

Lian J. Ruan

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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

- Ph.D. in Use and User of Information, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- M.S. in Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- M.A. in African History, University of California at Los Angeles
- B.A. in World History, Peking University, P.R. China

WORK HISTORY/EXPERIENCES

- **Illinois Fire Service Institute Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Head Librarian, May 1999-Present
- **Illinois Fire Service Institute Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Director of IFSI International Programs, May 2006-Present
- **School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Adjunct Faculty, 2002-03, 2005, 2007-08, 2010, 2012-14; Affiliate Research Faculty, 2019 – Present
- **Illinois Fire Service Institute Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Research Information Specialist, September 1990-May 1999
- **Illinois State Historical Library**
Newspaper Cataloger, March 1990-August 1990
- **Illinois State Historical Library**
Manuscript Cataloger, January 1990-March 1990

SELECT GRANTS AWARDS

- Project Director. ALA American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grantmaking, “Children Fire Safety Literacy Reading and Discussion Program,” \$10,000.00, 2022
- Project Director. IMLS American Rescue Plan Grant, “Experienced-Based Knowledge Management Initiatives to Support Illinois Firefighters’ Dynamic Needs in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic,” \$50,000.00, 2022
- Co-Project Director. IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program National Forum Grant, “Path to Leadership: National Forum on Advancing Asian/Pacific Islander American Librarianship,” \$100,000.00, 2021-2022
- Co-Principal Investigator. ALA Diversity Research Grant, “The Role of Chinese American Librarians in Library and Information Science Diversity,” \$2,500, 2013
- Principal Investigator. Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “In Memory of Our Heroes: Developing a Digital Image Collection of Illinois Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths,” \$20,500, 2006-2007
- Principal Investigator. Library Services and Technology Act Grant, “Creative Use of Libraries (CUOL Grant!) – Deliver Right Information to Illinois Firefighters at Right Time,” \$81,626, 2005-2006
- Principal Investigator. Library Services and Technology Act 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,” \$49,570, 2001

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Ruan, L.; Du, X., eds. *Library Trends, Digital Humanities and Libraries in China*. 69(1), John Hopkins University Press, Summer 2020, 333p.
- Ruan, L.; Ehrenhart, D.; Richardson, D. “Fire Protection.” In: LaGuardia C., ed. *Magazines for Libraries: For the General Reader and School, Junior College, College, University and Public Libraries*, 27th ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 2019.
- Ruan, L.; Sykes, J. “Strategic Planning in Special Libraries and Information Centers.” In: Kiyomi, D.; Deards, K.D.; Springs, G.R., eds. *Succession Planning and Implementation in Libraries: Practices and Resources*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2014, pp. 153-179.

SELECT AWARDS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Awards and Recognitions

- Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung, 2022
- Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Distinguished Service Award, 2019
- JCLC Advocacy Award at the 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, 2018
- Honored by the University of Illinois in a list of 150 women throughout the 150 year history of the University <https://gec150.web.illinois.edu/1990s/>, 2018
- Honored by the Illinois Firefighters Association, Inc. at its Annual Conference and Annual Membership Meeting (The Association passed a resolution with a list of Ruan’s contributions and a white Fire Chief Hamlet inscribed Ruan’s name), 2017
- Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year Award by Illinois Library Association, 2017
- Finalist for the IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service, 2015,2016,2017
- The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chancellor’s Academic Professional Excellence Award, 2003
- SLA Diversity Leadership Development Program Award, 2003

Leadership Development Training

- ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, 2012
- Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiatives, the Illinois State Library and Illinois Library Association, 2004

SELECT MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- American Library Association (ALA), Life Member, 2001-Present
Member, ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, 2014-2016; Member, ALA Nominating Committee, 2017, Member, ALA International Relations Round Table, 2023-
- Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), Life Member, 2003-Present
President, 2015-2016; Executive Director, 2016-2022; Co-Representative to IFLA, 2017-2019
- Special Libraries Association (SLA), 1999-Present
Member, Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council, 2013-2016
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), 2011-Present
Member, Information Literacy Section Standing Committee, 2017-2021; Member, Library Theory and Research Section Standing Committee, 2021-2025