

**END OF FUNDING PERIOD REPORT – Interim Report  
LAUC Statewide Grants, Research & Professional Development Committee**

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**TITLE OF PROJECT: Statistical Sources of the Republic of China (1912-1949): An Annotated Bibliography**

Time Period of Grant: July 2011-June 2012

Amount of Award Received: \$3,220

Original Abstract as Submitted:

This research project was developed from reference service and consultations with academic users. Statistical information from and about China, contemporary and historical, has been in increasing demand in the field of Chinese Studies, but has been difficult to locate. This is particularly true about this type of information in English. I have done research on statistical sources from China in the time period from 1949 to the present, and want to continue exploring historical statistical sources on China including the Republic Era, Qing and Ming dynasty. For this project, I will focus only on the Republic Era (1912-1949). The goal is to produce an annotated bibliography, providing information on titles, time period covered by each source, contents, publisher, and major libraries which have holdings.

**I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EVALUATION**

- Describe what was achieved during the time period of the grant.  
As planned in the grant proposal written in 2011, I traveled to the National Library of China (NLC) to conduct my field study in August and September 2011, actual research time were about 14 days, exclusive of weekend closures. All the materials under consideration are in closed stacks, one can only request three items at a time and submit another request after returning the books in hands. The time required for paging materials further limited how many titles I could consult during my time in the library. I was able to read about 140 titles, many in multi volumes, during the field study time. Annotation was drafted for each of the titles studied. Based on the information gathered, I wrote a book proposal and contacted three publishers in China later 2011. Early 2012, I received a positive news from the National Library of China Press, they accepted my book proposal, and encouraged me to work on the manuscript. After the field trip, I have searched libraries and online resources to locate materials in the U.S., so I could continue working on the project without traveling overseas again. There are some titles available in the U.S. but many are in mainland China or Taiwan, I still need to find a way to consult with the holdings available in the U.S. and in China.
- What aspects were completed as proposed? If your study could not be completed as proposed, explain how your plans were altered.  
Originally I identified 636 titles for further investigation. The field trip in 2011 allowed me to write about 140 entries. My research in the NCL discovered that many titles are not

available in full-text, either in hard copy or digital format. In addition, hard copies of many titles are located in different libraries across China, which I did not have enough time to visit in 2011. I applied for funding from the Association for Asian Studies in 2012 for further studies to complete the project, unfortunately the proposal was not accepted. I visited the National Library of China Press in the summer of 2012, updated the status of my manuscript and asked for more time. The editor understood the situation and agreed that they would wait. My plan is to complete the manuscript by the end of 2013. Since I have completed my services on some of the committees, I would have more time working on this project.

- Did the project accomplish what it intended? Did it make a difference?  
**Information not available yet.**
  - Include any relevant quantitative data, if applicable (e.g. How many individuals have benefited from this project? In what way? This may include various output measures such as circulation, reference transactions, program attendance, survey responses, etc. as appropriate.)
  - Include any anecdotes, if applicable.
- What would you do differently next time, if anything?  
I would plan better and allow for more time to working on a project this size.
- What advice do you have for others applying for LAUC research grants?  
Estimate the time for a project more carefully, explore all possible work related to the project, and plan extra time for writing, and, don't commit into too many other tasks including committee work during conducting a large research project like this one.

## II. IS YOUR PROJECT COMPLETED? Yes\_\_ No\_X\_

If No, what is needed to complete the project? Is more time needed? Or more funds?  
The project got off to a great start, more time and more funds needed to complete it.

## III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Please explain how the funds received were spent. Attach your original budget and indicate how well your estimates matched with actual expenditures. Receipts are not necessary.

### **Budget (proposed January 2011)**

Airfare (round trip, San Francisco/Beijing, China)	\$1,500
Lodging (15 nights @ \$80)	\$1,200
Meals (15 days @ \$30)	\$450
Local transportation (bus & subway)	\$70

**Total** **\$3,220**

Funding received was spent on target in each category with one exception – I stretched the planned 15 days to 20 days, by staying in a cheaper hotel. The overall cost was about the same.

## IV. SHARING YOUR PRODUCT/RESULTS

What are your plans for disseminating the results of your work? If it will be a web page or product, or published article or book, when will it be available to the public? Include citations/URLs if known.

**Not available yet.**

#### **V. NOTE**

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