

## WOMEN IN CHINA II :

### A NEW BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AVAILABLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS PROGRESS REPORT

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*Women in China: A Bibliography of Available English Language Materials* compiled and edited by Lucie Cheng, Charlotte Furth, and Hon-ming Yip was published by the Center for Chinese Studies of the University of California, Berkeley in 1984. The annotated *Bibliography* includes materials published before 1981. In spite of its many shortcomings, it is still widely considered as one of the most useful reference tools for students and scholars working in this field. With the rising interest in Women Studies, an increasing number of works on women in China have been published since 1981. Given the expansion of the field, an update of the *Bibliography* seems in order.

As part of the Women's History Project, the Institute of Modern Chinese History gave me the responsibility to bring the *Bibliography* to date. Hsien-huei Liao, Ya-mei Wang and Marian Katz, all graduate students at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) have been engaged to assist me in this project. The new bibliography will follow basically the format of the previous edition, and is to include

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books, book chapters, articles, dissertations and theses on Chinese women between 1600 and 1990 published or completed since 1981. We hope to have a manuscript by the end of June, 1993.

With the assistance of Liao, Wang and Katz, I am pleased to present a progress report on the project.

## Procedure

We began the project in August, 1992, and developed a plan of action with the help of Professors Susan Mann and Chia-lin Bao Tao. Some slight adjustments were made to the categorization schema on the basis of feedback from users of the first edition. After an investigation of several software programs, we decided to adopt Procite which allows almost unlimited expansion of categorization and annotation.

The three assistants agreed on a division of labor. Hsien-huei Liao is responsible for the general setup and collection of books and dissertations; Ya-mei Wang is to search for relevant articles and book chapters; and Marian Katz is responsible for additional bibliographic searches. All three carried out their duties with the utmost seriousness and professionalism.

## Sources

So far, the following sources have been consulted:

*Bibliography of Asian Studies*, Ann Arbor, Michigan: Association for Asian Studies, 1981-1986. (Post-1986 editions are not available).

*Books in Print*, New York: R. R. Bowker Co., 1981-1992.

*Cumulative Book Index: A World List of Books in English Language*,



New York: The H. W. Wilson Co., 1981-1992.

Library of Congress Catalog.

The UCLA Orion System.

Wei, Karen T. *Women in China: A Selected and Annotated Bibliography*, Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1984.

*World Bibliographical Series: China*, Santa Barbara, CA: Clio Press, 1983.

*World Bibliographical Series: Macao*, Santa Barbara, CA: Clio Press, 1989.

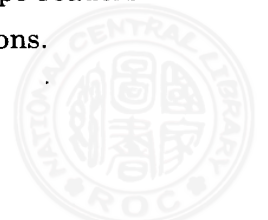
*World Bibliographical Series: Hong Kong*, Santa Barbara, CA: Clio Press, 1990.

*World Bibliographical Series: Taiwan*, Santa Barbara, CA: Clio Press, 1990.

## Format

Following the general format adopted in the first edition, for each item in the Bibliography-in-Progress (BIP) we recorded author, title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication and all standard bibliographic information. In addition, we categorized each entry according to the geographic location, time period and content foci of the subject matter. The Procite program allows us to retrieve items by any of the above bibliographic categories and their combinations.

We have just begun to provide annotations for the entries. As a first step, we are trying to rewrite and abstract from book reviews, book jackets, etc. We have also asked scholars to write brief annotations for works with which they are familiar. We hope readers of this Progress Report will assist us by providing annotations.



## Current Status of BIP

As of April 15, we have entered a total of 1041 items, of which 282 are monographs, 184 are dissertations, 159 are book chapters, and 416 are journal articles. Table 1 and the accompanying figure summarize this information by date of publication. Since the BIP is still incomplete, especially in terms of journal articles and book chapters, it is not correct to draw any inference from the current data. Suffice it to say that there seems to have been a steady and encouraging increase of works on women in China since 1981.

In terms of subject matter, as Table 2 indicates, most of the works published tend to focus on a few subjects: health and population, marriage and family, and literature. Again, we want to caution the reader that this may be misleading. We intend to present an analysis of the project once data collection is complete.

We hope potential users of this reference tool will participate in the preparation of the Bibliography. Please address all comments, suggestions, etc. to: (in U. S.) Professor Lucie Cheng, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, CA 90024-1551; Fax: 310-206-9838. (in Asia) Professor Lucie Cheng, #1, Lane 17, Mucha Road Section 1, Taipei, Taiwan; Fax: 8862-9386314.



**Table 1. Type of Items by Date of Publication:**

	Journal	Chapter	Books	Dissertation	Total
-1978	4	0			4
1978	1	1			2
1979	8	0			8
1980	11	1			12
1981	78	25	13	6	122
1982	69	13	29	11	122
1983	68	8	41	13	130
1984	81	31	39	8	159
1985	52	63	45	15	175
1986	44	17	37	8	106
1987			17	14	31
1988			15	22	37
1989			19	19	38
1990			6	25	31
1991			10	30	40
1992			7	13	20
1993			4	0	4
	416	159	282	184	1041

**Table 2. Type of Items by Subject Classification:**

Subject	Articles	Chapters	Books	Dissertations	Total
Bibliography and Serials	0	0	8	0	8
Biography	7	1	13	0	21
Education	5	2	4	32	43
Emancipation Movements	19	5	6	2	32
Fashion	3	0	1	0	4
Female Roles, Social Status and Custom	58	43	23	25	149
Health and Population	92	34	49	58	233
Kinship	9	1	3	0	13
Labor and Production	23	8	21	16	68
Literature, Art and Folklore	99	49	33	23	204
Marriage and Family	93	40	35	66	234
Military	0	0	0	0	0
Politics and Law	50	11	26	15	102
Psychology	1	7	2	3	13
Religion	10	2	12	5	29
Science and Technology	0	0	0	0	0
Sexuality	8	1	1	0	10
Sports	0	0	0	0	0
Western Women in China	0	43	9	2	54
	477	247	246	247	1217

