EMORY LIBRARIES NAMES NEW ASSOCIATE VICE PROVOST

Xuemao Wang has been selected for the newly established position of associate vice provost (AVP) for the Emory University Libraries.

Wang, who will begin the position Feb. 16, comes to Emory from The Johns Hopkins University, where he served as head of library systems for the Sheridan Libraries. As AVP, he will work closely with Rick Luce, vice provost and director of libraries, to implement the libraries’ vision and strategic initiatives. Wang will have direct responsibilities for managing the General Libraries’ operational areas for general collections, technical services and user services.

“Wang joins the library’s leadership team at a time when innovations in methods of scholarship, learning and research—and the technology infrastructure that advances those innovations—are radically transforming the role of Emory’s research library and its staff,” says Luce.

During his tenure at Johns Hopkins, Wang led a strategic initiative across its five-campus library system to establish a foundation for collaboratively sharing information technologies and services.

During more than 25 years of broad library and information services experience, Wang also has held leadership positions at the Metropolitan New York Library Council, where he advocated for information technologies and services in the 270-plus libraries across the greater New York area,
and the Queens Borough Public Library, where he helped pioneer the WorldLinQ system, the first multilingual library web portal in the country for public libraries.

Known as “Shimo” to his colleagues, Wang began his library career as head of the information service department at the Chongqing School of Government and Public Administration in China.

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He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wuhan University in Wuhan, China, a Master of Library Science degree from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of South Carolina, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University. He also was a 2007 participant in the Frye Leadership Institute at Emory.

Wang is a recognized contributor to the work of a broad range of national and international associations. He has research interests in library leadership development, global librarianship and global digital library infrastructures; he has published research articles and book chapters in these topics and has been a speaker at professional conferences in both the United States and China.

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