

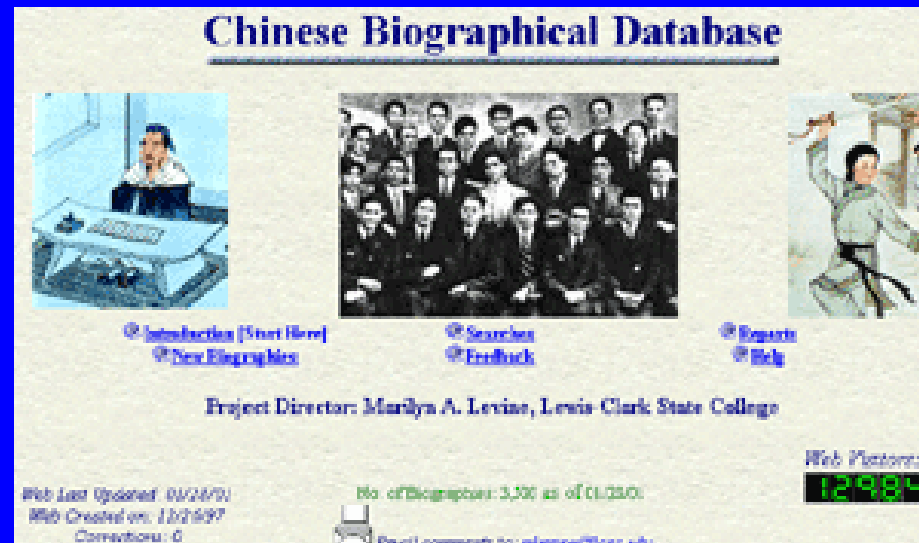
# The Chinese Biographical Database



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# 1. Introduction to the development and philosophy of the CBD



The Chinese Biographical Database (CBD) was developed in 1998 to explore the model of an online resource where scholars could query and explore areas of interest in the life cycle of an individual or a group. The CBD was configured for GIS, fuzzy dating and multilingual usages.

The philosophical foundation of the CBD is:

- Entry is open to collaborative endeavor.
- All new entries or missing variables must be supported by documentation and confirmed by scholars.

## 2. Features, sections, and results

Records Entered : January-June 1998

<u>Table</u>	<u>Records</u>
Biographical figures	2,450
Source citations	5,125
Alternate Names	2,750
Family	175
Youth	385
Education	1,700
Affiliations	2,300
Positions	3,040
Events	1,840
Locator	10
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Total Records	22,225

In a collaboration with Dr. Shi Yifa, a special entry page was created for the entry of Song dynasty Buddhist nuns. The number of figures right now is ca. 100. Her intention was to trace place of origin with sect selection and to enter 1,000 nuns into the CBD.

### 3. Utilizing the CBD: Affiliation and Education

#### Results of affiliation subset search on five universities

Affiliation	No. of People	Beijing Univ.	Qinghua Univ.	Fudan Univ.	Zhongshan Univ.	Sichuan Univ.
<b>Academy of Science</b>	57	14	39			
Academy of Social Sciences	16	5	8		3	
Cadre Training School(s)	7		7			
Chinese Communist Party	189	84	73	10	15	7
<b>Chinese Youth Party (Qingniandang)</b>	6		6			
Democratic League	49	22	24	3		
Democratic Parties	36	16	6	9		5
Democratic Progressive Party	5		5			
GMD-Leftist (1920's/30's)	6	6				
Guomindang	49	32			12	5
<b>National Salvation Association</b>	17		17			
Pragmatist-GPCR	4	4				
Revolutionary Alliance (Tongmenghui)	4	4				
<b>Russian Returned CCP Leaders</b>	21	5	16			
<b>Total:</b>	466					