

Resume of Lian J. Ruan

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EDUCATION

Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 2005-May 2011
Ph.D. (Use and User of Information), May 2011, Dissertation: "Information-Seeking and Sharing Behaviors among Fire Service Field Staff Instructors: A Qualitative Study"

Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 1988-January 1990
M.S. (Library and Information Science), January 1990

Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles, August 1986-June 1988
M.A. (African History), June 1988

Department of History, Peking University, P.R. China, September 1984-July 1986
M.A. Graduate Program (African History)

Department of History, Peking University, P.R. China, September 1980-July 1984
B.A. (World History), July 1984

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The Color of Leadership: Developing Librarians of Color at the 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color September 28 at Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 26, 2018

CALA Leadership Academy with Maureen Sullivan during the ALA Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, June 27, 2016

ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 5-10, 2012

Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiatives, the Illinois State Library and Illinois Library Association, 2004

Learner, Teach-Model-Coach Program: Coaching 21st Century Learners for Advancement in the Library Profession, Chicago Library System, Chicago, Illinois, 2003-2004

EXPERIENCE

Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

May 1999 -

Title: Head Librarian

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide management decision-making authority over library administrative and professional functions and operations.
- Provide recommendations to the Fire Service Institute executive management team on library policy and strategic direction.
- Coordinate library activities and programs to further collaboration and partnership with library communities at five levels - the university, local, state, national and international.
- Play leader roles in the Library and Information Science field at the university, local, state, national and international levels.
- Develop action-oriented research on the Outreach Program for firefighters and special libraries.
- Plan and execute library budget operations.

Accomplishments:

- Transformed the in-house library into virtual and physical state fire academy library, the only fire science dedicated library in Illinois and one of the top three fire academy libraries in the nation.
- Led the development of the Library Strategic Plans in alignment with IFSI Vision Plans and developed partnerships with library and fire organizations to position the library as a key educational, training and research partner.
- Joined the Lincoln Trails Library System, a regional library system of the Illinois State Library; created, developed, and managed the library operations budget center.
- Received a series of grant awards from the Illinois State Library (\$317,264) to develop the IFSI Library Outreach Program that has provided innovative library and information services at no cost and based on my dissertation and other research findings in a timely fashion to more than 42,000 firefighters in over 1200 fire departments statewide, then international firefighters and first responders in China (including Hong Kong).
- Developed the Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database (IFLODD) through a grant, which grew into the most comprehensive resource for the 898 Illinois firefighters who have died in the line of duty in the past 150 years, including incident summaries, digital photographs, and fire station log records, and oral history interviews.
- Established the IFSI Library Advisory Committee consisting of fire chiefs from more than 18 fire departments statewide.
- Built a team of librarians, graduate assistants and undergraduate students; employed, trained, mentored and coached with the library staff over 60 graduate students from the University of Illinois School of Information Sciences (iSchool), of which almost half of them are international students.

- Jointly developed “*A Building Program for the Fire and Emergency Library*” with Fred Schlipf, building consultant to expand the library in 2001 and received the Chancellor Capital Review Committee’s approval in 2001 and 2007; participated in the design, construction and dedication (in 2011) of 9-million dollar Learning Resource and Research Center (LRRC) building that includes a permanent home for the library and archives, an international conference center with simultaneous interpretation booths, research laboratories, emergency management training and command center, and state-of-the-art IT facilities.
- Established a branch library at the Peoria Fire Training Academy stationed by a firefighter librarian.
- Completed Ph.D. degree on information behaviors of firefighters.
- Applied the doctoral research findings to further design and develop innovative IFSI library programs and information services.
- Published scholarly papers and made presentations at local, nation and international conferences.
- Expanded research on Chinese American librarians, academic libraries in China, and international librarianship.
- Produced a 3-minute video to share my vision of the “global community of libraries” that will be shown at the “An International Leaders Forum: Leading a Vision for a Global Community of Libraries” Event at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Served as a member of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.
- Elected as President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), then Executive Director; co-chaired the 2020 CALA Strategic Plan Task Force; co-chaired the CALA Membership Committee that raised the CALA membership level over 500; led to develop the CALA Donor Acceptance Policy and financial management plans.
- Served as a member of the Steering Committee of JCLC (Joint Council of Librarians of Color); co-chaired JCLC Publicity and Public Relations and Web Sub-Committee to organize the 3rd 2018 National JCLC Conference.
- Served as a member of the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee; a member ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and a member of ALA Nominating Committee.
- Served as a member of the Information Literacy Section Standing Committee for IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations); participated in the IFLA Global Vision Workshop in Washington DC and Ottawa, Canada respectively; chaired the CALA IFLA Global Vision discussion meetings; co-facilitated the IFLA Global Vision Open Discussion Forum at the ALA Annual Conference; served as Co-CALA Representative to IFLA.
- Served as Co-CALA Representative to the Library Society of China.
- Served as Chair for inFIRE (the international network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange, an international fire library consortium) Executive Committee.
- Served as President, Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society.

Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
May 2006-

Title: Director of IFSI International Programs

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Initiate, design, organize and coordinate the annual Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program in partnership with the School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois and more than 15 major academic and public libraries across the United States since 2005; designed and produced *the Yearbook for the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program* (2005-2018) and the *10th Anniversary Yearbook for the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program* (2015).
- Initiate and develop the China Endowment Fund at the University of Illinois Foundation for Chinese librarians, visiting scholars, and students in library and information science. Started the China Endowment Fund Scholarship award in 2012, co-chaired the Scholarship Committee.
- Initiate, design, organize and coordinate the annual Chinese Professional Archives and Library Internship Program for the Department of Archives, Beijing Union University since 2018.
- Help initiate, reach and sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) agreements with 18 organizations in China (as of February 2019).
- Initiate, organize and coordinate training programs with partners in the area of emergency management, such as IFSI-Hong Kong Fire Services Department's Hazardous Materials Technician Training Program (2009-) and Korean firefighter training at IFSI; IFSI-Hazardous Materials Operations Training Program (2015-) in Huizhou, China, the first Pro-Board Certification Program in China.
- Handle visa applications in USA and China.
- Develop and execute budgets for the overall international programs and various individual training programs.

Accomplishments:

- Organized 382 librarians from 130 organizations to complete the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (2005-2018), the largest Chinese librarians program in the China-US LIS history; worked with the invited speakers from across the University of Illinois campus and more than 15 state and national libraries for the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program, including the University of Illinois Library, the University of Illinois School of Information Sciences, the Illinois State Library, Library of Congress, American Library Association, New York Public Library, Yale University Library, Princeton University Library, Columbia University Library, MIT Library, Harvard University Library, Boston Public Library, Stanford University Library, University of California at Berkeley Library, the National Library of Medicine, San Francisco Public Library and so on.
- Developed and hosted 15 Chinese undergraduate students for the first Chinese Professional Archives and Library Internship Program.

- Helped raise more than \$60,000 for the China Endowment Fund; co-chaired the China Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee since 2012.
- Sponsored and received 112 Chinese visiting scholars from 66 institutions in China since 2008, in addition to one visiting scholar from Brazil.
- Developed and updated the *Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) for the Illinois Fire Service Institute International Programs*.
- Led the strategic planning for the International Programs.
- Conducted well-received translations both in oral and written for various China programs.
- Presented the Chinese New Year culture on WANDTV evening news programs in February 2019.

Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS, now the School of Information Sciences, iSchool), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2002-2003, 2005, 2007-2008, 2010, 2012-2014

Title: Adjunct Faculty

Teaching Responsibilities:

- LIS360 Practicum on Reference Service and User Training for Paramedics in Illinois Fire Departments (Spring 2003)
- LIS360 Practicum on Cataloging Photos (Spring 2004)
- LIS360 Practicum on User Training (Fall 2004)
- LIS360 Practicum on Cataloging and OCLC (Fall 2004)
- LIS407 Knowledge Organization (LEEP distance learning course, guest speaker)
- LIS450 Global Perspectives in Library and Information Science (guest speaker)
- LIS450 Thesaurus Construction (guest speaker)
- LIS451 Independent Study on Corporate Librarianship (Spring 2014)
- LIS451 Independent Study on Operational and Training Manual of the IFSI Library (Fall 2001)
- LIS590 Special Library Administration (Summer 2002, Summer II 2003, Spring 2005, Summer 2007, Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2013)
- LIS590 Information Access and Library Resources in the Social Sciences and Humanities in China (Fall 2008)

Accomplishments:

- Initiated, developed and taught LIS590SL Special Library Administration course with a thorough introduction and orientation to the objectives, organization and operation of special libraries; reached the objective to prepare students to be able to achieve SLA competencies after they graduate and were working as information professionals. Emphasis were on principles, tools and skills that prepared students for the practical challenges of managing special libraries.
- Established the Special Librarian Endowment Fund at GSLIS that supported students in exploring special library as a career choice.
- Mentored and coached LIS students who would find jobs and excel in special libraries.

Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
September 1990- May 1999

Title: Research Information Specialist

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Cataloged the multi-media collections, including books, training manuals, journals, slides, and videos.
- Managed the collection development.
- Put the collections on the bookshelves and circulated them to the Institute's training instructors.
- Conducted interlibrary loans with the National Fire Academy Library, U.S. Fire Administration in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- Joined inFIRE (the international network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange, an international fire consortium).

Accomplishments:

- Founded the library as solo librarian.
- Served as a member of inFIRE Executive Committee.
- Helped organize the inFIRE Annual Conference.
- Assisted with the development of the inFIRE strategic plan.

Champaign Fire Department, Champaign, Illinois
January 1990-March 2008

Title: Library Consultant

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Cataloged the multi-media collections, including books, training manuals, journals, slides, and videos.
- Designed the cataloging database.
- Arranged the library materials on bookshelves.
- Circulated the library materials to firefighters located in six fire stations.

Accomplishments:

- Founded the Champaign Fire Department Library, the first and only fire department library in the nation.
- Received an appreciation plaque for outstanding library service to the Champaign Fire Department from the City of Champaign.

**Illinois State Historical Library (now the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library),
Springfield, Illinois**
March 1990-August 1990

Title: Newspaper Cataloger

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Participated in the Illinois Newspaper Project, part of the United States Newspaper Program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and administered by the Library of Congress.
- Cataloged newspapers with a team of three librarians on microfilm to preserve the nation's historic newspaper heritage.
- Received regular cataloging training from the Library of Congress librarian.

**Illinois State Historical Library (now the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library),
Springfield, Illinois**

January 1990-March 1990

Title: Manuscript Cataloger

Duties and Responsibilities: Cataloged Lincoln manuscript collections on OCLC.

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal Articles, Books, Manuals, and Chapters in Books:

Ruan, L., ed. *Yearbook for the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*. Champaign, 2005-2018.

Ruan, L.; Liu, W. "The Role of Chinese American Librarians in Library and Information Science Diversity." *International Journal of Librarianship* 2(2): 18-36, 2017.

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Ruan, L. "Chinese-American Librarian Leadership: An Interview with Dr. Lian Ruan, Head Librarian, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign." In: Clarke, J.; Pun, R.; Tong, M., eds. *Asian Americans and Libraries: Activism, Collaboration and Strategies for the 21st Century*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2017, pp. 111-113.

Ruan, L.; Ehrenhart, D.; Richardson, D. "Fire Protection." In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 26th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2017.

Ruan, L.; Fu, L. "The Trends of Chinese-American Library Relations." In Ruan, L.; Ye, Y.; Zhu, Q., eds. *Academic Library Development and Administration in China*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2016, pp. 301-333.

Ruan, L.; Ye, Y.; Zhu, Q., eds. *Academic Library Development and Administration in China*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2016. 390p.

Ruan, L. "An Interview with Dr. Lian Ruan, Head Librarian, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign." In: Anderson, D.E.; Pun, R., eds. *Career*

Transitions for Librarians: Proven Strategies for Moving to Another Type of Library, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016, pp.231-234.

He, Y.; Ruan, L. “A Leadership Model for Chinese American Librarians, an Oral History of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee.” *Chinese America, History & Perspectives, the Journal of the Chinese Historical Society of America*, 27-31, 2016.

Ruan, L., ed. *10th Anniversary Yearbook for the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, Champaign, 2015.

Ruan, L.; Ehrenhart, D.; Richardson, D. “Developing Innovative Services and Products to Meet Firefighters’ Unique Needs at the State Fire Academy Library.” Online SLA Contributed Research Papers. June 14, 2015. <https://www.sla.org/learn/research/sla-contributed-papers/2015-contributed-papers/> or https://www.sla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015_Ruan.pdf

Ruan, L.; Ehrenhart, D.; Richardson, D. “Fire Protection.” In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 21st ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2015.

Ruan, L. “Aiming High: ACRL in the 60s.” *College & Research Libraries News* 75(11): 616-618, 2014.

Ruan, L.; Sykes, J. “Strategic Planning in Special Libraries and Information Centers.” In: Kiyomi, D.; Deards, K.D.; Springs, G.R., eds. *Succession Planning and Implementation in Libraries: Practices and Resources*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2014, pp. 153-179.

Xin, X.; Wu, X.; Li, N.; Ruan, L. “Exchange and Creating Knowledge: New Ideas on Knowledge Services in American Academic Libraries.” (《交流创造知识：美国学术图书馆知识服务新理念》) *Library and Information Work* (《图书情报工作》), 58(7): 25-29, April 2014. In Chinese.

Xin, X.; Wu, X.; Ruan, L. “Embedding Knowledge Services of American University Libraries: Practice and Inspiration.” (《美国高校图书馆的嵌入式知识服务实践与启示》) *Chinese Journal of Information Resources Work* (《情报资料工作》), 2: 71-74, 2014. In Chinese.

Ruan, L.; Ehrenhart, D.; Richardson, D. “Fire Protection.” In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 20th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2013.

Ruan, L.; Zhu, Q. “The Role of Information Technology in Academic Libraries’ Resource Sharing in Western Region of China.” *Library Trends* 62(1): 180-204, Summer 2013.

Ruan, L.; Groves, A. “Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database: A Knowledge Management Initiative.” *Fire Technology*, 49(1): 163-173, January 2013. <http://www.springerlink.com/content/h455427618238128/>

Ruan, L.; Richardson, D.; Groves, A. "Fire Protection." In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 19th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2011.

Ruan, L.; Richardson, D.; Groves, A. "Fire Protection." In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 18th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2009.

Ruan, L.; Xiong, J. A. "Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century: Profile Update." *The Chinese Librarianship: an International Electronic Journal* 29, June 1, 2008.
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Ruan, L.; Xiong, J.A. "Career Choices and Career Advancement: Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century." *The Chinese Librarianship: an International Electronic Journal* 29, June 1, 2008. www.iclc.us/cliej/cl25.htm

Ruan, L.; Richardson, D.; Groves, A. "Fire Protection." In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 16th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2007.

Ruan, L.; Richardson, D.; Morris, E. "Fire Protection." In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 14th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2005.

Ruan, L. "Designing and Developing Internet Reference Services to Support Firefighter Distance Learners in Illinois." *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, 9: 147-172, 2005.

Ruan, L. "美国专业图书馆的战略计划——个案分析" (Strategic Planning in American Special Libraries: a Case Study), 图书馆建设 (*Library Construction Journal*), 4: 74-78, 2004. In Chinese.

Ruan, L.; Sung, J. "Meeting Changing Information Needs of Illinois Firefighters: Analysis Queries Received from Reference Outreach Service." *The Reference Librarian* 82: 69-105, 2003.

Ruan, L.; Sung, J. "Meeting Changing Information Needs of Illinois Firefighters: Analysis of Queries Received from Outreach Reference Service." In: Kelsey, P.; Sigrid Kelsey, S., eds. *Outreach Services in Academic and Special Libraries*. New York and London: Routledge, 2003, pp. 69-105.

Ruan, L. "Fire Protection." In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 12th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2003.

Ruan, L. "Snapshot: the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute Library & Its Emergency Medical Services Program." *HSLI (Health Science Librarians of Illinois) Newsletter*, 21(3): 9, Winter 2002.

Ruan, L.; Paul, J.; Cunningham, J.; Windau, S. "Virtual User Instruction at the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute Library: Producing a Web-based Training Video for Illinois Firefighters." *Illinois Libraries* 84(2): 48-62, Spring 2002.

Ruan, L. "Conference Report, Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference, Urbana, Illinois, November 15-16, 2001." *The One-Person Library* 18(9), January 2002.

Ruan, L.; Hu, G. "Integrating 'Make Request on the Web' with the FSI Library OPAC." *Informant* (Illinois Chapter, Special Libraries Association), 66(3), January 2002.

Ruan, L.; Hu, G. "Managing the Fire Emergency Article Database at the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library." *Informant* (Illinois Chapter, Special Libraries Association), 2001.

Ruan, L.; Windau, S. *The Illinois Fire Service Institute Library Operational and Training Manual*. 2001. 118p.

Ruan, L. "The LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) 2000 Full Year Grant, Internet Outreach to and Training of Illinois Fire Service Personnel, Public and Community College Librarians for Electronic Access to Fire Safety Information, Final Narrative Report." *Illinois Libraries* 83(1): 18-33, Winter 2001.

Ruan, L. "The LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) 2001 Grant, Libraries in the 21st Century – Developing the Distance Learning Library Services for Illinois Firefighters: an Integrated Information Service with Online Firefighter II Certification Program, Final Narrative Report." *Illinois Libraries* 83(4): 19-63, Fall 2001.

Ruan, L. "Providing Better Subject Access to Nonprint Fire Emergency Materials for Illinois Firefighters." *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* 31(3/4): 213-235, 2001.

Conference Paper:

Ruan, L.; Smith, L.C. "Evidence-Based Practice in U.S. Fire Library Management." *The Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP4) Proceeding, May 6-9, 2007 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina*.

Reports:

Ruan, L.; Liu, W. *The Role of Chinese American Libraries in Library and Information Science Diversity*. A report to the ALA Diversity Research Grant Program, April 2015. 79p.

Ruan, L.; Smith, L.C. *A Survey to Support "Evidence-Based Practice" in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas*. A report to the Special Libraries Association with the support of the Steven I. Goldspiel Memorial Research Grant, 2004. 119p.

Schlipf, F.A.; Ruan, L. *A Building Program for the Fire and Emergency Library, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*. 2001. 76p.

Ruan, L. *FireTalk, Illinois Fire Service Institute Thesaurus*. 2nd ed., 2000. 136p.

Ruan, L. *Illinois Fire Service Institute Library (FSI Library) Outreach Program Survey Report*. 1998. 78p.

Special Issues Edited:

Serve as co-editor-in-chief with Xinye Du, Managing Editor from the National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, for a special issue of the *IGI International Journal of Library and Information Services*, entitled Transforming Libraries in China through Innovative User-Centered Services. 15 articles are being published in two volumes in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

Serve as Co-Guest Editor with Xinye Du, Managing Editor from the National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, for a special issue of the *Library Trends* (iSchool in Illinois quarterly publication), entitled Digital Humanities and Libraries in China, which is scheduled to publish in spring 2020.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP:

Grant Awards from the Illinois State Library, a Division of the Illinois Secretary of State Office:

Served as principal investigator and project director for all grant projects and received total awards of \$317,264 as of March 2014.

Illinois State Library, “Another Opportunity for Back 2 Books,” \$4,941, 2014

Illinois State Library, “Back to Books,” \$4,988, 2013

Library Services and Technology Act Grant “Illinois Online Disaster Preparedness Pathfinder,” \$4,000, 2007-2008

Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “In Memory of Our Heroes: Developing a Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths,” \$20,500, 2006-2007

Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “Creative Use of Libraries (CUOL Grant!) – Deliver Right Information to Illinois Firefighters at Right Time,” \$81,626, 2005-2006

Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “Grow with a Pro!” Mini-grant program (Hired a local architect to do conceptual drawings for the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library building feasibility study, which expanded the library from 700 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft), \$4,900, 2002

Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “Libraries in the 21st Century – Developing the Distance Learning Library Services for Illinois Firefighters: An Integrated Information Service with Online Firefighter II Certification Program,” \$49,570, 2001

Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “Collection Connection Mini-grant Program”, \$2,500, 2001

Library Services and Technology Act Full Year Grant, “Internet Outreach to and Training of Illinois Fire Service Personnel, Public and Community College Librarians for Electronic Access to Fire Safety Information,” \$75,000, 2000

Educate and Automate Fast Start-basic Equipment Mini-grant Program, \$1,065, 2000

Educate and Automate Public Internet Access Mini-grant Program, \$1,820, 2000

Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “Marketing Mini-grant Program,” \$1,000, 2000

Library Services and Technology Act Grant “Equipment to Books Mini-grant Program,” \$2,000, 2000

Library Services and Technology Act Grant “Bring in An Expert Mini-grant Program,” \$4,500, 1999

Grant Award from the American Library Association (ALA):

Served as co-principal investigator with Weiling Liu, University of Louisville, for the ALA Diversity Research Grant, entitled “The Role of Chinese American Librarians in Library and Information Science Diversity,” \$2,500, 2013

Grant Award from the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA):

Served as co-principal investigator with Anna Xiong, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, for the Chinese American Librarians Association’s Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant, entitled "In Search of Excellence: Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century," \$700, 2005-2006.

Grant Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region (GMR):

Served as principal investigator and received total awards of \$7,700.

GMR Outreach Project award for "Putting Professional Development into Practice" (to improve Illinois emergency medical technicians’ access to the National Library of Medicine’s biomedical information resources by providing training workshops to selected fire departments in four locations-Chicago, Peoria, Rockford, and Urbana-Champaign where the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Library of Health Sciences (LHS) also is located.) \$6,000, 2004-2005

GMR Professional Development award (The Health Science Library at the University of Illinois, Chicago trained best practices in outreach, Web technologies and electronic reference service to develop a new outreach library service for emergency medical technicians in Illinois Fire Departments.) \$1,700, 2002-2003

Grant Award from the Special Libraries Association:

Served as co-principal investigator with Professor Linda C. Smith for Special Libraries Association's Steven I. Goldspiel Memorial Research Grant Project, entitled "A Survey to Support 'Evidence-Based Practice' in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas," \$20,000, 2003-2004

Grant Award from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:

Served as co-principal investigator with Professor Terry Weech for "Information Access and Library Resources in the Social Sciences and Humanities in China," funded by the Freeman Fellows Partner Initiative, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, \$13,000, 2007

Received the Academic Professional Development Fund Support (\$500) to attend two national conferences by Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2005

Served as co-principal investigator with Professor Linda Smith for "A Survey to Support 'Evidence-Based Practice' in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas," a supplemental support to Special Libraries Association's grant project by the Campus Research Board, \$8,131, 2003-2004

Served as principal investigator, "FireTalk, Illinois Fire Service Institute Thesaurus," funded by the Campus Research Board, \$9,252, 2002-2003

Scholarship from the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color:

Received the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) Scholarship, Dallas, Texas, \$1000, 2006

HONORS:

JCLC Advocacy Award at the 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, September 28, 2018

Honored by the University of Illinois by being included in a list of 150 women throughout the 150 year history of the University "who have made significant achievements during their time as the University," <https://gec150.web.illinois.edu/1990s/>, 2018

Honored by the Illinois Firefighters Association, Inc. at the Association Annual Conference and Annual Membership Meeting, October 20, 2017 (The Association passed a resolution with a list of my accomplishments.)

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year Award at the ILA Annual Conference, October 11, 2017

Finalist for the 2016 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service (The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community, featuring at IMLS Facebook page on March 2017) 2017

CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) President Recognition Award, June 25, 2016

Finalist for the 2016 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service (The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community, featuring at IMLS Facebook page on March 2016) 2016

Finalist for the 2015 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service (The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community, featuring at IMLS Facebook page on March 4, 2015 and interviewed by Daily Illini on April 1, 2015 (http://www.dailyillini.com/lifeandculture/article_189e6862-d80b-11e4-ba79-179e606b5746.html) 2015

Profiled in the *Who's Who in the World*, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004

Profiled in the *Who's Who in America*, 2014, 2013, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004

The ACRL Member of the Week, Featured by ACRL, March 31, 2014

Members Meeting Challenges: Lian Ruan (Featured by SLA Illinois Chapter, <http://illinois.sla.org/?p=3912>, March 7, 2014

SLA Feature on the GSLIS (<http://www.lis.illinois.edu/articles/2014/01/ruan-highlighted-sla-illuminate-illinois-feature>, January 7, 2014

Illuminate Illinois: Lian Ruan (Featured by SLA Illinois Chapter, <http://illinois.sla.org/?p=3681>, December 6, 2013

GSLIS Dean's Council, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2010-2012
Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society, 2012

Beta Phi Mu, Alpha Chapter, the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society, by election of the faculty at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 5, 2011

“IFLODD: The Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database” was highlighted in April 2009’s *ILA REPORTER* issue (Illinois Library Association’s official publication) as one of the exemplary Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants in Illinois, 2009

Profiled in the *Who’s Who of American Women*, 2009, 2005

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chancellor’s Academic Professional Excellence (CAPE) Award, 2003

The Special Libraries Association Diversity Leadership Development Program Award, 2003

Interviewed with other solo librarians by Informant, Special Libraries Association, Illinois Chapter, 2000

Feature article on diversity in the August 1999 Issue of Illinois Reporter, published by Illinois Library Association. Reprint in the Fall Alumni Newsletter, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999
Up and Coming Award, Special Libraries Association, Illinois Chapter, 1999

May Fourth Youth Award for undergraduate thesis, Peking University, 1984

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

American Library Association (ALA), Life Member, 2001-

Member, Committee on Nomination for the 2019 ALA Election, 2017-2018

Member, Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee, 2016-2017

Member, ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, 2014-2016

Association of College & Research Libraries

Distance Learning Section

Member, ACRL 75th Anniversary Celebration Task Force, 2013-2016

ACRL Representative to the ALA Advocacy Coordinating Group, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)

Reference and User Services Association

Collection Development and Evaluation Section

Emerging Technologies in Reference Section

Reference Services Section

Library Research Round Table

Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), Life Member, 2003-

Executive Director, 2016-2019

(Assist CALA EC and Board in achieving strategic goals outlined in the Strategic Plan

2015-2020; special efforts on fundamentally improve CALA's finance management and Develop long-term financial goals, including the establishment of CALA Endowment Fund)

Member, Membership Committee, 2018-2019

Immediate Past-President, 2016-2017

President, 2015-2016

(Led CALA with EC and Board to achieve goals outlined in the Strategic Plan 2015-2020; special efforts on CALA's leadership development, legal compliance and key organizational changes)

Vice President, 2014-2015

Incoming President/President Elect, 2013-2014

Co-Chair, CALA 2020 Strategic Plan Task Force, 2014-2016

(led the strategic planning and developed CALA Strategic Plan 2015-2020)

Co-Representative to Library Society of China, 2017-2018

Co-Representative to IFLA, 2017-2018

Member, Mentoring Program Committee, 2013-2014

President, Midwest Chapter, 2012-2013

Vice President, Midwest Chapter, 2011-2012

Co-Chair, Local Arrangement Committee, 2012-2013

Co-Chair, Membership Committee, 2012-2013

(Led the national CALA membership drive and achieved the 2013 record-high goal of 559 active members)

Co-Chair, Membership Committee, 2011-2012

(Led the national CALA membership drive and achieved the 2012 record-high goal of 515 active members)

Chair, Fundraising Team (Midwest Chapter) for Joplin, MO, 2011-2012

Chair, Midwest Chapter Conference Planning Committee, 2011-2012

Member, Annual Award Banquet Arrangement Committee, 2011

Chair, Finance Committee, 2009-2010

Chair, Public Relations Committee, Midwest Chapter, 2008-2009

Chair, Sally Tseng Professional Development Grant Award Committee, 2008-2009

Member, Mentorship Program Committee, 2008-2009

Member, Scholarship Committee, 2004-2005

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

(CALA is a member of IFLA, 2011-)

Member, Information Literacy Section Standing Committee, 2017-2021

Joint Council of Librarians of Color (JCLC Inc.)

(CALA is a member of JCLC Inc., 2015-)

Member, JCLC Steering Committee, 2016-2018

Co-Chair, JCLC Publicity and Public Relations and Web Sub-Committee, 2016-2018

(worked with Steering Committee to successfully organize the 2018 3rd National JCLC Conference with over 1000 conference attendees.)

Member, Evaluation Subcommittee of the 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Conference, 2011-2012

inFIRE (International Network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange, an international consortium of fire libraries), 1990-
Chair, Executive Committee, 2013-
Member, Executive Committee, 1997-2001, 2009-2012
Co-Organizer, the 2014 inFIRE Annual Conference at Sun Yat-Sen University, China, May 6-8, 2014
Organizer, the 2011 inFIRE Annual Conference at Illinois Fire Service Institute, May 9-12, 2011
inFIRE Serial Union List Coordinator, 2001-2007 (Initiated and developed a searchable and member-only)
Treasurer, 2001-2006
Co-Organizer with RJA Group, 2001 inFIRE Annual Conference, May 1-3
Editor, Proceeding of 2001 inFIRE Annual Conference

Special Libraries Association (SLA), 1999-
Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council, 2013-2016
Diversity Leadership Development Program Committee, 2013-2014
Illinois Chapter Strategic Planning Committee, 2013-2014
Illinois Chapter Outreach/Public Relations Committee, 2011-2013
Illinois Chapter Chicago Annual Conference Local Arrangements Planning Committee, 2011-2012
Downstate Representative, Board of Directors, Illinois Chapter, 2002-2004
(Initiated and organized SLA Illinois Chapter's Downstate Outreach Program to work with GSLIS SLA Student Chapter and various library organizations)
Chair, Annual Downstate Meeting, Illinois Chapter, 2002-2004
Chair, Research and Writing Committee, Illinois Chapter, 2000-2002 (Initiated and developed a searchable SLA IL Chapter member research profile database)
Editor, *Informant*, Illinois Chapter Newsletter, 2000-2002

Beta Phi Mu, Alpha Chapter, 2011-
President, 2018-2019
President-elect 2017-2018

Health Science Librarians of Illinois (HSLI), 2001-
Member, Conference Committee, Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference, November 15-16, 2001

Illinois Library Association (ILA), 2001-

Illinois Heartland Library System (administered by the Illinois State Library, formerly Lincoln Trails Library System), 1998-
Invited ISLAC (Illinois State Library Advisory Committee) member as a representative of special libraries in Illinois (2009-2015)
Invited ILLINET Network Advisory Council (INAC) member as a representative of special libraries in Illinois and serve as liaison between ISLAC and INAC, 2003-2015

Medical Library Association (MLA), 2001-

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Editorial Board of the *Library Construction* 《图书馆建设》 in Chinese. 2018-2019

Host, 2016 MillerComm event on “Mind and Murals, the Buddhist Cave Paintings of the Mogao Grottoes in China” by Eugene Y. Wang, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Professor of Asian Art, Harvard University, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 9, 2015

Editorial Board of the *Chinese Librarianship: An International Electronic Journal*, 2006-2009

Advisory Committee, Special Librarians Endowment Fund, Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2005-2014

Mentor, GSLIS Chinese Group (made the initiative to establish the group and help the group’s program activities) 2004-

Co-Chair, China Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012-

Founder, China Endowment Fund, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2005

Co-Founder, Special Librarians Endowment Fund, Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2002

PRESENTATIONS AT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

2018

December 5: Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, “Development Trends of Innovative Services of Academic Libraries in USA”

November 9: Jiangsu University Library, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, China, “Digital Library Services”

November 8, NUAA (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautic University), Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Development Trends of Innovative Services of Academic Libraries in USA”

November 7: China Agricultural University Library, Beijing, China, “Hot Topics in American Library and Information Sciences and Research Methods”

October 24: National Academic Library Information Literacy Online Education Symposium, East China Science & Technology University, Shanghai, China, “The Status Quo and Trend of Online Education of College Students' Information Literacy in the United States”

October 24: The 3rd Global Perspective: Academic Library Directors' Forum – Resource Sharing, Space Renovation and Organizational Change, Reinventing Academic Library in the New Age, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics Library, Shanghai, China, “Resource Sharing at Academic Libraries in the United States & CARLI in Illinois”

October 22: NYU Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China, “Innovative Library Services at the Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign”

October 22: Shanghai University, Shanghai, China, “Degree Programs in the School of Information Sciences at Illinois and LIS Education in the USA”

October 19: Songjiang Area Library Meeting, Shanghai Visual Art School Library, Shanghai, China, “Development Trends of Innovative Services of Academic Libraries in USA”

October 18: Shanghai Library International Forum, Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China, “Sino-US English Academic Publishing Cooperation: A Case Study”

October 14: Jiangsu University Library, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu, China, “Digital Library Services”

September 20: China Music School Library, Beijing, China, “Development Trends of Innovative Services of Academic Libraries in USA”

September 21: Shanxi University of Finance and Economy, Shanxi, China, “Development Trends of Innovative Services of Academic Libraries in USA”

September 18: APBSLG (Asia Pacific Business School Librarians' Group) Meeting & Conferences, Changjiang Business School, Beijing, China, Stage Presentation “Library Transforms Users, Society and Ourselves – My Story”

September 19 and September 20: Beijing Union University, Beijing, China, “Digital Library Services”

September 17: LIS and Archives Education Forum, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China, “Degree Programs in the School of Information Sciences at Illinois and LIS Education in the USA”

September 17: Medical Union Library, Beijing, China, “Development Trends of Innovative Services of Academic Libraries in USA”

September 15: Qufu Area Library Meeting, Jining University Library, Qufu, Shandong Province, China, “Development Trends of Innovative Services of Academic Libraries in USA”

June 24: Chinese American Librarians Association Poster Session/ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans Convention Center, New Orleans, LA, “Transforming China Libraries through Innovative User-Centered Services, Special Issue, International Journal of Library and Information Services published by IGI”

June 2: Chinese Library Annual Conference/Library Society of China, Langfang Convention Center, Langfang, Hebei Province, China, “Leadership and Partnership: CALA and Chinese libraries contributing to the IFLA global vision planning”

May 30: Beijing Area Library Information System (BALIS) Workshop at Beijing Normal University Library, Beijing, China, “Library Practices and Innovation in American Libraries – A Case Study”

May 29: Chinese Science of Academy Library/Library and Information Science Publishing Workshop, Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, “Recent Five Years’ Hot Research Topics in the Field of International Library and Information Science”

2017

December 6: Guangzhou Area Library Meeting, University of Chinese Medicine, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, “Trends, Challenges and Response of Academic Libraries in USA”

November 24: Nanjing Agricultural University Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Innovative Services in American Academic Libraries – Trends in Research Data Management (RDM) and Services”

November 24: China University of Mining and Technology Library, Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province, China, “Innovative Services in American Academic Libraries – Trends in Research Data Management (RDM) and Services”

November 23: Xuzhou Area Library Meeting, Xuzhou Engineering University Library, Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province, “Trends and Innovative Services in Academic Libraries in USA in the 21st Century”

November 21: Hohai University Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, “Innovative Services in American Academic Libraries – Trends in Research Data Management (RDM) and Services”

November 18: Southwest University, Chongqing, China, “Innovative Services in American Academic Libraries – Trends in Research Data Management (RDM) and Services”

November 16: Wuhan Area Library Meeting, Wuhan University Library, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, “Trends and Innovative Services in Academic Libraries in USA in the 21st Century”

November 13: Jiangsu University Library, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, China, “Research Data Management (RDM) and Services in Academic Libraries”

October 30: Shanghai University Library, Shanghai, China, “Trends in Academic Libraries in USA”

October 24: Jiangsu Library Association Annual Conference, Nanjing University, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, “Remaking Space in Library Buildings and Innovative Services in the 21st Century”

October 23: Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, “Professional Development of American Academic Librarians”

October 11: Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Tinley Park, DiversiTea, “Rise Up!”

September 15: Zhengzhou Area Library Meeting, Henan University of Economics and Law Library, Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China, “Trends and Challenges in Academic Libraries in USA”

August 21 and August 22: IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) Congress Poster Sessions, Wroclaw, Poland, “Developing Leaders and Innovators in the 21st Century: the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States”

August 19: IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) Congress, Wroclaw, Poland, Chinese Speaking Caucus, “CALA and IFLA”

August 3: Modern American Academic Library Management, CALA and Yunnan 21st Century Librarian Seminar, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Alexander Library, “Remaking Space in Library Buildings and Innovative Services in the 21st Century”

June 25: ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, “IFLA Global Vision Open Discussion Forum,” Co-facilitated with Robin Kear and Stephen Wyber; a short article was published in *IRRT Leads*.

June 24: ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, with three panelists - Scott Collard, Head of Specialized Research Services, New York University, Constantia Constantinou, Dean of University Libraries, SUNY Stony Brook, Starr Hoffman, Head of Planning and Assessment, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, “Research Collaboration and Publishing in the Global Community,” Sponsored by ACRL International Perspectives on Academic and Research Libraries

April 1: CALA GMA Chapter Spring Forum, Washington DC, “Developing the State Fire Academy Library through Innovation”

2016

October 27: Annual Conference of the Library Society of China (LSC) and the Chinese Library Exhibition (Theme - Innovative China: Technology, Society, and Library) in Tongling, Anhui Province, CALA Academic Session - “Innovative Services and Technology in U.S.

Academic Libraries,” “Developing Innovative Services to Meet Emergency Responders’ Unique Needs at the State Fire Academy Library”

October 24: Anhui Normal University, Wuhu, Anhui Province, China, “Trends of Academic Libraries Development”

October 20: Nanjing Agricultural University Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Trends of Academic Libraries Development in the United States”

October 19: Jiangsu University Library, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, China, “Library Management”

September 5: Jiangsu University Library, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, China, “Library Management”

September 3: Jiangsu Police Institute Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Trends of Academic Libraries Development in the United States”

July 2: Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program, “IFSI Library”

June 27: CALA Leadership Academy, Panelist Discussion on Leadership Development and Advancement with, Clara Chu, Dora Ho, Zhijia Shen, Xuemao Wang, Patty Wong

June 1: Annual Conference of the Library Society of China (LSC) and the Chinese Library Exhibition (Theme – Innovative China: Technology, Society, and Library) in Tongling, Anhui Province, CALA Academic Session Entitled “Innovative Services and Technology in U.S. Academic Libraries,” “Developing Innovative Services to Meet Emergency Responders’ Unique Needs at the State Fire Academy Library”

2015

December 16: Annual Conference of the Library Society of China (LSC) and the Chinese Library Exhibition in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, “New Trends of Academic Libraries in USA,” Keynote Presentation at the CALA Academic Session, “The Library’s Role in Social Advancement: Current Trends in Academic and Public Libraries in the United States”

December 15: Sun Yat-Sen University, School of Information Management, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, “New Trends of Academic Libraries in USA”

December 14, Guangzhou Area Library Meeting, Guangdong Polytechnic Normal University Library, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, “Innovative Services in American Academic Libraries”

December 12, Wenzhou Medical University Library, Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

December 10: Ningbo Public Library, Zhejiang Province, China, “Reading Programs in American Public Libraries”

December 10: Beilun Library, Ningbo Polytechnic Institute, Zhejiang Province, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

December 9: National Academic Library Workshop on Strategic Planning, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, China, “Sharing Strategic Planning Experiences in American Academic Libraries”

November 28: Jiangsu University Library, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, China, “Library Management”

November 26: Jiaxing School Library, Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

November 23: Anhui University of Technology Library, Ma‘anshan, Anhui Province, China “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

November 20: Maritime University, Shanghai, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

November 19: Tongji University Library, Shanghai, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

September 25: Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

September 15: Southeast University Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

September 11: University of Technology and Science in China Library, Hefei, Anhui Province, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

September 9: Ningbo Engineering University Library, Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, China, “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

September 8: Jiangsu University Library, Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, China “Technology Development and Innovative Services at Academic Libraries in the USA”

August 26: Dunhuang Forum: International Conference on Digital Library and Cultural Relics Preservation and Use in the Big Data Environment in Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes, Gansu Province, China, Discussion with Panelists (Professor Stephen Downie, etc.) on “Digital Preservation of Dunhuang”

August 25: Dunhuang Forum: International Conference on Digital Library and Cultural Relics Preservation and Use in the Big Data Environment in Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes, Gansu Province, “Digital Dunhuang & CALA: Collaboration in Scholarly Sharing and Exchange”

July 27: Ohio University’s Chinese Librarians Summer Institute, “The Trends of the Chinese-American Library Relations”

June 14: SLA Contributed Research Papers Session, SLA Annual Conference in Boston, “Developing Innovative Services and Products to Meet Firefighters’ Unique Needs at the State Fire Academy Library”

June 28: First CALA Posters Session during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, Co-Presented with Weiling Liu, “The Role of Chinese American Librarians in Library and Information Science Diversity”

June 28: Chaired the CALA Annual Conference Program with five panel speakers, past presidents of ALA affiliated ethnic caucus, “Partnership beyond CALA: Training Leaders of Color for Action”

May 27: Online CALA South West Chapter Annual Program, “The Future of Chinese American Librarians Association”

May 20: Online CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Program Keynote Speech, Co-Presented with Weiling Liu, “The Role of Chinese American Librarians in Library and Information Science Diversity”

May 14: inFIRE Annual Conference in Norwood, Co-Presented with David Ehrenhart, “Developing Experience-Based Knowledge Management Services at the Illinois State Fire Academy Library”

January 29: ALISE Annual Conference in Chicago, Co-Presented with Barbara Ford, Terry Weech, Kate Williams, and Chengren Hu, “Social Justice in the US-China Context: What are the Challenges of Discussing Social Justice Issues in the Context of Contrasting Cultures?”

2014

October 9: Library Research Seminar VI 2014 – “The Engaged Librarian: Libraries Partnering with Campus and Community” at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Co-Presented with David Ehrenhart, “A Commitment to Supporting Firefighters’ Dynamic Information Needs: Experience-Based Knowledge Management Services at the Illinois State Fire Academy Library”

July 2: Chinese Librarians Summer Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign “10th Anniversary Year Poster Presentation”

May 6: inFIRE Annual Conference, Guangzhou, “Supporting Dynamic Information Needs of Firefighter Instructors in the Digital Age”

2013

September 23: Jinan University Library, Guangzhou, “Library Information Services at the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library”

September 11: Northwest Nationality University Library, Lanzhou, Gansu Province, “Future Development of American Academic Libraries”

September 10: Lanzhou Branch of the National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Science, Lanzhou, Gansu Province, China, “Knowledge Management in Special and Academic Libraries in the United States”

September 9: Chongqing University Library, Sichuan Province, China, “Future Development of American Academic Libraries”

September 8: Southwest University, Chongqing, Sichuan Province, China, “Future Development of American Academic Libraries”

September 5: Hangzhou Normal University, Hangzhou, “Future Development of American Academic Libraries”

September 3: Southeast University Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Library and Information Science Education in Illinois”

September 2: Nanjing Agricultural University Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Future Development of American Academic Libraries”

September 1, East China Normal University Library, Shanghai, China, “Future Development of American Academic Libraries”

2012

October 9: Illinois Library Association (ILA) Conference, Springfield, Illinois, “Developing Innovative Services in Partnership with User Community”

September 6: International Symposium on Firefighting and Emergency Management, Langfang, Hebei Province, China, “The Illinois State Fire Academy Library and IFSI International Programs for Firefighting and Emergency Management”

2011

December 6: Jinan University Library, “Future of American Academic Libraries and Librarians”

November 23: East China Normal University Library, Shanghai, “Leadership in Library Management”

October 18: Illinois Library Association (ILA) Conference, Rosemont, Illinois, Presentation with Diane Richardson and David Ehrenhart, “Think Big: Building the State Fire Academy Library in the Digital Age”

June 1: Institute of Information Resources Management, Zhejiang University, “Doctoral Research in Library and Information Science: A Case Study”

May 21: CALA 2011 Midwest Chapter Annual Conference, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, Indiana, “Digital Knowledge Management Structure for Fire Service Training”

May 10: inFIRE Annual Conference, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, “Library Practices and Management in the Digital Age of Fire Information: Development of the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library,”

April 8: GSLIS Research Showcase, “Information-Seeking and Sharing Behaviors among Fire Service Field Staff Instructors: A Qualitative Study”

2010

October 10: Third Sino-U.S. Symposium on Library and Information Science Education in the Digital Age, Wuhan University, “Professional Library Management Education in the Digital Age”

September 9: eChicago@Dominican University Symposium on Preparing and Building Community in Crises panel discussion, “Delivering Right Information to Illinois Firefighters at Right Time Through Community Collaboration”

May 13: inFIRE Annual Conference, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland, “Expansion and Future of the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute Library”

2009

May 26, inFIRE Annual Conference, National Research Council Canada – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, May 25-28, “Meeting Fire Service Field Staff Instructors’ Dynamic Information Needs”

2008

December 15-16: Beihang University Library, Beijing, China, “Professional Development in US Academic Libraries”

October 30: Presentation at the Nanjing Aeronautical and Astronautical University, Nanjing, China, “Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library”

October 27: Presentation at the Southwest University Library, Chongqing, “Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library.”

May 14: Presentation at the Wuhan University Library, Wuhan, “Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library”

June 9: CALA 2008 Annual Program, ALA Conference, Anaheim, California, “Global Outreach: A U.S. – China Experience”

April 4: GSLIS Research Showcase Poster Session, Co-Presented with Adam Groves, “Developing a Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (IFLODD) Database”

January 13: Presentation at the Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China, “Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library”

2007

May 12: Annual Conference of CALA Midwest Chapter - Outreach and Collaboration in the Age of Digital Transformation, Ideas and Experience from the Midwest, University of Illinois at Chicago, “Developing a Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (IFLODD) through Outreach and Collaboration”

May 9: Invited panelist for the library leaders’ discussion on evidence-based practice at the Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP4), in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, “Evidence-Based Practice in U.S. Fire Library Management”

2006

June 24: ALA Annual Conference Poster Session, New Orleans, “Deliver Right Information to Illinois Firefighters at Right Time”

June 25: ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, Co-Presented with Jian Anna Xiong, “In Search of Excellence: Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century”

2005

June 13: inFIRE Annual Conference, Norwood, MA, “A Survey to Support ‘Evidence-Based Practice’ in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas”

June 6: Annual SLA Conference, Toronto, Canada, Co-Presented with Linda C. Smith, “A Survey to Support ‘Evidence-Based Practice’ in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas”

May 15: MLA Annual Meeting's Symposium Sponsored by the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the National Library of Medicine, San Antonio, Texas, Information Needs Panel – What are the information needs of first responders? “The Role of Information Services in Emergency Preparedness Planning”

2004

October 5: Fall Associates from the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, “Reaching Out and Serving Fire Emergency Responders”

2003

September 21: Seminar “New Ideas on Library Management,” Department of Information Management, Peking University, Beijing, China, "Strategic Planning in American Special Libraries: A Case Study"

September 25: Shanghai Library, “Strategic Planning in American Special Libraries: A Case Study"

September 18: “In Memorial of Mr. Zhongmin's Wang 100 Years Old Birth Celebration Seminar,” Peking University, Beijing, Co-presented with Dean Leigh Estabrook, "Mr. Wang Zhongmin's Contributions to the Library Education in China: When East Meets West, a Comparative Study"

2002

October 1: American Libraries Seminar Sponsored by the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Grainger Engineering Library Commons, “International Services & Access at Illinois Fire Service Institute Library”

September 18: Annual State Agency Librarian's Meeting Held by the Illinois State Library, Springfield, “Illinois Fire Service Institute Library”

September 25: Fall Associates from Haiti, Columbia, Russia, and Kazakhstan, an International Program Organized by the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, “Outreach through Partnership”

July 11: South African Library Leadership Project (SALLP), an International Program Organized by the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, “Outreach through Partnership”

May 30: inFIRE Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom, “Creating Integrated Distance Learning Library Services for Illinois Firefighters: An Integrated Information Service with Online Firefighter II Certification Program”.

2001

May 3: inFIRE Annual Conference, Chicago, “Developing Internet Outreach Training Program for Illinois Fire Service Personnel, Public and Community College Librarians”

2000

May 11: inFIRE Annual Conference, Institute for Research in Construction, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada, “Mapping Multiple Vocabularies for Better Subject Access to Fire Science Materials”

1999

May 7: inFIRE Annual Conference, New York State Academy of Fire Science Library, Montour Falls, New York, May 5-7, “Reaching Out to Under-served Illinois Firefighters: Results of a Survey Project”

TRANSLATIONS

For Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program in the United States

June 22 to July 21, 2013-

Translate presentations by guest speakers from libraries, including presentations at Library of Congress, Princeton University Library, Yale University Library, Harvard University Library, MIT Library, Boston Public Library, Cambridge Public Library, University of California, Berkeley, Stanford University, and San Francisco Public Library, etc.

For Chinese Archives Student Program in the United States

July 22 to August 2, 2018-

Translate presentations by guest speakers from the Chicago Public Library, Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, Columbia University and New York Public Library.

For IFSI Director Royal Mortenson both in China and the United States:

2013-

Translate Mortenson’s presentations in China and USA to Chinese participants and visitors on fire emergency response management.

For IFSI Hazardous Materials Operations Training Programs in China:

2015

April 28-April 30: Translate IFSI instructor's training at Nanning Fire Service Department to help evaluate ASEAN Regional Forum Disaster Relief Exercise. Huizhou, Guangdong Province, China

July 29-August 6: Translate teaching and training for the IFSI team of three instructors to Chinese first responder participants (35 students). Huizhou, Guangdong Province, China

December 2 to December 7: Translate teaching and training for the IFSI team of three instructors to Chinese first responder participants (34 students). Huizhou, Guangdong Province, China

2016

November 28 to December 5: Translate teaching and training for the IFSI team of three instructors to Chinese first responder participants (34 students), Huizhou, Guangdong Province, China

2017

November 30 to December 6: Translate teaching, training, homework and testing for the IFSI team of three instructors to Chinese first responder participants (28 students), Huizhou, Guangdong Province, China

2018

November 27 to December 5: Translate teaching, training, homework and testing for the IFSI team of three instructors to Chinese first responder participants (34 students), Huizhou, Guangdong Province, China

For GSLIS Dean John Unsworth in China:

2010

October 6: South West University, Chongqing, Sichuan Province, China, "Reading at Library Scale: New Methods, Attention Prosthetics, Evidence, and Argument"

October 9: 90th Anniversary Conference, School of Information Management, Wuhan University, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, "Challenges in Educating 21st-Century Information Professionals"

October 9: Third Sino-U.S. Symposium on Library and Information Science Education in the Digital Age, Wuhan University, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, "Closing Ceremony Remark"

2009

June 12: East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, "Current Developments in Digital Library Management and Research in USA"

June 13: South East University Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Its LEEP and Digital Library Certificate Programs”

June 15: NUAA (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautic University), Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, "Current Developments in Digital Library Management and Research in USA”

June 15: NUAA (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautic University, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, "Introduction to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign"

June 15: Department of Library and Information Science, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, "Challenges and Opportunities: Making Exchange and Collaboration Work"

June 16: Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Wuhan University, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, "Challenges and Opportunities: Making Exchange and Collaboration Work"

June 18: Peking University/CALIS, Beijing, China, "Current Developments in Digital Library Management and Research in USA"

July 13: Beijing Area Library Directors at Beihang University Library, Beijing, China, “Managing the Digital Library: The ECHO Depository Project”

July 13: Beijing Area Library Directors at Beihang University, Beijing, China, “Library and Information Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign”

July 14: Nanjing Area Library Directors, NUAA (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautic University) Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, “Managing the Digital Library: The ECHO Depository Project”

July 14: Nanjing Area Library Directors at NUAA (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautic University) Library, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China “Library and Information Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign”

July 17: Library Directors in Zhejiang Province, Zhejiang University Library, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, “Managing the Digital Library: The ECHO Depository Project”

July 17: Library Directors in Zhejiang Province, Zhejiang University Library, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, “Library and Information Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign”

July 18: Library Directors in Zhejiang Province, Zhejiang Provincial Library, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, “Cyberinfrastructure in the USA”

For GSLIS Professor Terry Weech in China:

2008

May 16: Library Directors in Wuhan Area, Wuhan University Library, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, “Academic Library Assessment and Evaluation”

For IFSI Director Richard Jaehne in both China and the United States:

2006

July 28: Beihang University Library, Beijing, China, “Illinois Fire Service Institute Library”

2009

November 10: Library Directors in Shenzhen Area, University Town Library of Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, “Value-added Library Services”

November 12: Library Directors in Guangzhou Area, Jinan University Library, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China, “Value-added Library Services”

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

Attended the ALA/CALA Annual Conference (2006 to present).

Attended the ACRL Conference (2015 to present).

Attended IFLA World Library and Information Congress (2016 to present).

Attended IFLA Global Vision Workshop in North America, National Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, April 16-April 17, 2018 and IFLA Global Vision Workshop in the United States, Library of Congress, Washington DC, USA, May 3-5, 2017.

Attended the Chinese Library Annual Conference and other Chinese regional and national library conferences (2006 to present).

Attended the SLA Annual Conference and Info-Expo (2000-2016).

Attended the inFIRE Annual Conference (1999-2014).