service to support such a need of their campuses. The presentations provided a basis for the discussion. The conversations were dynamic and interactive. The attendees and speakers exchanged ideas on topics of faculty demands, librarian and staff training, change management, and DH/DS models. Participants also provided their ideas for the next SIG event at the Congress. The event was successful, and the SIG was forming a new international platform for the IFLA community to engage in DH/DS discussion.

Photo 23. Xuemao Wang (L4) with panelists - Zheng Wang (L3), Sophie Vandeportseele, and Edwin Qobose. Photo Courtesy of Lian Ruan

Photo 24. Xuemao Wang (L4) and Zheng Wang (L3) with CALA members and librarians from Peking University. Photo Courtesy of Lian Ruan