## EDITORIAL

Once again I wish to thank the MESA Board for their support of the expanded size of the *Bulletin*. As reflected in the MESA Newsletter, the number of books which MESA receives for review has increased signicantly, and I shall try to have as many of them reviewed as possible. In these economic times I am amazed at the number published; I am saddened by their ever increasing prices. Obviously the job market—academic and non-academic—continues to be tight. The news from Britain, shared in this issue, is no brighter. This is our first attempt to apply the versatility of computers and the word processor to producing an issue of the *Bulletin*. I am grateful to Barbara O'Halloran and the staff at Office Services Unlimited for their patience and help in producing this issue. As always, Theo MacKay's support was invaluable. Dr. James Allan of the Department of Eastern Art, The Ashmolean Museum, was kind enough to supply the cover for this issue.

I conclude with a request for information on Ph.D. proposals, Ph.D's awarded, fellowships, grants, and recent conferences. The editorial board encourages fellows to submit their names to me or MESA for our

list of potential reviewers.

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