Stanford

Stella Ota

Head Librarian, Li & Ma Science Library, and Physics Librarian, Science Library

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As Head Librarian of the Robin Li and Melissa Ma Science Library, I oversee a talented group of librarians and public service staff, focused on supporting Stanford students and faculty with their information needs. As the Physics Librarian and the Acting Mathematics and Statistics Librarian, I am responsible for keeping Stanford researchers and students well-supported with information resources and research assistance in physics, applied physics, and astronomy and in mathematics and statistics. Through the University Libraries, I also serve as the local Refworks administrator and on the Bibliographic Management support team. Prior to Stanford, I was in the Caltech libraries and even earlier, participated in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Head Librarian, Robin Li and Melissa Ma Science Library, Physics Librarian, and Acting Mathematics and Statistics Librarian. I also serve on the Board of the Asian Staff Forum (ASF) and as a mentor in the Asian Interactive Mentoring (AIM) program.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Staff Award, Stanford Asian American Community (2010)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- MLIS, San Jose State University , Library and Information Science
- BS, University of California at Irvine , Electrical Engineering

Professional

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Physics Librarian - Stanford University (8/1/2010 - present)
- Acting Mathematics and Statistics Librarian - Stanford University (5/7/2022 - present)
- Interim Head, Robin Li and Melissa Ma Science Library - Stanford University (5/7/2022 - 5/15/2023)
- Head Librarian and Bibliographer, Physics Library - Stanford University (August 2002 - August 2010)
- Acting Head Librarian and Bibliographer, Physics Library - Stanford University (April 2000 - July 2002)
- Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, Science and Engineering Resource Group, Stanford University Libraries - Stanford University (September 1997 - April 2000)
- Senior Librarian Assistant, Caltech Library System - California Institute of Technology (May 1993 - September 1997)
- Assistant English Teacher - Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Library Advisory Board, American Institute of Physics (2015 - 2018)
- Chair, Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division, Special Libraries Association (2013 - 2013)
- Chair, Asian Staff Forum (2009 - 2012)
- Library Advisory Board, World Scientific Publishing (2007 - 2012)
- President, School of Library and Information Science Alumni Association, San Jose State University (2000 - 2003)
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa
- Member, Tau Beta Phi
- Member, Eta Kappa Nu
- Member, Beta Phi Mu