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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Library and Information Science, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2011
M.S. Library and Information Science, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1990
M.A. African History, University of California at Los Angeles	1988
M.A. Graduate Program, African History, Peking University, P.R. China	1985
B.A. World History, Peking University, P.R. China	1984

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Head Librarian, Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Main duties are to	1999-
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- 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
- 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
- Built a team of librarians, graduate assistants and undergraduate students
- Worked on “*A Building Program for the Fire and Emergency*”

- Library”* with Frederick Schlipf, a well-known building consultant to expand the library in 2001, and receive the Chancellor Capital Review Committee’s approval in 2001 and 2007 respectively
- 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
- Director of Illinois Fire Service Institute International Programs 2006-
- Developed and updated the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) for the Illinois Fire Service Institute International Programs
 - Initiate, organize and coordinate the annual Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program with partners since 2005; 349 Librarians from 122 organizations from all over China participated in the program as of July 2017.
 - Initiated and developed the China Endowment Fund with China partners 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 since 2012
 - 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 (2009-) and Instructor I-III Courses; IFSI-Hazardous Materials Ops Training (2015-)
 - Help initiate, reach and sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) agreements with 17 organizations in China (as of May 2017)
 - Helped sponsor 65 Chinese visiting scholars to the Illinois Fire Service Institute at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 2008 (as of May 2017)
 - Helped Korean firefighters train at the Illinois Fire Service Institute
- Adjunct researcher at the Institute of Information Resource Management, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou 2011-2016
- Adjunct faculty at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2002-3, 05,2007-8, 2010,2012-14

Library consultant, Champaign Fire Department Library: Established the library 1990-2008

Short term foreign expert on library leadership and library administration, Beihang University Library 2006

Research information specialist, Illinois Fire Service Institute Library: Founded the library 1990-1999

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 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 2007-2008
“Illinois Online Disaster Preparedness Pathfinder,” \$4,000

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 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

FUNDED PROJECT –

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

FUNDED PROJECT –

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. The project was 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 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

**FUNDED PROJECT –
GRANT AWARD FROM THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES
ASSOCIATION (SLA)**

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

**FUNDED PROJECT –
GRANT AWARD FROM
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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lectures on library management and development for graduate students at Jiangsu University	Fall 2016
Lectures on library management and development for graduate students at Jiangsu University	Fall 2015
Independent Study (LIS451), GSLIS, on “Corporate Librarianship”	Spring 2014
“Special Library Administration,” an advanced graduate course (LIS590SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS)	Spring 2013
“Special Library Administration,” an advanced graduate course (LIS590SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS)	Spring 2012
“Leadership in Special Library Management,” lecture at the Annual Chinese Librarians Summer Program	2005-2011
“Special Library Administration,” an advanced graduate course (LIS590SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS)	Spring 2010
“Information Access and Library Resources in the Social Sciences and Humanities in China,” an advanced graduate course (590CH), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), co-instructor Terry Weech	Fall 2008
“Special Library Administration,” an advanced graduate course (LIS590SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS)	Summer 2007
“Leadership and Library Administration,” lecture series for library directors and librarians in Beijing, invited as short term foreign expert by Beihang University, Beijing	Summer 2006
“Special Library Administration,” an advanced graduate course (LIS590SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS)	Spring 2005
Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “User Training”	Fall 2004

Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “Cataloging and OCLC”	Fall 2004
Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “Cataloging Photos”	Spring 2004
Practicum, GSLIS (LIS360), on “Reference Service and User Training for Paramedics in Illinois Fire Departments”	Spring 2003
“Special Library Administration,” an advanced graduate course (LIS450SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science	Summer II 2003
Invited speaker on special library management at the Department of Information Management, Peking University	Fall 2003
Invited guest speaker at numerous GSLIS courses, such as “Global Perspectives in Library and Information Science” (LIS450IL), “Thesaurus Construction” (LIS450TC), “Cataloging & Classification I” (a LIS407LEB LEEP distance learning course), “Knowledge Organization”	2003-
Independent Study (LIS451), GSLIS, on “Reference Request Database & Outreach Reference Service at IFSI Library”	Spring 2002
“Special Library Administration,” an advanced graduate course (LIS450SL), University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science	Summer 2002
Independent Study (LIS451), GSLIS, on “Operational and Training Manual of the IFSI Library”	Fall 2001

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Ph.D. Dissertation:

“Information-Seeking and Sharing Behaviors among Fire Service Field Staff Instructors: A Qualitative Study,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Visit IDEALS at <http://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/24364> 2011

Book:

Academic Library Development and Administration in China, Lian Ruan, Ying Ye and Qiang Zhu (Eds.), Chicago: ALA. 2016

Refereed Articles:

- “Developing Innovative Services and Products to Meet Firefighters’ Unique Needs at the State Fire Academy Library.” Co-authored with Diane Richardson and David Ehrenhart, *Online SLA Contributed Research Papers* 2015
- “Aiming High: ACRL in the 60s.” *College & Research Libraries News*, Vol. 75, No. 11, p.616-618 2014
- “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》) Co-authored with Xinnian Wu and Xiaoping Xin, *Library and Information Work* (《图书情报工作》), April, p.25-29 2014
- “Embedding-type 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》) Co-authored with Xinnian Wu and Xiaoping Xin, *Chinese Journal of Information Resources Work* (《情报资料工作》), No. 2, p.71-74 2014
- “The Role of Information Technology in Academic Libraries’ Resource Sharing in Western Region of China.” Co-authored with Qiang Zhu, *Library Trends*, Volume 62, No.1, Summer 2013, p.180-204 2014
- “Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database: A Knowledge Management Initiative,” *Fire Technology*, 49(1), Co-authored with Adam Groves, 2010 Springer Science. Visit <http://www.springerlink.com/content/h455427618238128/> 2013
- “Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century: Profile Update,” *The Chinese Librarianship: An International Electronic Journal*, Co-authored with Jian Anna Xiong, No. 25. Visit www.iclc.us/cliej/cl25.htm 2008
- “Career Choices and Career Advancement: Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century,” *The Chinese Librarianship: An International Electronic Journal*, Co-authored with Jian Anna Xiong, No. 25. Visit www.iclc.us/cliej/cl25.htm 2008
- “Evidence-Based Practice in U.S. Fire Library Management.” *The* 2007

Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP4) Proceeding, May 6-9, 2007 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Co-authored with Linda C. Smith. Visit <http://www.eblip4.unc.edu/>

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

"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

"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

Articles:

"A leadership model for Chinese American Librarians, an oral history of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee", interviewed and written by Yan He and Lian Ruan, *Chinese America, History & Perspectives, the Journal of the Chinese Historical Society of America*, pp. 27-31 2016

"信息技术在中国西部地区学术图书馆资源共享中扮演的角色" 摘要 (Abstract, The Role of Information Technology in Academic Libraries' Resource Sharing in Western Region of China) In Chinese, *中国图书馆学报 (Journal of Library Science in China)* 2013

"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) In Chinese, *图书馆建设 (Library Construction Journal)*, No.4 2004

"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 & 2002

Its Emergency Medical Services Program,” *HSLI (Health Science Librarians of Illinois) Newsletter*, Volume 21, Issue 3, Winter 2002

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

“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

Thesaurus:

FireTalk, Illinois Fire Service Institute Thesaurus 2003-
<http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/library/FireTalk/>

Manual:

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

Book Chapters:

“Chinese-American Librarian Leadership: An Interview with Dr. Lian Ruan, Head Librarian, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign” in Janet Clarke, Raymond Pun and Monnee Tong (Eds.), *Asian Americans and Libraries: Activism, Collaboration and Strategies for the 21st Century*. Rowman & Littlefield (in Press) 2017

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (26th edition), 2017
Co-authored with Diane Richardson, David Ehrenhart, New York: R.R. Bowker, edited by Cheryl LaGuardia (in Press)

“The Trends of Chinese-American Library Relations” in Lian Ruan, Qiang Zhu and Ye, Ying (Eds.), *Academic Library Development and Administration in China*, Co-authored with Li Fu. Chicago: ALA, p.110-124. 2016

“An Interview with Dr. Lian Ruan, Head Librarian, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign” in Davis Erin 2016

Anderson and Raymond Pun (Eds.), *Career Transitions for Librarians: Proven Strategies for Moving to Another Type of Library*, p. 231-234.

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (21th edition), 2015
Co-authored with Diane Richardson, David Ehrenhart, New York:
R.R. Bowker, edited by Cheryl LaGuardia

“Strategic Planning in Special Libraries and Information Centers” in 2014
Kiyomi D. Deards, K.D., & Springs, G.R. (Eds.),
*Succession Planning and Implementation in Libraries: Practices and
Resources*. Co-authored with Jan Sykes, Chicago: ALA, p.153-179

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (20th edition), 2013
Co-authored with Diane Richardson, David Ehrenhart, New York:
R.R. Bowker, edited by Cheryl LaGuardia

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (19th edition), 2011
Co-authored with Diane Richardson, Adam Groves, New York: R.R.
Bowker, edited by Cheryl LaGuardia

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (18th edition), 2009
Co-authored with Diane Richardson, Adam Groves, New York: R.R.
Bowker, edited by Cheryl LaGuardia

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (16th edition), 2007
Co-authored with Diane Richardson, Adam Groves, New York: R.R.
Bowker, Edited by Cheryl LaGuardia

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (14th edition), 2005
Co-authored with Diane Richardson, Elizabeth Morris, New York: R.R.
Bowker, Edited by Cheryl LaGuardia

“Fire Protection” Chapter in *Magazines for Libraries* (12th edition), New 2003
York: R.R. Bowker, Edited by Cheryl LaGuardia

“Meeting Changing Information Needs of Illinois Firefighters: Analysis 2003
of Queries Received from Outreach Reference Service” in Paul Kelsey
and Sigrid Kelsey (Eds.), *Outreach Services in Academic and Special
Libraries*, p. 69-105.

Reports:

“The role of Chinese American libraries in Library and Information 2015
Science diversity,” A full report funded by the ALA Diversity Research
Grant Program, co-principal investigatored with Weiling Liu

”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. Visit <http://www.sla.org/content/resources/scholargrant/resgrant/goldspiel2003.cfm> 2005

“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 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 2001

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

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

Presentations in U.S.A.:

“Rise Up!” Presentation at DiversiTea, the 2017 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Tinley Park, October 11 2017

IFLA Global Vision Open Discussion Forum at the 2017 ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, co-facilitated with Robin Kear and Stephen Wyber, June 2017

Panel discussion at the Research Collaboration and Publishing in the Global Community sponsored by ACRL International Perspectives on Academic and Research Libraries during the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 2017

“Developing the State Fire Academy Library through Innovation” at the 2017 CALA GMA Chapter Spring Forum (Annual Conference), Washington DC, April 2017

- “The Trends of the Chinese-American Library Relations,” Presentation at the Ohio University’s Chinese Librarians Summer Institute, July 2015
- “Developing Innovative Services and Products to Meet Firefighters’ Unique Needs at the State Fire Academy Library.” Presentation (co-authors Diane Richardson and David Ehrenhart) at SLA Contributed Research Papers Session, SLA Annual Conference in Boston, June 2015
- “The role of Chinese American librarians in Library and Information Science diversity,” Poster presentation with Weiling Liu at the first CALA Posters Session during the ALA Annual Conference, June 2015
- “Partnership beyond CALA: Training Leaders of Color for Action,” the 2015 CALA Annual Conference Program developed and chaired by Ruan with five panel speakers who were past presidents of ALA affiliated ethnic associations, June 2015
- “The Future of CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association),” Presentation at the Online CALA South West Chapter Annual Program, May 2015
- “The Role of Chinese American Librarians in Library and Information Science Diveristy,” Presentation with Weiling Liu at the 2015 Online CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) Midwest Chapter Annual Program, May 2015
- “Developing Experience-Based Knowledge Management Services at the Illinois State Fire Academy Library,” Presentation with David Ehrenhart at the 2015 inFIRE Annual Conference, Norwood, May 2015
- “Social justice in the US-China context: What are the Challenges of Discussing Social Justice Issues in the Context of Contrasting Cultures?” Panel presentation at the ALISE Annual Conference in Chicago, January 2015
- “A Commitment to Supporting Firefighters’ Dynamic Information Needs: Experience-Based Knowledge Management Services at the Illinois State Fire Academy Library,” Presentation with David Ehrenhart at the Library Research Seminar VI 2014 – “The Engaged Librarian: Libraries Partnering with Campus and Community” at UIUC, October 2014
- “Innovative Community Outreach: The Illinois Firefighter Line-of-Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database (IFLOOD),” Presentation at the 2012 Illinois Library Association (ILA) Conference, Rosemont, Illinois, October 2012

“Think Big: Building the State Fire Academy Library in the Digital Age,” Presentation with Diane Richardson and David Ehrenhart at the 2011 Illinois Library Association (ILA) Conference, Rosemont, Illinois, October 18	2011
“Digital Knowledge Management Structure for Fire Service Training,” Presentation at the CALA 2011 Midwest Chapter Annual Conference, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, Indiana, May 21	2011
“Library Practices and Management in the Digital Age of Fire Information: Development of the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library,” Presentation accepted by the 2011 inFIRE Annual Conference, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 10	2011
“Information-Seeking and Sharing Behaviors among Fire Service Field Staff Instructors: A Qualitative Study,” Poster presentation accepted by the 2011 GSLIS Research Showcase, April 8	2011
“Delivering Right Information to Illinois Firefighters at Right Time Through Community Collaboration,” Invited panelist at the eChicago@Dominican University Symposium on Preparing and Building Community in Crises panel discussion, September 9	2010
“Expansion and Future of the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute Library,” Presentation at the 2010 inFIRE Annual Conference, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland, May 13	2010
“Developing a Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (IFLODD) Database,” GSLIS Research Showcase poster session, co-presented with Adam Groves	2008
“Global Outreach: A U.S. – China Experience,” Invited panel speaker at the CALA 2008 Annual Program, ALA Conference, Anaheim, California, June 29	2008
“Developing a Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (IFLODD) through Outreach and Collaboration,” Presentation at the 2007 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, May 12	2007
Invited panelist for the library leaders’ discussion on evidence-based practice at the Evidence Based Library and Information Practice	2007

- Conference (EBLIP4), in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, May 9
- “Evidence-Based Practice in U.S. Fire Library Management,” Paper presentation published in “The Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP4) Proceeding, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina”, Co-authored with Linda C. Smith 2007
- “Deliver Right Information to Illinois Firefighters at Right Time,” Poster presentations at the ALA 2006 Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 24 2006
- “In Search of Excellence: Chinese American Librarians in the 21st Century,” Poster presentations at the ALA 2006 Annual Conference, New Orleans, co-presented with Jian Anna Xiong, 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 inFIRE Annual 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 (GSLIS), 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 inFIRE Annual 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 inFIRE Annual 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:

“Remaking Space in Library Buildings and Innovative Services in the 21st Century,” presentation at the 2017 Jiangsu Library Association Annual Conference, Nanajing, China, October 23 2017

“Trends and Challenges in Academic Libraries in USA,” presentation at academic libraries in Zhengzhou, Beijing, Nanjing, Zhengjiang, Wuhan, Xuzhou, and Guangzhou, fall 2017

“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,” poster presentation at the 2017 IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) Congress, Wroslaw, Poland, August 21 and August 22 2017

“Trends in Technology and Innovative Services in American Academic Libraries,” Invited presentation at eight libraries in South China, September, November, December 2016

“Developing innovative services to meet emergency responders’ unique needs at the State Fire Academy Library,” presentation at the CALA Academic Session entitled “Innovative Services and Technology in U.S. Academic Libraries” at the 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, 2016

October	2015
“New Trends of Academic Libraries in USA,” keynote presentation at the CALA Academic Session entitled “The Library’s Role in Social Advancement: Current Trends in Academic and Public Libraries in the United States” at the Annual Conference of the Library Society of China (LSC) and the Chinese Library Exhibition in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, December	
“New Technology and Innovative Services in American Academic Libraries,” Invited presentation at eight libraries in South China, September, November, December	2015
“Digital Dunhuang & CALA: Collaboration in Scholarly Sharing and Exchange.” Presentation at the 2015 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, August	2015
“Supporting Dynamic Information Needs of Firefighter Instructors in the Digital Age.” Presentation at the 2014 inFIRE Annual Conference, Guangzhou, May	2014
“Academic Libraries’ Development and Future Trends in US,” Invited Presentation at Six Academic Libraries in China	2013
“Knowledge Management Services in US Special and Academic Libraries,” Invited Presentation at Six Academic Libraries in China	2013
“The Illinois State Fire Academy Library and IFSI International Programs for Firefighting and Emergency Management”, 2012 International Symposium on Firefighting and Emergency Management September 6	2012
“Leadership in Library Management”, Invited Talk at the East China Normal University Library, Shanghai, November 23	2011
“Doctoral Research in Library and Information Science: A Case Study,” Invited by the Institute of Information Resources Management, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, June 1	2011
“Future of American Academic Libraries and Librarians” for library directors in Guangzhou area, invited by Jinan University Library, December 6	2010
“Professional Library Management Education in the Digital Age” at the Third Sino-U.S. Symposium on Library and Information Science	2010

Education in the Digital Age, Wuhan University, October 10	
“Meeting Fire Service Field Staff Instructors’ Dynamic Information Needs,” at the 2009 inFIRE Annual Conference, National Research Council Canada – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	2009
“Professional Development in US Academic Libraries,” Beihang University Library, Beijing, China, December 15-16	2008
“Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library,” Presentation at the Nanjing Aeronautical and Astronautical University, Nanjing, China, October 30	2008
“Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library.” Presentation at the Southwest University Library, Chongqing, October 27	2008
“Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library.” Presentation at the Wuhan University Library, Wuhan, May 14	2008
“Developing New Library Service Model in the University Library.” Presentation at the Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China, January 13	2008
”A Survey to Support ‘Evidence-Based Practice’ in Special Libraries Serving Fire Service Personnel and Researchers in Public Safety and Homeland Security Areas,” Co-authored with Linda C. Smith at the 2005 Annual SLA Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 6	2005
"Strategic Planning in American Special Libraries: a Case Study," Presentation for the 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, September 25	2003
"Mr. Wang Zhongmin’s Contributions to the Library Education in China: When East Meets West, a Comparative Study," Co-presented with Dean Leigh Estabrook, invited presentation at “In Memorial of Mr. Zhongmin’s Wang 100 Years Old Birth Celebration Seminar,” Peking University, Beijing, 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 inFIRE Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom, May 30. To See a Full Text of	2002

the Conference Proceedings, Visit:
<http://www.infire.org/Conferences/>

“Mapping Multiple Vocabularies for Better Subject Access to Fire Science Materials,” Presentation at the 2000 inFIRE Annual 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/>

Oral Translations for Guest Speakers’ Presentations both in China and USA

For Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program:

Helped translate presentations in academic libraries on the East and West coasts in the United States 2013-

For IFSI Director Royal Mortenson:

Illinois Fire Service Institute and Fire Emergency Response Management in the United States 2013-

“Library Information Services at the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library” for Library Directors in Guangzhou Area, Jinan University Library, Guangzhou, September 23 2013

For Former GSLIS Dean John Unsworth:

“Reading at Library Scale: New Methods, Attention Prosthetics, Evidence, and Argument,” South West University, Beibei, October 6 2010

"Challenges in Educating 21st-Century Information Professionals" 90th Anniversary Conference, School of Information Management, Wuhan University, Wuhan, October 9 2010

“Closing Ceremony Remark” at the Third Sino-U.S. Symposium on Library and Information Science Education in the Digital Age, Wuhan University, Wuhan, October 9 2010

"Current Developments in Digital Library Management and Research in USA," East China Normal University, Shanghai, June 12 2009

“Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Its LEEP and Digital Library Certificate Programs,” South East University Library, Nanjing, June 13 2009

"Current Developments in Digital Library Management and Research in 2009

USA," NUAU (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautical University), Nanjing, June 15	
"Introduction to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign," NUAU (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautical University), Nanjing, June 15	2009
"Challenges and Opportunities: Making Exchange and Collaboration Work," Department of Library and Information Science, Nanjing University, Nanjing, June 15	2009
"Challenges and Opportunities: Making Exchange and Collaboration Work," Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Wuhan University, Wuhan, June 16	2009
"Current Developments in Digital Library Management and Research in USA," Peking University/CALIS, Beijing, June 18	2009
"Managing the Digital Library: The ECHO Depository Project," For Beijing Area Library Directors at Beihang University Library, Beijing, July 13	2006
"Library and Information Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign," For Beijing Area Library Directors at Beihang University, Beijing, July 13	2006
"Managing the Digital Library: The ECHO Depository Project," For Nanjing Area Library Directors, NUAU (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautical University) Library, Nanjing, July 14	2006
"Library and Information Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign," For Nanjing Area Library Directors at NUAU (Nanjing University of Aeronautical and Astronautical University) Library, Nanjing, July 14	2006
"Managing the Digital Library: The ECHO Depository Project," For Library Directors in Zhejiang Province, Zhejiang University Library, Hangzhou, July 17	2006
"Library and Information Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign," For Library Directors in Zhejiang Province, Zhejiang University Library, Hangzhou, July 17	2006
"Cyberinfrastructure in the USA," For Library Directors in Zhejiang Province, Zhejiang Provincial Library, Hangzhou, July 18	2006

For GSLIS Professor Terry Weech:

“Academic Library Assessment and Evaluation,” For Library Directors in Wuhan Area, Wuhan University Library, Wuhan, May 16 2008

For IFSI Director Richard Jaehne:

“Illinois Fire Service Institute Library,” Beihang University Library, Beijing, July 28 2006

“Value-added Library Services,” for library directors in Shenzhen Area, University Town Library of Shenzhen, November 10 2009

“Value-added Library Services,” for Library Directors in Guangzhou Area, Jinan University Library, Guangzhou, November 12 2009

HONORS

Honored by the Illinois Firefighters Association, Inc. at the Association Annual Conference and Annual Membership Meeting, October 20 2017

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

CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) President Recognition Award, June 25 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 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 America 2015 (68th edition)*, published by Marquis Who's Who (in publication of September 2014) 2014

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

Members Meeting Challenges: Lian Ruan (Featured by SLA Illinois Chapter, http://illinois.sla.org/?p=3912 , March 7, 2014)	2014
SLA Feature on the GSLIS (http://www.lis.illinois.edu/articles/2014/01/ruan-highlighted-sla-illuminate-illinois-feature , January 7, 2014)	2014
Illuminate Illinois: Lian Ruan (Featured by SLA Illinois Chapter, http://illinois.sla.org/?p=3681 , December 6, 2013)	2013
Selected Participant – 2012 ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, August 5-10	2012
Member of Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, 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 featured in both <i>The Scout Report</i> (one of the oldest and most respected Internet-based current awareness services) and <i>The Newberry Library Genealogy News</i> (one of the most prestigious research libraries in the United States)	2009
“IFLODD: The Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths Digital Image Collection Database” was highlighted in April 2009’s <i>ILA REPORTER</i> 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 <i>Who’s Who in the World</i> , published by Marquis Who's Who	2009, 2012
Profiled in the <i>Who’s Who of American Women</i> , published by Marquis Who's Who	2009
Profiled in the <i>Who’s Who in America</i> , published by Marquis Who's Who	2009, 2013
The Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) Scholarship (Dallas, Texas, October 11-15)	2006

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
Selected Participant – “Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative,” sponsored by the Illinois State Library and Illinois Library Association	2004
Profiled in the 25 th Silver Anniversary Edition of <i>Who’s Who of American Women</i> , published by Marquis Who's Who	2005
Profiled in <i>Who's Who in the World</i> , also in <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, 2008, 2014
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 <i>Informant</i> , 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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE

ALA Nominating Committee for the 2019 ALA Election, Member	2017
IFLA Information Literacy Standing Committee, Member	2017-2021
CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) Executive Director	2016-2019
Co-CALA Representative to Library Society of China with Michael Huang	2017-2018

Co-CALA Representative to IFLA with Shali Zhang	2017-2018
ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee, Member	2016-2017
JCLC Steering Committee, Member	2016-2018
Co-Chair, JCLC Publicity and Public Relations and Web Sub-Committee	2016-2018
CALA President	2015-2016
CALA Vice President/President Elect	2014-2015
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
ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Member	2014-2016
Co-Chair, CALA 2020 Strategic Plan Task Force	2014-2016
CALA Mentoring Program Committee, Member	2013-2014
Co-Organizer, the 2014 inFIRE Annual Conference at Sun Yat-Sen University, China, May 6-8	2014
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
inFIRE (the international network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange), Chair of Executive Committee	2013-
inFIRE (the international network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange) Executive Committee Member	1997-2001, 2009-2012
ACRL 75th Anniversary Celebration Task Force	2013-2016
ACRL Representative to the ALA Advocacy Coordinating Group	2013-2014 2014-2015

SLA Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council	2013-2016
SLA Diversity Leadership Development Program Committee	2013-2014
SLA Illinois Chapter Strategic Planning Committee	2013-2014
CALA Midwest Chapter President	2012-2013
Co-Chair, CALA Local Arrangement Committee (for CALA Annual Awards Banquet and 40th anniversary celebration)	2012-2013
Co-Chair, CALA Membership Committee (led the national CALA membership drive and achieved the 2013 record-high goal of 559 active members)	2012-2013
Co-Chair, CALA Membership Committee (led the national CALA membership drive and achieved the 2012 record-high goal of 515 active members)	2011-2012
Chair, Fundraising Team (Midwest Chapter) for Joplin, MO	2011-2012
Chair, Conference Planning Committee, the 2012 CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Conference at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2011-2012
Vice President (2011-2012)/President-Elect of CALA Midwest Chapter (2012-2013)	2011-2013
SLA IL Chapter Outreach/Public Relations Committee	2011-2013
SLA 2012 Chicago Annual Conference Local Arrangements Planning Committee, SLA Illinois Chapter	2011-2012
Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Annual Award Banquet Arrangement Committee Member	2011
Organizer, the 2011 inFIRE Annual Conference at Illinois Fire Service Institute, May 9-12	2011
Evaluation Subcommittee Member of the 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Conference	2011-2012
GSLIS Dean's Council, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2010-2012
Chair, Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Finance Committee	2009-2010

Chair, Public Relations Committee, Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Midwest Chapter	2008-2009
Chair, Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Sally Tseng Professional Development Grant Award Committee	2008-2009
Mentorship Program Committee, Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)	2008-2009
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-
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
"Learner, Teach-Model-Coach Program -- Coaching 21st Century Learners for Advancement in the Library Profession, Chicago Library System"	2003-2004
Co-Founder, Special Librarians Endowment Fund, Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2002
Downstate Representative, Board of Directors, 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 (SLA), Illinois Chapter	2002-2004
Co-Organizer with RJA Group, 2001 inFIRE Annual Conference	2001
Conference Committee, Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference	2001
Treasurer, inFIRE	2001-2006

inFIRE Serial Union List Coordinator (Initiated and developed a searchable and member-only inFIRE Serial Union List Database)	2001-2007
Chair, Research and Writing Committee, Special Libraries Association (SLA), Illinois Chapter (Initiated and developed a searchable SLA IL Chapter member research profile database)	2000-2002
Editor, Informant, Special Libraries Association, Illinois Chapter Newsletter	2000-2002
Editor, Proceeding of 2001 inFIRE Annual Conference	2001

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board Member & Communications Director, Chinese American Association of Central Illinois (CAACI)	2014-2015
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	1996-1997, 1993

MEMBERSHIP

American Library Association (ALA), Life Member	2001-
Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Beta Phi Mu, Alpha Chapter	2013- 2011-
Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu	2011-
Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), Life Member	2003-
Health Science Librarians of Illinois (HSLI)	2001-
Illinois Library Association (ILA)	2001-
inFIRE (International Network for Fire Information and Reference Exchange, an international consortium of fire libraries)	1990- 1998-
Illinois Heartland Library System (Formerly Lincoln Trails Library System)	1998-

Medical Library Association (MLA)	2001-
Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society	2012-
Special Libraries Association (SLA)	1999-