

News from the Menzies Library, The Australian National University

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At the end of 2013, the Menzies Library farewelled Mr. Toshio Takagi (our Japanese Collection Librarian), and Mr. Darrell Dorrington (China/Korea Librarian), on the occasion of their retirements.

Mr. Takagi had been with ANU since 1993. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Toyo Keizai Bunko collection which consists of more than 2,500 titles on business and economics in Japanese.

Mr. Darrell Dorrington, also known as the guru of the history of our Chinese Collections, served the Menzies Library for more than seventeen years. He was instrumental in establishing several ANU Digital Collections, of which two are:

[Chinese Digital Archive \(1966-1976\)](#) was a project established in conjunction with the Pacific Rim Digital Library Alliance (PRDLA), under which a number of unique, and in some cases, rare and fragile collections in both print and microfilm relating to the Chinese Cultural Revolution period (1966–1976) were assembled.

[The Giles Pickford Collection](#) consisted of digitized images from family albums donated to the Library by ANU Emeritus Faculty Member Giles Pickford. The albums feature four generations of Mr. Pickford's family from his renowned sinologist great grandfather, Herbert Allen Giles and H.A. Giles' two sons Lionel and Lancelot, through to his mother and Giles himself. Most of the early photographs, especially those relating to the siege of the Legations in Beijing (June–August 1900), were apparently the handiwork of Lancelot Giles (grandfather of the donor of the collection) who was appointed Student Interpreter in the British Consular Service (Beijing) on 19 July 1899.

Whilst Darrell has been retired from his position in the Menzies Library, he is now a member of the ANU Emeritus Faculty and continues with his service to the East Asian Library Resources Group of Australia (EALRGA) as Treasurer.

Specialist support in particular for the China/Japan/Korea area remains a core service of the Menzies Library. Despite the university-wide freeze on positions, we successfully retained the opportunity to staff this important role. On 1 August 2014, Ms Friederike Schimmelpfennig was welcomed to the Menzies Library on her first day of duty in the position of Information Access Coordinator (China/Japan/Korea).

Ms Schimmelpfennig arrived in Canberra from Germany, bringing with her 25 years of librarianship experience, including experience from the Chinese Institute Library, University of Heidelberg, and as System Librarian at the University Library Erlangen. She holds a Masters of Arts in Sinology from Heidelberg, and a Master of Social Sciences and Economics in LIS from Aberystwyth, and is conversant with the database collection and the reference system

"CrossAsia" maintained by the German National Library in Berlin. With her extensive experience on CJK library collections and services along with system knowledge and experiences across a range of projects, Ms Schimmelpenning brings new insights and fresh momentum to the ANU Library as well as to the EALRGA communities.