

Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) Committee on Japanese Materials (CJM) Annual Report April 2014-March 2015

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I. Introduction

This report covers activities of the CEAL-CJM from April 2014 to March 2015.

II. Committee Members

A CEAL election took place in February 2014. Michiko Ito was elected to serve as the CJM Chair from April 2014 to March 2017. Seven Japanese/East Asian Studies librarians from diverse backgrounds were slated to join the committee. They were approved by the CEAL Executive Board (EB) in April 2014. The committee members are as follows:

| Name | Institute | Collection Size | Geographic Area | CEAL member since | Notes |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| ITO, Michiko | University of Kansas | medium | Midwest | 1998 | Chair |
| KOMAKI, Ryuta | Washington University in St. Louis | medium | Midwest | 2014 | |
| LISBON, Adam | University of Colorado | small | West | 2012 | |
| LIU, Wen-ling | Indiana University | medium | Midwest | 1991 | in charge of CJK collection |
| MARRA, Toshie | UC Berkeley | large | West | 1990 | |
| NOGUCHI, Setsuko | Princeton University | large | East | 2002 | former CJM chair |
| ROCHA, Fabiano | University of Toronto | large | non-US | 2005 | |
| TODD, Hamish | The British Library | large | non-US | 2011 | |

III. Committee Activities

The Chair created a folder in Google Drive to be shared with CJM committee members. The Chair uses e-mail to communicate with the members, but also requests that they leave comments in the folder. Doing so makes it easy to revisit and review the discussion. The committee made the following decisions:

- **Establishing JpnLibLiaison listserv.** The former CJM chair, Setsuko Noguchi, created a mailing list dedicated to Japanese Studies last year as a test project. In April 2014, CEAL EB requested CEAL committees to follow the guidelines created by EB for sponsoring listserv. The CJM committee evaluated the use and value of JpnLibLiaisons and decided to make it a listserv officially sponsored by CJM. CJM created guidelines for JpnLibLiaisons which reflect requirements set by EB. The details are available at: <http://www.eastasianlib.org/cjm/listserv.html>.
- **Webpage Updating.** Adam Lisbon is in charge of managing and updating the CJM webpage, which he has re-designed (<http://www.eastasianlib.org/cjm/index.html>). He received all archive files from the former web manager. Adam has been cleaning up duplicate files and providing access to conference reports and other information.
- **Planning Long-Term Activities.** Since this committee serves a three year term, the Chair discussed the program for the 2015 meeting, as well as tentative goals and a long-term plan for the 2016 (and/or 2017) annual meeting. The members also considered the possibilities of collaborative research or paper presentations by CJM members or Japanese Studies librarians in CEAL. The committee felt it was necessary to understand the needs of the Japanese Studies librarian community. The Chair found it would be more effective if the members met in person to discuss this matter. The Chair decided to table the long term plan and focus on the 2015 program. See Section IV for the 2015 Meeting Program.

IV. Committee Programs at the CEAL Annual Meeting 2015

- **Plenary II.** In response to EB's request to nominate librarians who closely collaborate with faculty for Plenary II, CJM nominated Molly Des Jardin and Brian Vivier from the University of Pennsylvania.
- **CJM session.** The Chair requested the CJM members leave the planning of the 2015 conference program to the Chair, then discussed possible program topics with the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC). The CJM decided to focus on the digital humanities in Japanese Studies and invited Dr. Toshinobu Ogiso of the National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics and Dr. Hoyt Long of the University of Chicago to present their scholarly projects.
- **CJM/NCC Joint Session.** Kuniko McVey, the Chair of NCC, and the CJM Chair agreed to host a preconference session on Tuesday, March 24. CJM agreed to work with NCC's Digital Resource Committee (DRC) and review Japanese language databases. Their database reviews will be reported at the joint session.

V. Collaboration with NCC

The Chair attended the NCC's Business Meeting held on Oct. 1, 2014. The Chair reported the activities of CEAL and CJM since April 2014.

VI. Subcommittee on Japanese Rare Books Report

For the detailed activity report of this committee, see the attached report submitted by the Subcommittee.

VII. CTP/CJM Joint Working Group on Japanese Romanization Table Report

The activity report of this working group is included in the annual report of CTP.