

Proposal for the LAUC Presentation Grant for the Conference of Chinese Local Gazetteers

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- **Presentation Title:**

Local gazetteers: the Value and Status in Current Chinese Studies Abroad

- **Presentation Abstract:**

Based on the specialized collection of post-1949 Chinese gazetteer collection at the UCLA Library, one of the most comprehensive collections in North America, the presentation examines the value of the collection in academic studies. As a historian and librarian in Chinese studies, I demonstrate the importance of the resource in socio-economic, anthropological, and cultural studies of micro society, especially in my own research project on the Yangzi Delta region.

- **Name of the Conference & Sponsoring Organization:**

International Conference on Chinese Local Gazetteer / Sponsored by Association of Chinese Local Gazetteers Studies (China), National Library of China, and Zhejiang Provincial Library

- **Conference Place & Dates:**

Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, China, on August 8-13, 2011 (Monday – Friday)

- **Estimated Expense:**

Conference Registration: \$200 USD

Ground Transportation (round trip train Shanghai-Ningbo): 650 RMB = \$100 USD

Hotel Rooms: 325 RMB x 4 = 1300 RMB = \$200 USD

Meal per diem: \$65 USD x 5 days = \$325 USD

Estimated Total for the Conference: \$825 USD

- **Grant Amount Applying:**

\$500 for partially coverage of train round-trip tickets between Shanghai and Ningbo, conference registration fee, hotel rooms and meals for five days

- **Other Funds Requested:**

The trip to the Conference in Ningbo will be combined with an international trip to Beijing and Shanghai for research and collection development. I have applied the UCLA Library Administration for covering the business trip cost to Beijing and Shanghai, which is still pending for approval and might not be fully funded, and I will pay for the international air fare by myself. I don't get any financial support for the presentation at the Conference in Ningbo.

- **Status as member of represented bargaining unit or non-bargaining unit member:**

I am a current UC-AFT represented member of the bargaining unit.

- **Status of Library Approval:**

After I requested to AUL Kevin Mulroy on April 4, Kevin replied on April 18 that "I'm supportive of your attending each of these conferences. But I don't know what level of support we will be able to provide for each of these at this stage." When I met Kevin on April 21, he mentioned to me that he would grant me an official leave for the China trip, which still needs Gary's approval since it is an international trip. Following his advice, I submitted a travel request form April 21, Kevin replied on April 27 that "I don't question the value or importance of this trip or the activities you've outlined. Unfortunately, the projected costs are very high." He also said that "Given that this is an international travel request requiring his approval, I'm copying Gary for his information." Since the travel request is

still pending, and the Library is unable to support the entire travel cost, meanwhile the deadline for grant application is May 13, I decide to apply for the LAUC Presentation Grant as part of the travel cost.