AWARDS & PROMOTIONS
Dr. Clara M. Chu--2015 CALA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Dear CALA Members:

The CALA Awards Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. Clara M. Chu, a CALA life member and the Director and Distinguished Professor at the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is the recipient of the 2015 CALA Distinguished Service Award! Dr. Chu received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Science at University of Western Ontario in 1992. She has been a CALA life member since 1993. From 1990 to 2015, she was a library and information science educator at UCLS and UNCG. Since 2015, she has been the Director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and Mortenson Distinguished Professor as well as a Professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Clara M. Chu is an outstanding leader. She has played many leadership roles as the Director of Mortenson Center for International Library Program at UIUC since 2015; Department Chair of School of Education at UNCG in 2010; Project Director for Academic and Cultural Enrichment Scholars, 2008-2014 (this project was funded through an UNCG IMLS grant with the amount of over $2 million dollars); Chair of Division IV of IFLA and member of Governing Board of IFLA; and the President of the Association for Library and Information Science Education.

Dr. Clara M. Chu is a prolific writer. She has published 37 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, and a book entitled, “Change and Progress in LIS Education.” She has been dedicated to diversity, multiculturalism and library education through her numerous research activities, over 200 scholarly presentations and many professional consultations.

Dr. Chu’s contributions to librarianship, particularly to Chinese American librarianship, are immense. She has been active in IFLA, ALA, CALA, SALISE and other organizations. For IFLA, she was on Governing Board and as Chairs of committees and taskforces. For ALA, she was member of ALA Accreditation Taskforce, Diversity Working Group and Committee on Education. For ALISE, she was Vice President and President from 2013-2015. Being a live member of CALA since 1993, she has served as Board of Director, chairs of many committees and taskforces, and currently she has served as Liaison to IFLA.

Dr. Chu has also been recognized both nationally and internationally and received 26 awards and honors for her commitment to excellence in the profession including the 2012 CALA President Recognition Award. As a dedicated library and information educator and advocate for diversity and multiculturalism, Dr. Chu has applied for many grants, of which 51 have been granted including several large ones with the amount of $196,000, $862,014 and $889,401. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Clara Chu on her being selected as the recipient of the Award, and applauding her achievements at 2016 CALA Awards Banquet in Orlando, Florida.

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2016 CALA Scholarship Awards Recipients

Dear CALA Members:

The Chinese American Librarians Association is pleased to announce recipients of its 2016 scholarships. These awards will be presented at the CALA Awards Banquet on Sunday, June 26 in conjunction with 2016 ALA Annual Convention to be held in Orlando. CALA Scholarship of Library and Information Science ($1000)

Melody Tsz-Way Leung, a master student at the University of Washington, is awarded the CALA Scholarship of Library and Information Science. Leung, a first-year library school student, is very passionate about children services and would like to become a Children’s Librarian. Leung is a natural leader and self-motivator with great attitude. She is the author of the I-Youth Blog (https://iyouwuw.wordpress.com) and is excited in about carrying out her community engagement programs, for which she led a team of students in a photo document analysis project and recent Mexican Immigrant (New American) mothers. The Lisa Zhao Scholarship ($500)

Yuan Li, a master student at the University of South Carolina, is awarded The Lisa Zhao Scholarship. Li, a second-year student, has demonstrated a strong interest in pursuing a library career through her volunteer work at the Richland Library system. She has spent more than 200 hours at Technical Department, Circulation Department and eReady Services. Li also participated in a research project on information seeking behavior, and submitted the findings for publication. The Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science ($250)

Dayanqi Si, a master student at the University of Western Ontario, is awarded The Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science. Si, a first-year student, is very interested in both linguistics and library and information science. She hopes to become a librarian serving linguistics departments. Research interests of Si include searching analog games and its application to libraries, information behavior, morphology, syntax, case, reduplication, ton and Bantu languages. She has shared her expertise and knowledge through multiple publications. CALA is pleased to provide support to these outstanding students in their professional education through these scholarships, open to full-time students of Chinese heritage currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited program of library and information science in North America.

2016 CALA Scholarship Committee

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Three Categories of CALA 2016 Conference Travel Grant Recipients Announced

Dear CALA members:
CALA Conference Travel Grant Committee is happy to announce the following recipients of 2016 CALA travel grants:

**CALA 2016 Conference Travel Grant ($500 each)**
- Michael Huang: Stony Brook University Health Sciences Library
- Xudong Jin: Baltimore City Community College
- Hong Miao: Marywood University Library
- Jane Wu: Otterbein University Courtright Memorial Library

**CALA 2016 Chapter President Travel Grant ($300 each)**
- Yiping Wang, Northern California Chapter President
- Hong Wu, Greater Mid-Atlantic Chapter President
- Fu Zhuo, Midwest Chapter President

**CALA 2016 IFLA Registration Grant (regular member $576, student member $282)**
- Regular members:
  - Qi Chen, Calumet College of St. Joseph
  - Liya Deng, University of South Caroline
  - Xiaojie Duan, University of Southern Mississippi Libraries
  - Guoying Liu, University of Windsor
- Student members:
  - Wencheng Su, Jiangsu University
  - Xueye Zheng, the Catholic University of America

Congratulations to all the recipients!

**CALA Conference Travel Grant Committee Guoying Liu (Co-Chair)**
Zheng Jessica Lu (Co-Chair)
Dongyun Ni
Sharon Yang
Xiaocan Wang
Wilfred Fong Receives the 2015 Spaights Award

Wilfred Fong, CALA President from 1995-96, received the 2015 Spaights Award from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). The Spaights Award is one of the highest honorary awards from the University and is dedicated to individuals who have made significant, enduring and campus-wide contributions to the growth and development of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Professor Fong is the Former Assistant Dean at the UWM School of Information Studies from 1985-2003. The impact of Wilfred Fong during his time with the University can be easily seen on campus and globally.

Describe by several nominators as a technological pioneer, Professor Fong was instrumental in the development of distance learning at UWM. He significantly contributed to the creation of two new programs, the online Master of Library and Information Science and the Bachelor of Science in Information Resources. Both programs became important foundations of significant growth in the School of Information Studies. Recognition has also come from afar. Because of his vision and dedicated implementation, U.S. News and World Report ranked the MLIS program as one of the Best of Web-based Programs in 2002. Alumni can be found all over the world.

To enhance student learning experiences, Prof. Fong created the first wireless lab at UWM with a grant from IBM. All the while, he fulfilled the mission to provide personalized “human” support to SOIS students, faculty and staff, of which many were just becoming acquainted with the different concepts of Web-based learning and technologies.

He was honored on a number of occasions including in 1994 with the UWM Academic Staff Outstanding Performance Award and in 2002 with the SOIS Outstanding Achievement Award for his contributions to the IT2000, a community-based program to teach computer and soft skills to disadvantaged students in the metro area. UWM continued to recognize Prof. Fong when he received the UWM Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2007.

Prof. Fong’s leadership in developing international collaborations elevated the prestige of UWM and SOIS as did his involvement in training programs administered by the School in Hong Kong, Kuwait, Egypt, Mexico, and Malaysia among others. In 2003, Prof. Fong joined the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (Canada) as a Founding Faculty and Associate Dean at the Faculty of Business and Information Technology and in 2010 he became the first CIO and Director of IT at the University of Toronto’s School of Continuing Studies.

A Life Member of CALA, Prof. Fong founded the CALA listserv in 1994 and was the Executive Editor of the Journal of Library and Information Science from 1990-97.

As a recipient of the Ernest Spaights Award, Professor Fong’s name will be added to the Ernest Spaights Plaza marker on the UWM campus.
Clement Lau Became Associate Dean

Clement Lau became Associate Dean at Georgia Southern University’s Zach S. Henderson Library in Statesboro, Georgia in April. Prior to joining the Georgia Southern University faculty, he was the Associate Librarian for Technical and Collection Services of the Hong Kong Baptist University Library. Clement left Hong Kong and returned to the United States in March after completion of his 2-year contract. Before leaving for Hong Kong, he served as the Associate Director for Technical Services and Administration at the University of Baltimore Law Library in Baltimore, Maryland.

Illinois Fire Service Institute Library Honored As Finalist for National Award

by Fu Zhuo

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016, one of the libraries in the Midwest received a big honor and was named one of the 30 finalist for national medal award by The Institute of Museum and Library Services. That library is Illinois Fire Service Institute Library led by CALA's current president, Dr. Lian Ruan. For those who are not familiar with this award, the National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community. The award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service and are making a difference for individuals, families, and communities for 22 years. This is the second time that the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library was honored as one of the finalists.

Congratulations to Dr. Ruan and her colleagues!

Dr. Clara Chu Wins The ALISE Award for Professional Contribution to Library and Information Science Education

by Fu Zhuo

Dr. Clara Chu, a CALA MW Chapter life member and a renowned scholar in the field of library education, is the recipient of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Award for Professional Contribution to Library and Information Science Education in 2016. The ALISE award criteria include: (a) Evidence of regular and sustained service that promotes and strengthens the broad areas of library/information science education through the holding of appropriate offices and positions within the profession. (b) Contributions which promote and enhance the status of library/information science education. (c) Evidence of leadership and initiative in dealing with issues related to library/information science education. Published numerous articles and made so many presentations, Dr. Chu is very active in her teaching and research. Her rich experiences clearly met ALISE award requirements.

Congratulations, Dr. Chu! We are so happy and proud of you!
CONFERENCES & TRAVELS
Visiting Orlando

The National First Year Experience Conference

by Ray Pun

This past February, I attended the National First Year Experience Conference where I learned how universities are supporting their first year students, programs and services. This was my first time attending this conference and since I am the “first year” experience librarian for my school (California State University, Fresno), it made sense to attend. Most of the discussions focused on developing learning communities, program assessments, and retention for first year minority students. Other interesting talks explored the use of emerging technologies in the classroom and community partnerships for service learning opportunities.

In this conference, I also gave two presentations: one on delivering and assessing library instruction in China (where I used to work – in NYU Shanghai) and a poster on using social media tools to support international students. One thing I found was that everyone who was interested in higher education in China or finding ways to support Chinese students came to me and asked for help.

This is a pressing issue in higher education and many CALA members know about this – particularly those in academic libraries – these CALA members have been very active in supporting international Chinese students in their institutions. However, there are so many institutions that do not have librarians of Chinese descent. I promoted CALA and suggested they contact the association for additional resources – not sure if they will do that but it’s a start!

There were no international sessions covering the growth of Chinese students in American universities at all – which I found surprising. Nonetheless, it was a good conference where I met with many professional staff in student affairs, faculty members and authors – since they were all promoting their books to be considered as a “common reader” for universities.

Next year the conference will be held in Atlanta, I am not sure if I will attend but encourage CALA members interested in higher education in the first year context to attend! Please reach out to me for more information; I will be reviewing next year’s proposals since I was invited to present this year.

One highlight of my trip included having lunch with University of Central Florida librarians who are also CALA and APALA members! Ven Basco (Current Executive Director of APALA from UCF), Ying Zhang (CALA member from UCF) and Sai Deng (CALA member from UCF) It was really nice opportunity to have lunch with them and hear what they have been working on. They were nice enough to drive quite a distance to see me too.
IN MEMORIAM
Remembering Lisa

Apr 5, 2016

Lisa Zhao's Memorial Service

Many people, including several CALA members, went to say final goodbye and pay final respect to our dear Lisa last Sat. in Chicago. May Lisa rest in peace! Requested by Lisa’s husband, Mr. Xiayang Zhang, and on behalf of CALA, I made a short speech. Please see attached in English and Chinese. Special thanks go to those CALA members who allowed me to quote what they said about Lisa. The memories are precious to Lisa’s family and to CALA. The speech will be posted on Lisa’s online memorial site and published in the newsletter of CALA and APALA.

In my loving memory to Lisa, I made a donation to Lisa Zhao Scholarship Fund. I hope you will do the same, if you have not done so, at http://www.cala-web.org/form4donation.

Thank you!

Lian Ruan (CALA President, 2015/2016)

Pictures of Lisa Zhao

"Here are a few pictures I took during the CALA's 40th Anniversary. Lisa was so look forward being the CALA's new president at that time. Please upload the picture to the gallery. So sad to see her leaving us." -- Shuqin
Forever Remembering Lisa Zhao 赵力沙

by Dr. Lian Ruan, CALA President (2015/2016)

As we gather here today to pay our final respects to Lisa, I am humbled to represent the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) to share with you all the out-pouring of love and respect for Lisa coming from CALA members, and to share our love, condolences, sympathy, and memories with her family. In mourning the huge loss of a dynamic leader, a wonderful colleague, and a dedicated member for the CALA community and the library profession, our members describe Lisa well - her character, her leadership, and her legacy.

Lisa was a loving, kind, and hardworking person. Sharon Hu (胡承仁), Professor at Chicago State University, cannot forget Lisa’s friendly smiles, warm and sincere words, and knowledgeable lectures.

Qi Chen (陈琦), Library Director of Calumet College of St. Joseph, described Lisa as a faithful ox who worked diligently without any complaints. Lisa was a student in the Fridays Only Program at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The program was designed for part-time, commuting students who completed their degrees by attending courses on campus only on Fridays. It required more than 140 miles and two and a half hours of driving one way from Lisa’s home to the campus, but Lisa did it every Friday for two years and successfully completed the program without any interruption. What a devoted student!

Lisa was a warm-hearted and inspiring mentor for young professionals and students. Professor Xiao Hu (胡晓), a former library school student in Illinois and current Professor at Hong Kong University, will always remember Lisa’s caring mentorship toward her and her fellow students.

She recalled her first meeting with Lisa: “Lisa shared her career path as a Chinese American librarian with us, a group of students in library school, which still inspires us to date.”

Lisa was a brave fighter. Lisa’s forever fighting spirit has touched so many of us. Jiaxun Wu (吴嘉勋), Chinese Studies Librarian at the University of Chicago, recognized that “she was so brave to fight the cancer.” Jianye He (何剑叶), Librarian for Chinese Collections at the University of California, Berkeley, admired Lisa as “a brave woman that never gave up hope,” and Sharon Hu (胡承仁) suggested that Lisa and her family “created a record in her fighting against cancer for 20 months,” which went far beyond doctors’ predictions.

Lisa was a dedicated and courageous leader to CALA in every way. Yongyi Song (宋永毅), Technical Services Librarian at California State University, Los Angeles, summarized, “Lisa was a rare heroine in our generation, especially in CALA. This is not to say that she made earth-shattering events in her life, but throughout her life, she consistently kept up her character of integrity, passion, dedication, and righteousness.”

Professor and Director Ling Hwey Jeng (郑铃慧), School of Library and Information Studies, Texas Women’s University, shared her moving story about Lisa. Lisa first contacted her in spring 2011 and asked if she could help with the CALA leadership orientation at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference. Lisa developed a wonderful panel for the orientation. Professor Jeng continued, “That night was the first time I witnessed this incredible, dedicated woman whose sole purpose in serving CALA was to promote professionalism among CALA leadership.”

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Yuhfen Diana Wu (吴玉芬), Reference Librarian at San Jose State University Library, shared her “very fond memory with Lisa, especially when she was elected as CALA president... Lisa stuck with her principles and belief in doing the right things in the right way. One thing Lisa strongly hoped to change was to make CALA more inclusive and to focus on professional development and support for members regardless of their role or background.”

Lisa’s legacy will continue on. Lisa’s principle-based leadership has taught and inspired junior leaders like myself, and shaped my view of leadership in CALA. Against tremendous pressure, it was Lisa who helped reinstate CALA’s corporation status as a non-profit organization in Illinois, bringing CALA back on track. She initiated the CALA Board’s approval to allow the CALA President and Executive Director to seek legal and financial advice as needed, and she strongly supported the fresh faces of young librarians on CALA leadership teams. Accompanied by her loving husband, Lisa flew to the ALA Annual Conference in June 2014 to complete her presidency term even though she was seriously ill and had difficulty speaking.

Fu Zhuo (卓夫), Research & Liaison Librarian III at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, spoke highly of Lisa as a true role model for all of us. Janet Clarke, President of the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), stated further that “Lisa was a great colleague and role model for many of us in APALA and beyond.” Lisa, we’ll follow in your footsteps and firmly carry on your torch for CALA’s true professionalism. You will be remembered forever in our hearts for your contributions to the well-being of CALA.

Here is Christina Rossetti’s poem, “Remember” for our dear Lisa –

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you plann’d:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.
永远记住赵力沙
阮炼博士 华人图书馆员协会会长（2015/2016）

我们今天聚集在这里向赵力沙以最后的敬意，我谦卑地代表华人图书馆员协会（CALA）与大家一起分享CALA会员对赵力沙的浓浓爱意和无比敬之情。CALA会员也对赵力沙家人送来我们的爱心、慰问、同情和回忆。我们失去了一个充满活力的领导者、一个美好的同事和一个对CALA社区和图书馆领域忠诚尽职的成员。在凭吊这一巨大损失的时候，我们的会员对赵力沙的人品、领导力和精神做出了很高的评价。

赵力沙是一位有爱心、善良和努力勤奋的人。芝加哥州立大学胡承仁教授难以忘记力沙友善亲切的笑容、热情诚恳的话语和丰富多采的讲解。圣若瑟大学图书馆陈瑞长形容力沙就像老黄牛一样，勤勤恳恳，任劳任怨。力沙曾经是伊利诺伊大学厄巴纳-香槟分校图书馆信息学课程项目中的一名学生。这个项目是为在周五参加图书馆课程的兼职学生完成硕士学位而设计的。力沙从家开车到校要开140多英里，两个半小时的单程车程，但是力沙坚持两年里每周都赶到校园学习，从未间断地完成了学业，她真是一个勤奋用功的好学生！

赵力沙是一位对年轻专业人士和学生充满热情、鼓舞人心的导师。胡承仁是伊利诺伊大学图书馆学院的学生，她现在是香港大学的教授。她说她将永远记住力沙对她和她的同学们的关怀和指导。她回忆起自己第一次见到力沙的情景：“力沙跟我们这批图书馆学院的中国学生分享了她作为华人图书馆员的职业历程，她的话语至今激励着我们。”

赵力沙是一个勇敢的战士。力沙永远拼搏的精神一直感动着我们很多人。吴嘉骏是芝加哥大学中国研究馆员，他赞扬力沙“是一个勇敢跟癌症做斗争的人。”何剑叶是加州大学伯克利分校中国收藏图书馆员，她敬佩力沙“是一个永不放弃希望的勇敢人士。”胡承仁说力沙和她的家人们“在她跟癌症斗争的20个月里已经创造了奇迹。”

赵力沙是一个对CALA全力付出的勇敢领导者。美国加州州立大学洛杉矶分校技术服务馆员宋永毅总结说，“力沙是我们这一代人中难得的女杰，尤其在CALA中。这并不是说她的一生做成了什么惊天动地的大事，而是她将一生的坚持了正直、热诚、嫉恶如仇的个性。”德州大学图书馆与信息科学学院的郑丽教授院长分享了她与力沙的动人故事。力沙2011年春天第一次联系她，问她是否可以在2011年美国图书馆联盟（ALA）年会上帮忙做一个CALA领导的培训。力沙组织了一个精彩的专家小组演讲。郑教授接着说，“那天晚上我亲眼目睹了这个非凡、全心奉献的女士，她为CALA做的一件事就可以在CALA领导层里宣传和提高CALA的专业化水平。”

圣荷西州立大学图书馆馆员吴爱芬分享了她和力沙之间非常美好的记忆，尤其是力沙当选为CALA会长时…力沙坚持自己的原则，并坚信以正确的方式做正确的事情。力沙特别想要改变的一件事情是CALA更具有包容性，不论会员的角色和背景，注重会员的专业发展和为会员提供帮助。”

力沙的精神将会被继承发扬。力沙有原则的领导力教育并激励着像我这样的新进领导人，也改变了我领导CALA的观点。面对巨大压力，是力沙帮助恢复了CALA在伊利诺伊州非营利组织的法人地位并将CALA带回正轨。她对CALA董事会提出允许CALA会长和执行会长根据需要去寻求法律和财务专业咨询服务。她强烈支持CALA领导团队的年轻化和新面孔。2014年6月，即使她病重和讲话困难，力沙在她爱的丈夫陪伴下，依然坚持参加美国图书馆联盟（ALA）年会，完成她的会长任期。卓夫是密苏里-堪萨斯城大学研究与学科馆员，他对力沙有很高的评价，他说力沙是我们所有人的真正榜样。珍妮特·克拉克是美国亚太裔图书馆员协会（APALA）主席，她进一步称赞“力沙是APALA和其他协会的一个伟大的同事和榜样。”

力沙，我们将追随你的脚步，坚定地高举你将CALA真正专业化的火把。你对CALA健康发展所做的伟大贡献将被永远地铭记在我们的心中。

这是克里斯蒂娜·罗塞帝的诗，“记住”我们亲爱的力沙—

请记住我，当我离去时，我到那遥远的静谧之地，
那时你再不能牵住我的手，而我也再不能欲走还留，
请记住我，当日复一日，你再也不能向我诉说未来的愿望，
只要你还记住我，你明白的，到那时再相劝或祈祷已然迟矣。

如果你暂时将我遗忘，而后又忆起，请不要忧伤，
因为那黑暗和腐朽之乡，倘若能留下，些许我过去的思想
我宁愿你能将我微笑地忘记，也远远胜似把我悲伤地记起。
Remembering Lisa by CALA members

April 5, 2016
Dear Lian Ruan,
We are very sorry to hear the passing of Lisa Zhao. Lisa Zhao was an outstanding librarian and distinguished and dedicated CALA member. Please send our deepest condolences to Lisa Zhao’s family and colleagues.
Thank you.
Best regards,
Li Chenguang
International Cooperation Officer
Library Society of China

March 31, 2016
Dear President Ruan,
I am deeply saddened and shocked by the news of Professor Lisa Zhao’s passing. Professor Lisa Zhao had been striving to promote the librarianship, especially the cooperation and communication among the Chinese American Librarians. Her great devotion and contribution are not only recognized, but also well respected. Her passing away is truly a great loss for the libraries. On behalf of the National Central Library (Taiwan), I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to Prof. Lisa Zhao’s family. Please pass our sincere regards to members of the CALA and Prof. Zhao’s family.
Sincerely Yours,
Shu-hsien Tseng
Director General

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Sincerely Yours,
Shu-hsien Tseng
Director General
Remembering Lisa by CALA members

Mar 24, 2016
Dear CALA members,
I was very sad and not able to put in words yesterday when I learned about Lisa's passing.
 It's been very comforting to see and read all the out-pouring condolence from many CALA members and friends.

Yes, it's heartbroken to lose Lisa in such a young age. I'd like to share my very fond memory with Lisa, especially when she was elected as CALA president. We were staying in the same hotel for the ALA annual and spent times to have dinner or just chat. Most our conversation was focused on how to make CALA a better organization and be more inclusive. She stucked with her principle and belief on doing the right things on the right way. One thing she strongly hoped to change was to make CALA more inclusive and to focus on professional development and support for members regardless of their role or background. She wanted to make sure CALA wouldn't become a political platform for some ambitious members or officers. I sincerely hope we honor her wish and help make CALA a true professional organization and will be run cohesively and collegially.

Thank you, Weiling, for setting up the Never-Gone website. Lisa will be remembered and missed for her courage, vision and contribution to the well-being of CALA.

Sincerely,
Diana Wu
CALA life member

Mar 23, 2016
I created an online memorial site. The URL is below:
http://www.never-gone.com/Memorials/lisazhao
More information will be added and you can help!
Weiling
Remembering Lisa by CALA members

March 27, 2016

CALA Pays Tribute to Lisa Zhao CALA President (2013-2014)

Zhao, Lisa (赵力沙) 02/15/1950 ~ 03/22/2016 Chicago IL -- In recognizing the passing of Lisa Zhao, the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) wants to celebrate the character of this distinguished and dedicated CALA member. Lisa was the Catalog Librarian (1990 - 2015) in University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and CALA President (2013-2014). She passed away on March 22, 2016 after her battle with cancer.

Lisa joined CALA in 1996 and was CALA President (2013-2014). For the past 20 years, she took upon a wide range of capacities from being committee chairs to chapter president and from board member to CALA president. She passionately and wholeheartedly carried out her responsibilities and contributed a great deal to the advancement of CALA and to the library community and beyond. She was one of the five members who initiated CALA’s 21 Century Seminars providing professional development opportunities for members.

Lisa was a positive, brave and passionate member and officer of CALA and she cared members and friends more than herself. She set a high standard for herself as a CALA President. At numerous occasions when CALA was in critical moments and facing challenges, Lisa stood firm on her ground, fighting for the goodness of the organization and the benefit of the members.

Lisa will be missed dearly: her smile, commitment and devotion to as well as strength and passion for CALA and librarianship will be remembered for a long time to come! Learn more about Lisa and express thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at http://www.never-gone.com/Memorials/lisazhao

Sincerely,

CALA Executive Committee (EC) 泣告

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CALA Executive Director 2013-2016

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Susan Stevens, a local journalist has learned about Lisa and offered to write the following obituary which will be in the local newspaper in the next issue. Please see info below.

Thank you,
Qi Chen

Zhao, Lisa, 66; a resident of the Little Italy of Chicago and former President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) passed away on 3/22/2016 after a 20-month battle of brain cancer. Lisa is survived by her husband Mr. Xiayang Zhang and son Alan Zhang. Lisa was an associate professor and a cataloger at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Library. She is a caring and loving mother and wife. She was passionate about her career as a librarian and her association. Express your thoughts and memories and learn more about Lisa, please visit: http://www.never-gone.com/Memorials/lisazhao. Visitation Friday April 1st, 2016, 3:00 -- 8:00 PM at Dalcomo Funeral Home 470 West 26th Street, Chicago, IL 60616. Memorial Service Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, 8:30 -- 10:00 AM at Dalcomo Funeral Home. The burial will follow afterwards in Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, 17 W 201 Roosevelt Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, 630-941-5860. In lieu of flowers, please kindly send them to Dalcomo Funeral Home. To make a donation to the family, please go to: https://www.gofundme.com/9m3funfy. Cards, letters and gifts can be mailed to: Zhang’s Family, 1245 Westgate Terrace, Chicago, IL 60607
Condolence Messages Forwarded from CALA Listserv (Mar 22-25, 2016)

**Shuyong Jiang:** I am very very sad to let you know that our dear friend Lisa Zhao passed away at 8:30 this evening. Lisa has been very brave and tough in fighting her illness. We all love her and will miss her deeply.

**Hwa-Wei Lee:** It is indeed a very sad news. I want to express my most sincere condolences to Lisa’s family.

**Ching-chih Chen:** So very sorry to learn of the passing of Lisa Zhao who has been so very brave in fighting for her illness. My deepest condolences to her family. Rest in peace, Lisa.

**Jianying Shou:** I am very sorry to hear the news of Lisa’s passing. She is going to be missed.

**Mingyan Li:** So sad to hear the passing of Lisa. She will be always missed deeply. My sincere condolences to her family.

**Jiayun Wu:** I feel very sad to hear that Lisa passed away. She was so devoted to CALA and she was so brave to fight the cancer.

**Haiyang Yuan:** I feel deeply, deeply sorrowful for the loss of our friend and leader. She will live in my heart for the rest of my life. My most heartfelt condolences to Lisa’s family!

**Patty Wong:** Thank you shuyong for letting us know. This is a loss to all of us. We will miss her very much- hugs to her family!

**Qi Chen:** I am deeply saddened to hear Lisa’s passing. Shuyong and I visited her on Feb. 13th and we were thinking of visiting her this weekend. It is a huge loss for us and CALA. Lisa will be missed dearly.

**Julia L. Wu:** I am deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved friend, Lisa Zhao. Her dedication and leadership in the library community will always be remembered. My deep condolences to the Zhao family and my prayer for Lisa’s peaceful rest in heaven.

**Hong Cheng:** It is a huge loss to the Chinese librarian community. I want to express my sincere condolences to Lisa’s family. She will be greatly remembered.

**Shen Zhijia:** I am deeply saddened by the terrible news of Lisa’s passing. We have lost a wonderful friend and CALA has lost a dedicated member. My deepest condolences to Lisa’s family!

**Jianye He:** It is so sad to hear the news of Lisa’s passing. She has been a great leader and dedicated member of CALA, and a brave woman that never gave up hope. Wish her to rest in peace. My sincere condolences to her family too.

**FuWaye Bender:** I’m so sorry to hear this sad news. My heartfelt condolences to Lisa’s family. Lisa will be remembered.

**Vincen Kwong:** I am very sorry to hear the news of Lisa passed away, she was a very passion professional. I will keep Lisa’s family in my prayer.

**Jing Xu:** So sad to hear Lisa passed away, greatest sorrow to her survivals, pray.

**Dongmei Cao:** I’m deeply saddened by Lisa’s passing, she was such a devoted and passionate CALA leader and role model for us all. At this difficult time, let’s all keep her husband and son in our prayers and thoughts as they mourn their loss.

**Weiling Liu:** So sorry to hear of Lisa’s passing. My deepest condolences to her family. Rest in peace, Lisa.

**Sai Deng:** I am truly sorry to hear the loss of our dear Lisa! She will be remembered greatly!

**Janet H. Clarke:** I am saddened to hear of Lisa’s passing. Our hearts are with her family.

**Haiying Qian:** Very sad to hear about Lisa’s passing. My sincere condolence to Lisa’s family.

**Tze Chung and Dorothy Li:** We are traveling and just received the sad news that our dear friend Lisa passed away. We will remember her energetic working and fighting spirit forever. Our best wishes for her rest in peace. Please also forward our condolences to Lisa’s family.

**Xiaoyu Duan:** I feel really sorry to hear about the sad news. My deepest condolences to Lisa’s family. Hope they will be strong and get through the sorrowfulness. May you rest in peace, Lisa.

**Karen Wei:** I am truly saddened by the news of Lisa’s passing. We have lost a dynamic and positive leader, colleague, and friend. My condolences go to Lisa’s family. She will be sorely missed. RIP, Lisa.

**Fu Zhuo:** It is so sad to hear this news. Lisa was truly a role model for all of us. It is a huge loss to our Chinese librarians community. My deepest condolences to Lisa’s family. She will be greatly remembered by us all!

**Priscilla C. YU:** I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Lisa. She was dedicated to CALA in every way. She will be dearly missed. My deepest sympathy to Lisa’s family in this difficult period.

**Leping He:** I am so sorry to hear the shocking news. My deepest condolences to Lisa’s family.

**Yuan Li:** It’s truly a sad news and shocking news to me. She was so brave in fighting her illness and got better. I didn’t expect to hear this sad news this soon. My sincerest condolences to her family. May Lisa rest in the peace. She will certainly be missed.

**Dora Ho:** I am so sad about this news. My condolences to Lisa’s family. It is a huge loss for CALA and the library profession. We will miss Lisa very much!!

**Lina Ding:** Wish Lisa RIP.

**Mario Gonzalez:** My deepest sympathy to Lisa’s family. She will always be in our memories.

**Lian:** I have forwarded ALL of your responses to Mr. Xiayang Zhang, Lisa’s husband. He told me this afternoon that he has shared them with their son, Alan.

Your love and care mean so much to them during this very difficult time. Thank you!

**Yuan Li:** Thank you for forwarding our condolences to her family. Hope her family will go through this with peace.

**John Drobnicki:** Do we know if the University of Illinois at Chicago has been notified of her passing? I just checked the websites of both UIC and the UIC Library, and I did not see anything posted about the sad news.

**Lian Ruan:** Thanks for your question. Yes. EC and I are working with the UIC Library to plan the memorial service, asked by Lisa’s Husband, Mr. Xiayang Zhang. Our main Mingyan Li works at the UIC Library. I’m copying her and she will help pass your questions to the appropriate colleagues there.

**Sharon Hu:** Several days did not check emails and just deeply sad to know Lisa passed away, after she bravely fighting her illness for almost two years... Lisa in our heart!