The Daoist Studies Archive (道學檔案館; DSA) is a culture-preserving initiative and scholarly project of the Daoist Foundation, a non-profit Daoist organization and public charity dedicated to fostering authentic Daoist study and practice and to preserving and transmitting traditional Daoist culture. DSA is a collection of traditional and academic publications centered on the study and practice of Daoism. The project aspires to create a complete archive, the only known such Daoist textual collections, and with special attention to Daoist textual collections. It is being coordinated by Dr. Louis Komjathy 姜思奇, the founding Co-director of the Daoist Foundation and a leading authority on the Daoist tradition in general as well as Daoist textual collections and Quanzhen 全真 literature in particular.

The current collection includes the Zhèngtóng dàozàng 正統道藏 (Daoist Canon of the Zhengtong Reign Period; 60 vols.) (print & digital), Dàozàng jìyào 道藏輯要 (Collected Essentials of the Daoist Canon; 25 vols.) (print & digital), Dàozàng jīnghuá 道藏精華 (Essential Blossoms of the Daoist Canon; 106 vols.), Dàozàng jīnghuá lù 道藏精華錄 (Record of Essential Blossoms of the Daoist Canon; 5 vols.), Dūnhuáng dàozàng 敦煌道藏 (Dunhuang Daoist Canon; 5 vols.) (print & digital), Zàngwài dàoshì 藏外道書 (Daoist Books Outside the Canon; 36 vols.) (print & digital), Zhōnghuá dàozàng 中華道藏 (Chinese Daoist Canon; 49 vols.) (print & digital), and Zhōnghuá xù dàozàng 中華續道藏 (Supplement to the Chinese Daoist Canon; 20 vols.) (print & digital).

Various benefactors have supported our collection efforts, and we are especially grateful for the generosity of the late Nancy Salyer (Marsh/Komjathy) (1942-2018) who donated the Zhōnghuá dàozàng, Dr. Jiāng Shēng 姜生 (Sichuan University) who donated the Zàngwài dàoshì, and the Plaza Family and members of the Daoist Studies Summer Seminar 2021 who supported our purchase of the Dàozàng jīnghuá.

Planned acquisitions include the Dàoshū jichéng 道書集成 (Collection of Daoist Books; 60 vols.; approx. 20,000 RMB [3,000 USD]), *Dàozàng xùbiān 道藏續編 (Supplemental Collection of the Daoist Canon; 4 fasc.; 1,100 RMB [300 USD]), Sàndòng shìyì 三洞拾遺 (Lost Works of the Three Caverns; 20 vols.; 14,000 RMB [2,100 USD]), Zhōngguó dàoguàn zhì cóngkǎn 中國道觀志叢刊 (Collection of Chinese Daoist Temple Records; 64 vols.; 12,000 RMB [1,800 USD]), and *Zhàng-Lín xù dàozàng 莊林續道藏 (Supplemental Daoist Canon of the Zhuang and Lin Families; 25 vols.; 27,000 NTD [1,000 USD]).

Our collection efforts have already had tangible results. In addition to various English translations of Daoist scriptures, Dr. Komjathy has published Title Index to Daoist Collections (2002), a finding index and standardized numbering system for most of the major textual collections, and the supplemental “Title Index to the Zhōnghuá dàozàng” (2014).

By our calculations, the total funding needed to complete the Daoist Studies Archive Project (DSAP), including travel, shipping costs, and additional acquisitions, is approximately $20,000. We are currently exploring fundraising and grant opportunities, and we also welcome tax-deductible contributions from individual benefactors, including donations of personal books and libraries as well as specific collections. Our hope is that the Daoist Studies Archive will eventually become a research and community library at our envisioned Daoist retreat center. In addition to a legacy collection, this will allow the archive to be utilized in our training programs, by potential scholars-in-residence, and by our Daoist Translation Committee (DTC).