

Editor's Note

With this issue I wrap up almost six years of editing *The Journal of Asian Studies*. I have learned much from poring over (more closely than I ever would have otherwise) a thousand manuscripts and several thousand book reviews and I have benefited much from the support of colleagues across all the disciplines and area studies constituting Asian Studies. Asian Studies, from where I sit, is a thriving and disparate field!

The Editorial Board, currently consisting of Amrita Basu, Nicola Di Cosmo, Michael A. Fuller, JaHyun Kim Haboush, Joan Judge, Mark Peterson, Indira Viswanathan Peterson, William R. Pinch, Ann Sherif, Juliane Schober, Laurie J. Sears, Anne Walthall, and Ann Waltner, above all, deserves our gratitude for a job well done. Thanks also to the many colleagues who have toiled anonymously and diligently as referees for our manuscript submissions.

I appreciate as well the generous support of the College of Humanities of the University of Utah and the assistance provided by many of my graduate students. From start to finish, Bridgid Best has been a committed and conscientious administrative secretary, one whose services were indispensable to the daily operations of the *Journal* office.

The Association of Asian Studies is fortunate to have an experienced journal hand, Ann Waltner, become the new editor. Having worked with her in several different professional capacities, I know she has the experience and vision to lead us into the new era of scholarly print and electronic publication. Ann can be contacted at the following address:

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