

Editor's Note

With this issue of the *Journal of Asian Studies*, a new Editorial Board assumes responsibility for its publication. We hope to continue to provide a scholarly journal of interest to you, the members of the Association and our readers. We will maintain the *Journal's* well-deserved reputation for publishing high-quality scholarship. As the name Asian studies implies, we give preference to articles of interest across regional and disciplinary boundaries. We will continue to publish some thematic issues and will commission some review articles that interpret current directions in scholarly research. Please write to me, as editor, or any of the associate or book review editors with your opinions about what we have published and suggestions on what we should include in future issues.

The *Journal* does not have a large backlog of articles awaiting publication. This means that we especially encourage scholars in any aspect of Asian studies to submit their best work to us. Just because you have not seen the type of work you pursue in these pages recently, do not hesitate to submit your work to us. The Association's membership and its interests are so broad that our pages will be open to a wide diversity of topics and approaches. We endeavor to provide authors with a prompt and useful review of their submissions. The standard review time for the *Journal* has been within three months and we will uphold that practice of prompt and thoughtful readings. If you have any ideas or questions about submissions do not hesitate to write or call me about your concerns.

We realize that the book reviews are the most frequently consulted section in our pages. We will publish timely and thorough reviews of the wide range of scholarly works now appearing on Asia. A future issue of the *AAS Newsletter* will contain a card soliciting the names of individuals willing to review books. We hope that you will return the cards to the editor's office.

Tom Havens, who has so ably served as my predecessor, has done a marvelous job with the *Journal*. He has been an editor of great skill and understanding. All the members of the Association owe him a special thanks. He has been most gracious and helpful during the transition. His editorial board has provided assistance to the new editors assuming their responsibilities. The Secretariat of the Association, and especially Peter Gosling, has been most helpful in the finalizing of a new contract for the printing of the *Journal*.

It is a great pleasure for me to assume the editorship of the *Journal*. It is an enterprise that represents the scholarship of our whole profession. I am delighted to play a role in furthering the scholarly endeavors of the many individuals who devote their lives to the study of Asia. In assembling the editorial board, I know that my feelings are shared by all its members. We want to be responsive to the Association's membership and look forward to your correspondence about the *Journal* and its contents.

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