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Resume

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director/Head Librarian, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 1999-

- Provides Management Decision-Making Authority over Library Administrative and Professional Functions and Operations, and Provides Recommendations to the Fire Service Institute Executive Management Team on Library Policy and Strategic Direction;
- Coordinates Library Activities and Programs at the Five Levels - the University, Local, State, National and International;
- Transformed the In-house Library into a Virtual State Fire Emergency Library, the Only Fire Science Dedicated Library in Illinois and One of Top Three Fire Academy Libraries in the Nation;
- Worked with Director Frederick Schlipf on a New Building Program to Expand the Library from a 700-sq-ft to a 10,000-sq-ft, and the Chancellor Capital Review Committee Approved the Plan. The Multi-Million Dollars Building Campaign is under Preparation;
- Built a Team of 1.5 FTE Librarians, Graduate Assistants and Undergraduate Student.

Adjunct Faculty at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Teach Special Library Administration (LIS590SL, Formerly LIS450SL) 2002,03, 05

Adjunct Faculty at the Department of Information Management, Peking University 2004-

Adjunct Faculty at Nanjing University of Aero acoustics & Astronautics 2006-

Library Consultant, Champaign Fire Department Library: Established the Library. 1990-

Research Information Specialist, Illinois Fire Service Institute: Founded the Library. 1990-99

Newspaper Cataloger, Illinois State Historical Library 1990

Manuscript Cataloger, Illinois State Historical Library 1990

FUNDED PROJECTS - GRANT AWARDS FROM THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY, A DIVISION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

Served as Principal Investigator and Project Director for All Grant Projects.

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

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

Library Services and Technology Act Grant 2002
"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 Expands the Library from 700 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft), \$4,900

Library Services and Technology Act Grant 2001
"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

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

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

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

Educate and Automate <i>Public Internet Access Mini-grant Program</i> , \$1,820	2000
Library Services and Technology Act <i>Marketing Mini-grant Program</i> , \$1,000	2000
Library Services and Technology Act <i>Equipment to Books Mini-grant Program</i> , \$2,000	2000
Library Services and Technology Act, <i>Bring in An Expert Mini-grant Program</i> , \$4,500	1999

FUNDED PROJECT - GRANT AWARD FROM THE CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

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. The project is also partially funded by Illinois Fire Service Institute. 2005-2006

FUNDED PROJECTS - AWARDS FROM NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE, GREATER MIDWEST REGION (GMR)

Served as Principal Investigator

GMR Outreach Project Award for "Putting Professional Development into Practice" (Which Aims 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, Sites Where the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Library of Health Sciences (LHS) also is Located. It also Strengthen the Partnership between the IFSI Library and UIC LHS in Providing Services to Illinois EMTs in Fire Departments), \$6,000 2004-2005

Served as Principal Investigator

GMR Professional Development Award (The Health Science Library at the University of Illinois, Chicago was the Host Institute and Trained Ruan Their Best Practices in Outreach, Web Technologies and Electronic Reference Service. Ruan then Developed a New Outreach Library Service for Emergency Medical Technicians in Illinois Fire Departments), \$1,700 2002-2003

FUNDED PROJECT - GRANT AWARD FROM THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Served as Co-principal Investigator with Professor Linda 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

FUNDED PROJECT - GRANT AWARD FROM THE CAMPUS RESEARCH BOARD, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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," an Supplemental Support to Special Libraries Association's Grant Project, \$8,131 2003-2004

Served as Principal Investigator, FireTalk, Illinois Fire Service Institute Thesaurus, \$9,252 2002-2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE

Co-Organizer, Illinois Summer School for Chinese Academic Librarians 2006

Co-organizer, GSLIS Chinese Academic Librarians Summer Learning School (20 Chinese academic librarians received training.) 2005

Invited ILLINET Network Advisory Council (INAC) Member as a Representative of Special Libraries 2003-2007

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

Mentor, GSLIS Chinese Group (Made the Initiative to Establish the Group and Help the Group's Program Activities.) 2004-

Scholarship Committee, Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) 2004-2005

Selected Participant – “Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative” (The Annual Year-long Training was Sponsored by the Illinois State Library and Illinois Library Association. It is the Statewide Library Community's Proactive Movement to Recruit and Nurture Future Illinois Library Leaders. The Program Activities Included Self-Assessment; Personal Values; Local, State and Global Environment Scanning; Leadership Skills and Tools; Mentoring; and Vision.)	2004
Learner, Teach-Model-Coach Program Coaching 21st Century Learners for Advancement in the Library Profession, Chicago Library System (The Selected Retiring Librarians Acted as Teacher, Model and Coach. The Program Mined Their Expertise and Helped Them Develop New Coaching and Consulting Skills. It Also Provided a Practice Field to Enhance Their Skills: It Matched a Learner to a Coach as a Team. Relatively New Librarians to the Profession or Who Are at Significant Career Transition Stage in Their Careers, Like me, Learnt Great Deal from Coaches to Increase Professional Competencies and Leadership Abilities).	2003-2004
Co-Founder, Special Librarians Endowment Fund, Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2002
Downstate Board of Director, Special Libraries Association (SLA), Illinois Chapter (Initiated and Organized SLA Illinois Chapter’s Downstate Outreach Program to Work with GSLIS SLA Student Chapter and Various Library Organizations)	2002-2004
Chair, Annual Downstate Meeting, Special Libraries Association, Illinois Chapter, Spring	2002-2004
Co-Organizer with RJA Group, inFIRE (the International Network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange, an international fire library consortium, http://www.wpi.edu/+inFIRE) Annual Conference	2001
Conference Committee, Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference	2001
Treasurer, inFIRE	2001-
inFIRE Serial Union List Coordinator (Initiated and Developed a Searchable and Member-only inFIRE Serial Union List Database, http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu , click inFIRE)	2001-
inFIRE (Advisory) Committee	1997-2001

Chair, Research and Writing Committee, 2000-2002
Special Libraries Association, Illinois Chapter (Initiated and Developed a
Searchable SLA IL Chapter Member Research Profile Database,
<http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu>, click SLA Illinois Chapter)

Editor, Informant, Special Libraries Association, 2000-2002
Illinois Chapter

Editor, Proceeding of 2001 inFIRE Annual Conference 2001

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board Member, Champaign Chinese School 2000-2003

Principal, Champaign Chinese School 1999-2000

Vice Principal, Champaign Chinese School 1998-1999

Fundraising Campaigns for Cancer Patients 1996-97,93

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Leadership and Library Administration,” Mini-course to library 2006
directors and librarians, invited as Foreign Expert by Beijing University
of Aero Acoustics & Astronautics.

“Leadership in Special Libraries Management,” Lecture at the GSLIS 2005
Chinese Academic Librarians Summer Learning School

“Special Library Administration,” an Advanced Graduate Course Spring 2005
(LIS590SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and
Information Service (GSLIS)

Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on User Training 2004

Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “Cataloging and OCLC” 2004

Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “Cataloging Photos” 2004

Invited Speaker at the Department of Information Management, Peking 2003
University

“Special Library Administration,” an Advanced Graduate Course Summer II

(LIS450SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Service (GSLIS)	2003
Invited Guest Speaker at Numerous GSLIS Courses, such as LIS450IL Global Perspectives in Library and Information Science, LIS450TC Thesaurus Construction, and LIS407LEB Cataloging & Classification I (a LEEP distance learning course)	2003
“Special Library Administration,” an Advanced Graduate Course (LIS450SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Service (GSLIS)	Summer II 2002
Independent Study (LIS451), GSLIS, on “Reference Request Database & Outreach Reference Service at IFSI Library”	Spring 2002
Independent Study (LIS451), GSLIS, on “Operational and Training Manual of the IFSI Library”	Fall 2001
Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “Reference Service and User Training for Paramedics in Illinois Fire Departments”	Spring 2003
Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “Reference Service and User Training”	Summer 2002

MEMBERSHIP

American Library Association (ALA)

Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)

Eastern Central Illinois Consortium (ECIC)
Health Science Librarians of Illinois (HSLI)

Illinois Library Association (ILA)

inFIRE (the International Network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange, an international consortium of fire libraries)

Lincoln Trail Libraries System (LTLS, one of Illinois’s twelve library systems)

Medical Library Association (MLA)

Special Libraries Association (SLA)

EDUCATION

Doctoral Program, University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science	2005-
MLS Library and Information Science, University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science	1990
MA African History, University of California at Los Angeles	1988
BA World History, Beijing University (Peking University), P.R. China	1984

HONORS

The Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) Scholarship (Dallas, Texas, October 11-15)	2006
Academic Professional Development Fund Support (\$500) to Two National Conferences, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2005
Profiled in the 25 th Silver Anniversary Edition of <i>Who's Who of American Women</i> , published by Marquis Who's Who, in press	2005
Profiled in the 2005 edition of <i>Who's Who in the World</i> , also in the 58th edition of <i>Who's Who in America</i> , published by Marquis Who's Who in 2004, the leading biographical reference publisher of the highest achievers and contributors from across the country and around the world.	2004, 2006, 2007
The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence (CAPE) Award	2003
The Special Libraries Association Diversity Leadership Award	2003
Interviewed with Other Solo Librarians by <i>Informant</i> , Special Libraries Association, Illinois Chapter	2000
Feature Article on Diversity in the August 1999 Issue of <i>Illinois Reporter</i> , Published by Illinois Library Association. Reprint in the Fall	1999

Alumni Newsletter, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Up and Coming Award, Special Libraries Association, Illinois Chapter 1999

May Fourth Youth Award for Undergraduate Thesis, Beijing University (Peking University) 1984

PUBLICATIONS

Fire Thesaurus:

FireTalk, Illinois Fire Service Institute Thesaurus 2003
<http://library.fsi.uiuc.edu/newWeb/fireTalk.asp>

Manual:

The Illinois Fire Service Institute Library Operational and Training Manual, Co-authored with Sarah Windau 2002

Book Chapter:

"Fire Protection" Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries*, 13th edition, co-authored with Diane Richardson, Elizabeth Morris, New York: R.R. Bowker, edited by Cheryl LaGuardia, in press 2005

"Fire Protection" Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries*, 12th edition, New York: R.R. Bowker, edited by Cheryl LaGuardia 2004

Reports:

"A Survey to Support 'Evidence-Based Practice' in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas," A Full Report, Co-Research Director Linda C. Smith, 2005
<http://www.sla.org/content/learn/scholarship/goldspiel/goldspiel2003.cfm>
(only available for SLA members)

"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*, Fall 2001, Volume 83, No. 4, p.19-63 2001

"The LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) 2000 Full Year 2001

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*, Winter 2001, Volume 83, No.1, p.18-33

A Building Program for the Fire and Emergency Library, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2001
Co-authored with Frederick A. Schlipf, 76 Pages

Illinois Fire Service Institute Library (FSI Library) Outreach Program Survey Report, *Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, 78 pages 1998

Articles:

"National Library of Medicine Information Resources for the Emergency Responder." *Journal of E-Resources in Medical Libraries*, co-author Marti Szczur, in Press 2006

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

"Strategic Planning in American Special Libraries: a Case Study." In Chinese. "美国专业图书馆的战略计划一个案分析", *Library Construction Journal (图书馆建设)*, No.4 2004

"Meeting Changing Information Needs of Illinois Firefighters: Analysis Queries Received from Reference Outreach Service," Co-authored with Jan Sung, *The Reference Librarian*, No. 82, P.69-105 2003

"Virtual User Instruction at the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute Library: Producing a Web-based Training Video for Illinois Firefighters," Co-authored with John Paul, Jeff Cunningham and Sarah Windau, *Illinois Libraries*, Spring 2002, Volume 84, No. 2, p.48-62 2002

"Conference Report, Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference, Urbana, Illinois, November 15-16, 2001," *The One-Person Library*, Volume 18, No. 9, January 2002 2002

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

Integrating 'Make Request on the Web' with the FSI Library OPAC," Co-authored with Guang Hu, *Informant (Illinois Chapter, Special Libraries Association)*, January 2002, Volume 66, No. 3 2002

- “Providing Better Subject Access to Nonprint Fire Emergency Materials for Illinois Firefighters,” *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*, 2001, Volume 31, No.3/4, p.213-235 2001
- Managing the Fire Emergency Article Database at the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library,” Co-authored with Guang Hu, *Informant* (Illinois Chapter, Special Libraries Association) 2001

Presentations in U.S.A.:

- “Deliver Right Information to Illinois Firefighters at Right Time,” and “In Search of Excellence: Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century.” Poster Presentations accepted by the 2006 Annual ALA Conference, New Orleans, June 24 and June 25 2006
- ”A Survey to Support ‘Evidence-Based Practice’ in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas.” Presentation at the 2005 Annual inFIRE Conference, Norwood, MA, June 13 2005
- One of the Invited Panelists at the MLA Annual Meeting’s Symposium “The Role of Information Services in Emergency Preparedness Planning” Information Needs Panel – What Are the Information Needs of First Responders? Sponsored by the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the National Library of Medicine, San Antonio, Texas, May 15 2005
- “Reaching Out and Serving Fire Emergency Responders.” Presentation for Fall Associates from the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, October 5 2004
- “International Services & Access at Illinois Fire Service Institute Library.” Invited Presentation at 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, October 1 2002
- “Illinois Fire Service Institute Library.” Presentation at the Annual State Agency Librarian’s Meeting, Held by the Illinois State Library, Springfield, September 18 2002
- “Outreach through Partnership.” Invited Presentation for Mortenson’s 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, September 25 2002

“Outreach through Partnership.” Invited Presentation for the South African Library Leadership Project (SALLP), an International Program Organized by the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, July 11 2002

“Developing Internet Outreach Training Program for Illinois Fire Service Personnel, Public and Community College Librarians.” Presentation at the 2001 Annual inFIRE Conference, Chicago. *To See a Full Text of the Conference Proceedings*, Visit: <http://www.infire.org/Conferences/> 2001

Reaching Out to Under-served Illinois Firefighters: Results of a Survey Project." Presentation at the 1999 Annual inFIRE Conference, New York State Academy of Fire Science Library, Montour Falls, New York. *To See a Full Text of the Conference Proceedings*, Visit: <http://www.infire.org/Conferences/> 1999

International Conferences and Presentations:

“A Survey to Support ‘Evidence-Based Practice’ in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas.” Presentation at the 2005 Annual SLA Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 6 2005

"Strategic Planning in American Special Libraries: a Case Study." Presentation for 2003 Seminar “New Ideas on Library Management”, Department of Information Management, Peking University, Beijing, China, September 21 2003

"Strategic Planning in American Special Libraries: a Case Study." Presentation at Shanghai Library, Shanghai, China, September 25 2003

"Mr. Wang Zhongmin’s Contributions to the Library Education in China: When East Meets West, a Comparative Study " Co-presenter with Leigh Estabrook. Invited Presentation at In Memorial of Mr. Wang Zhongmin’s 100 Years Old Birth Celebration Seminar, Peking University, Beijing, China, September 18 2003

“Creating Integrated Distance Learning Library Services for Illinois Firefighters: An Integrated Information Service with Online Firefighter II Certification Program.” Presentation at the 2002 Annual inFIRE Conference, London, United Kingdom, May 30. *To See a Full Text of the Conference Proceedings*, Visit: <http://www.infire.org/Conferences/> 2002

“Mapping Multiple Vocabularies for Better Subject Access to Fire Science Materials.” Presentation at the 2000 Annual inFIRE Conference, Institute for Research in Construction, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada, May 11. *To See a Full Text of the Conference Proceedings, Visit:*
<http://www.infire.org/Conferences/>