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Janet C. Lu is Head *of* Library Public Services and Professor *of* Library Information Technology at Nebraska Wesleyan University where she has served since 1979. She is a graduate *of* National Cheng-Kung University in Taiwan, Republic *of* China, earning a bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature. She received an M.S. degree in Librarl Science from-Case- Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. In her current position, Ms. Lu teaches library research methods classes and is also in charge *of* the library public services department that provides reference and circulation services for Nebraska Wesleyan University as well as to people from the Lincoln community.

An expert in intercultural relations, Ms. Lu has served as a guest lecturer and speaker on a number *of* issues related to her Chinese cultural heritage. She has served as a guest speaker in classes such as: Intercultural Communication, Linguistics, Pluralistic Society, Race Relations, Women Writers across Culture and World Religion.

A member ofthe Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau since 1984, she has enlightened many groups with her topics on Chinese Immigrants in the U.S., stories *of* her life experiences and intercultural observations. Lu was a volunteer for the Cultural Awareness Program in the Lincoln Public Schools for several years; she has been a tireless ambassador and promoter *of* cultural diversity in the city *of* Lincoln. She is one *of* the founders and Vice-President *of* the Lincoln Chinese Cultural Association; she also serves as Commissioner *of* the Lincoln Lancaster Women's Commission.

Ms. Lu was born in Shanghai, China to a traditional Chinese family but came to the U.S. from Taiwan as an international graduate student. She moved from Cleveland, Ohio to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1968. Ms. Lu and her husband, Dr. Pau-Chang Lu have raised two well-educated daughters, and often credit their success to the educational opportunities in this country.

Ms. Lu is a member *of* the American Library Association, the Chinese American Libraries Association and the Nebraska Library Association. She has presented at conferences, initiated programs, conducted workshops in her professional field as well as contributed time and energy for volunteer work within the community. The title *of* her presentation is "Diversity as a Way *of* Life: Achieving Success in Predominantly White Institutions. "