

Arts & Humanities Council Meeting of March 7, 2024

10:00-11:30 am

Agenda link:

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Facilitator: L. Cunningham

Minutes: Jianye He

In attendance: Sheehan H. Grant, Ruth Haber, Jianye He, Chan Li (guest), Adnan Malik, Toshie Marra, Jeremy J. Ott, Claude H. Potts, Abby J. Scheel, Virginia Shih, Naomi Shiraishi

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1. Announcements (5 min.)

- . [Pop-up Exhibit: Eclipse & Revelation: Total Solar Eclipses in Science, History, Literature, and the Arts](#), March 12, 2024: 12 - 2 PM [Libguide link](#) and [Events Calendar link](#) New location: 308A Doe (inside AHC)
- a. Jianye briefly shared her acquisition trip to Taiwan, which included attending the 2024 Taipei International Book Fair and a workshop hosted by the National Central Library of Taiwan. 21 librarians from the United States and other countries attended both events as a group.
- b. José Pacheco Pereira, founder of the [EPHEMERA Archive and Library](#), will present on his personal library - the largest in Portugal - and his efforts to digitize it. Tuesday 4/16 from 5-6 in Doe 303.
The collection has evolved considerably but began as a clandestine collection of political activity before the collapse of the dictatorship on 25th of April, 1974, and is intended to safeguard a memory at risk of being lost. Mr. Pereira is a Portuguese political commentator, historian and politician.

2. Chan Li, Assessment Program Librarian (30 min.)

Chan first gave an overview of the Assessment Program, introduced program methodology. Then she highlighted several projects that have been accomplished with visual demonstrations of statistical data and analysis, including the Library Annual Statistics Collections, Alma Analytics, Collection Assessment, Service Assessment, User Survey and Data Repository. In conclusion, she summarized the SMART goal for these projects and their impact to the library.

During the Q & A session, Chan also responded to questions and suggestions regarding the scope and access to the data and survey, strategic planning with the assessment, data accuracy, etc.

Chan's presentation slides can be accessed from the link below:

- a. [Presentation slides](#)

3. Librarian travel: Virginia Shih, Part 2: "My Multi-faceted Academic Journey in South Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam and Taiwan in the Post-Pandemic Era:

Discovery and Serendipity" (30 min.)

This is the second part of Virginia's presentation about her library acquisitions trip in the fall of 2023 following the first part of her trip report at the Arts and Humanities Council meeting on December 7, 2023. Virginia finished up the last part of her Manila trip. She attended the Manila International Book Fair (September 14-17, 2023) the very first time and conducted her Philippine book selection with the Library of Congress Manila office representative.

Jakarta, Indonesia

Virginia was invited to offer a presentation on "Southeast Asian Studies in North America: Research Resources, Language Training & Global Linkages" to lecturers and graduate students at the Asia Research Centre of the University of Indonesia. She visited the University of Indonesia Central Library for professional networking and resources sharing. She was given a special collection orientation to the national manuscript treasures at the National Library of Indonesia. She was particularly interested in learning about the Batak manuscripts of North Sumatra. She visited the Library of Congress Jakarta Office to meet with the staff and get an update on UC Berkeley Southeast Asia acquisitions workflow after the pandemic. She visited the Universiteit Leiden/KITLV-Jakarta Office to learn about its mission of acquisitions, cataloging, digitization and public events in Jakarta. She also visited the Lontar Foundation for an update on its Indonesian translation works for UC Berkeley orders and the École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO) Jakarta Centre to learn about their new EFEO publications. She managed to visit the Indonesian Chinese community to acquire Indonesian Chinese publications as well as to browse the personal library of a Sin Po newspaper journalist.

Hanoi and Bac Ninh, Vietnam

Virginia visited the Cantonese Assembly Hall in the old quarter of Hanoi out of serendipity to search for Vietnamese ethnic Chinese publications. She met with the UC Berkeley Vietnamese vendor who walked her through the Vietnamese acquisitions process from onsite selection to air freight shipment of UC Berkeley books from Hanoi to Backstage Library Works company in the US. Backstage will catalog those Vietnamese books and ship them to Berkeley for public access. In order to acquire traditional Vietnamese folk art works, Virginia took a special trip to the Dong Ho folk art village in Bac Ninh Province of Vietnam and brought back a thematic collection of Dong Ho woodblock prints and scroll paintings from a national artist's gallery.

Taipei, Taiwan

Due to a long layover in Taipei airport, Virginia was able to meet with two faculty members from the Department of Southeast Asian Studies of National Chi Nan University in central Taiwan and learn about the trends and challenges of Southeast Asian studies in Taiwan.

After the presentation, Virginia answered some questions and shared her strategies of planning this challenging multi-faceted academic journey and her deliverables of SMART goals for the Library.

Next Art and Humanities Council meeting: April 4, 2024.