University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2017 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (USA)

Formed by a partnership between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and the Society for Academic Library, Library Society of China, the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP) is an academic scholarly exchange program whose participants include Chinese librarians and scholars. Built on the past eleven years successful Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Programs, CLSEP is developed to focus on the trends and challenges faced by libraries all over the world. It gathers excellent resources from American library and information science fields and presents the latest achievements of American libraries that are among the first-class libraries of the world. CLSEP librarian scholars seek solutions for challenges faced by Chinese and American libraries through reports, case studies, academic communications and field trips. CLSEP is a perfect fit for Chinese academic library leaders and aims to cultivate their abilities, enabling them to be leaders and innovators in the management and services of Chinese libraries in the 21st century.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a well-known public university. Its library is the third largest university research library in North America (behind Harvard University and Yale University) and the largest publicly supported university research library in the world, with more than 30 departmental library branches and over 11 million items in its collections. The Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) is the number one ranked LIS program in the U.S. and the Department of Computer Science is highly ranked in the nation and world as well. The State’s multi-type library systems have a long history of accomplishments and serve as a national model. The Ivy League owns the top-class universities and libraries in the world, with great collections, mature service systems, advanced information technology and management strategies. CLSEP has been designed and developed within an excellent environment to guarantee its success.

The 2017 program will carry out various forms of activities including reports, seminars, discussions, group projects and field trips to enhance scholarly exchange and sharing. CLSEP will create a scholarly learning environment of stimulation, participation and intellectualism. Following previous successful programs and meeting the needs of Chinese librarians, the CLSEP will continue to help librarian scholars obtain a deeper understanding of library and information science in the U.S., China and the world and to acquire the latest innovations and trends in library and information science.

The theme for the 2018 CLSEP is entitled “Digital Scholarship and Digital Libraries in the 21st Century.” The program will cover topics on leadership; library management and services; digital humanities, digital scholarship, Scholarly Commons, challenges and future of digital scholarship and digital libraries and etc. Participants will also pay visits to exemplary library buildings, museums and learn American culture. In addition, during the stay, participants will attend and present at the 2018 International Seminar on Digital Scholarship and Digital Libraries.

Greg McCormick—Acting Deputy Director of Illinois State Library
McCormick has rich managerial experience in libraries.

Beth Sandore Namachchivaya -- Associate Dean of Libraries, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Namachchivaya leads library programs that focus on discovery services, digital libraries, eResearch, and digital curation. She has broad research interests that key on the design and evaluation of digital libraries. She was co-Principal Investigator for the Illinois’ National Digital Preservation Partnership supported by the Library of Congress from 2004-2010, and is now involved with the ArchivesSpace project.

Maureen Sullivan – President of Sullivan Associates and Organization Development Consultant
Sullivan is a past ALA president. Her experience includes near ten years as the human resources administrator at Yale University. Sullivan now works as an organization development consultant, among the topics for which she has designed and offered workshops and learning institutes are: leadership development, building teams, improving individual and organizational performance, cross-cultural communication and project management.

James Cheng – Director of C.V. Starr East Asian Library, Columbia University
Cheng was named as one of the 2008 Movers and Shakers by the US Library Journal. In 2009, he won the Fulbright Scholar Research Award from the United States Department of State. His professional activities and academic works involve in library information, library digitalization construction, literature, and film studies.

Dr. Lian Ruan -- Head Librarian of the Illinois Fire Service Institute, Director of IFSI International Programs, UIUC
Ruan has developed the Illinois State Fire Academy library, the only fire science dedicated library in Illinois. She has served on the Chinese American Librarians Association committees and is President of CALA Midwest Chapter. Dr. Ruan has also served on state and international committees, like the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee, ILLINET Network Advisory Council (iNAC), Elected President of Chinese American Librarians Association (2015/2016) and Chair of iFIRE (an international fire library consortium) Executive Committee (2019). She is the recipient of a series of awards and grants. She has helped organize the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program since 2005 in cooperation with partners both in the United States and China. She also organized multiple collaborative Chinese-American library projects.

Anne Craig-- Executive Director of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)
CARLI has 150 member libraries and runs I-Share, a shared integrated library system for 75 of those libraries. The I-Share database contains 9M unique bibliographic records and 23M items. Craig has extensive experience in library management, IT and digital libraries. Craig is also a Member of ILEAD U program.

Trevor A. Dawes (ACRL) - May Morris Librarian and Vice Provost for Libraries and Museums at the University of Delaware
Dawes has written and presented extensively on libraries, and is active in library and information service professional organizations. A member of the American Library Association, he was elected a member of the ALA Council, serving through 2018. He is past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries. He has a distinguished record of professional leadership, service and publication that makes him an excellent choice to shape the future of the University’s libraries, museums.

Linda C. Smith – Professor and Associate Dean, GSLIS, UIUC
Smith is the recipient of numerous honors and awards in library and information science. She was awarded the 2010 Award of Merit given annually by the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). She is also the 2005 winner of the Library School Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award, the recipient of the American Library Association's (ALA) 2004 Beta Phi Mu Award, the 2000 recipient of the leadore Gilbert Mudge-R.R. Bowker Award, and the 1999 recipient of the ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence in the Field of Library and Information Science, in addition to other honors and rewards.

Fred Schlipf -- Library Building Consultant
Dr. Schlipf Schlipf has been executive director of the library for most of his adult life. He took the job in 1974 after working four years at the University of Illinois as a library science professor. He also worked as a consultant on library building design and has acted as a consultant on more than 80 library construction projects.
Participating Organizations in Different Regions (Partial List): The following 100 plus organizations has attended the Chinese librarians programs in Illinois (2005-2016): Peking University, Zhejiang University, Beihang University, Wuhan University, Beijing Normal University, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing Jiaotong University, Beijing University of Technology, University of Science and Technology of China, Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology, Beijing International Studies University, Beijing Union University, Capital Normal University, Dalian University, Dalian Jiaotong University, Capital Medical University, China Youth University for Political Science Library, National Science Library Chinese Academy of Science, Development Research Center of China Aviation Industry, The Medical Library of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army, Yanqing Theological Seminary, Northeast Normal University, AVIC Chengdu Aircraft Design & Research Institute, University of Electric Science and Technology of China, Sichuan University, Chengdu Sport University, Third Military Medical University, Chongqing University, Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Southwest University, Chongqing University of Science and Technology, Dalian University of Technology, Chongqing Medical University, Dalian University of Technology, Jinan University, Zhejiang University of Media and Communications, Hangzhou Public Library, Harbin Normal University, Northeast Agricultural University, Northeast Forestry University, Luoyang Institute of Electro-optical Devices Research, Luoyang Photoelectric Technology Development Center, Jiangxi Normal University, Nanjing University, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Nanjing University of Technology, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Hohai University, East China Normal University, South China Normal University, South China University of Technology, Shanghai Normal University, Hangzhou Normal University, Jiangsu Normal University, Jiangsu Police Institute Library, University Town Library of Shenzhen, Shihzei University, Hebei Normal University, North China Electric Power University, Suzhou University, Shanxi University, Nankai University, Tianjin College, University of Science and Technology Beijing, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, East China University of Political science and Law, Wuhan University of Technology, Huazhong Normal University, Xiamen University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Shanghai University of Sport, China Women’s University, Xuzhou Institute of Technology, Xuzhou College of Industrial Technology, Shanghai Maritime University, Huaqian Normal College, Jiaxing University, Wenzhou Medical University, Duniuang Academy, South East University, Guangdong Polytechnic Normal University, Jiangsu Institute of Architectural Technology, Jiangsu University, Yangzhou Sci-TechInformation Research Institute, Anhui University of Technology, Anhui Normal University, Taiyuan University of Science and Technology, Harbin Engineering University, Zhengshan University, Fujian Normal University, etc. More than 307 participants joined the program since 2005. The 2017 CLSEP has been designed and developed based on the past successful programs.

CLSEP receives a minimum number of 20 short term visiting scholars and lasts four weeks from June 22 to July 20, 2018. Scholar participants will reside on U of I campus in the first part of the program concentrating on research projects and scholarly exchange activities. They will also attend the annual conference of ALA and CALA, and then the International Seminar on Remaking the Space and Innovative Library Services conducted in other academic libraries and institutes. One of the unique features of the program is the requirement for all scholars to showcase their library’s top accomplishments and study the issues and questions raised during CLSEP. Scholar participants will evaluate issues, applying the new knowledge and ideas they have gained. During the stay, scholar participants will take part in colorful activities and do in-depth research at the well-known libraries. English language is required while CLSEP will also provide translation services for all research activities. At the end of the academic activities, scholar participants will attend a celebration ceremony and be granted a certificate by the University of Illinois. Scholar participants will engage in rich scholarly exchange and communication activities at other first-class libraries and universities, including the Library of Congress, John Hopkins University, Chicago University, Washington University in St. Louis, Columbia University, University of Delaware, Yale University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, and etc. in order to strengthen scholarly exchange, broaden understanding about American academic libraries, increase professional knowledge, management and leadership capabilities.

The costs of CLSEP includes 1) $150 that is a J-1 visa processing fee required by the University; 2) $4,000 to cover academic exchange activity expenses, including living expenses at U of I; 3) Flight expenses (both International and domestic) charged by third party and living expenses for the last part of the program when doing research at other universities (Chinese RMB is acceptable). Scholar participants are encouraged to get visas by April and May to facilitate the trip and ensure to arrive on time. See more information about the previous successful Chinese librarian programs at http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/international%20programs/china/