

# Description of East Asian Law Department (EALD) Work at MGGLL:

## Outline for Beginning Law Librarianship Students

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- **Overview**

The East Asian Law Department supports the Law School's long-standing research interest in the legal systems of East Asia, covering primarily China, Japan, and South Korea, but also including Taiwan and North Korea. We provide this support in several ways, by evaluating, selecting, cataloging, and providing training for the use of online and print resources. This work also supports the needs and interests of users outside the UW Law School community, including University of Washington non-law, Seattle, Washington state, regional, national, and even international constituencies seeking information about the legal systems of East Asia.

Primary UW Law School users include Professors Dongsheng Zang (Chinese), Jonathan Kang (Korean), Jane Winn (Chinese), Toshiko Takenaka (Japanese), Asian Law LLM and PhD students, and IP LLM students. We also serve Law School constituencies such as the Asian Law Center, CASRIP, and Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal. Our service includes providing reference consultations, doing presentations on legal research in East Asia, setting up and maintaining access to databases and print continuing resources, selecting and acquiring print monographic publications, and creating and maintaining catalog records for all types of CJK-language resources.

- **Scope:**

*East Asian Law in English and Original Language covering the following jurisdictions:*

- China
- Japan
- Korea
- Taiwan

- **History**

[See PDF Timeline](#)

- 1941 Donation from Japanese government
- 1945-1952? U.S. Occupation Authorities in Japan use the MGGLL collection in Japan
- 1962 Beginning of Asian Law LLM program, hiring of Japanese law specialist [Dan Fenno Henderson](#)
- 1964? Creation of Comparative Law Department in MGGLL
- 1967 First graduating class, Asian Law LLM
- [1968, Second graduating class, Asian Law LLM](#)
- 1960-1988, Suzie Lee, Comparative Law Librarian
- 1987-current, Rob Britt (2010: Coordinator of East Asian Library Services)
- 1989-Jan. 2008, Bill McCloy, head of East Asian Law Department
- 1995? Name changed to East Asian Law Department
- 2010, Rob Britt: Coordinator of East Asian Library Services

- **Related Law School Activities**

- [Asian and Comparative Law](#) LLM and PhD
- IP LLM (Asian focus)
- [Asian Law Center](#)

Staff:

- Jonathan Eddy (Director)
- Alice Stokke

- Mie Murazumi
  - Dana Raigradski
- [CASRIP](#) (Center for Advanced Study and Research in Intellectual Property)
- [Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal](#)
- Faculty Research
  - [Jane Winn](#) (China, Taiwan)
  - [Dongsheng Zang](#) (China)
  - [Jonathan Kang](#) (Korea)
  - [Toshiko Takenaka](#) (Japan, Germany)
- **Staff doing East Asia-related Work**
  - One full time (Rob Britt), in EALD
  - Other Departments supporting EALD Work
    - Technical Services
      - Karen Ballard
        - Full-level cataloging (mostly Korean materials)
      - John Zhang
        - Copy Cataloging (mostly Chinese materials)
        - Acquisitions (Ordering, Checkin, Invoices)
      - Crystal Alberthal
        - Acquisitions (Ordering, Checkin, Invoices)
        - Checkin of Serials, Continuations
      - Craig Morley
        - Binding of CJK Serials
      - TS Student Workers
        - Processing
        - Loose-leaf filing
    - Reference
      - First line for all questions, including East Asian Law-related
      - Collaborate with Rob on various Reference-related activities, such as bibliographic instruction, assistance for Pac Rim Law and Policy Journal, etc.
    - Administration
      - Support for CJK computing issues in the library
      - Support for CJK legal database contract issues
- **EALD Activities**
  - **Selection**
    - Staff: Rob
    - Types of Work
      - Chinese, Japanese, Korean language
      - English materials related to East Asia
      - Collection Development Policy

- **Cataloging of CJK language materials**

Includes items completely or partially in CJK languages, and items with CJK headings

- Staff
  - Rob (full, copy, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and English)
  - Karen (Korean full, other)
  - John (Chinese copy)

- **Reference**

*See on SharePoint: [EALD Reference FAQs](#), [EALD Reference Statistics](#)*

- Staff: Rob, Reference Staff, ILL Staff (Judy Davis)
- Different levels of service
  - Law School Faculty
  - Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal Staff
  - Law School Students
  - UW Students
  - UW Faculty
  - Non-UW
- Types of Work
  - Citations for CJK sources
  - In-depth Reference Requests
  - Requests for English translations of Laws, Cases
  - EALD website and Legal Research Guides
  - EALD Reference FAQs (on SharePoint)