

## Editor's Note

With this issue the current *JAS* editors begin their final year of service. Since taking office the present editors have worked with colleagues throughout the profession, in the United States and abroad, inside and outside the academy, to review important books in Asian studies promptly and concisely. During the past year the editors have consulted widely with scholars around the world about the implications of what they do as practitioners of Asian area studies for some of the leading philosophical and methodological problems in the humanities and social sciences. In due course we hope to publish articles on this subject. We also continue to seek other articles of broad interest to the diverse readership of *JAS*.

As before, the only criteria for articles are quality, significance, and appropriateness for publication in a journal of wide disciplinary and geographic compass. Authors are invited to submit manuscripts based on original research in all areas and disciplines within Asian studies, provided they raise larger questions of theoretical or comparative interest to readers beyond the specific fields in which they are written. Illustrated manuscripts and contributions from scholars in Asia or other regions of the world are especially encouraged. The editorial page in each issue of *JAS* contains details about the submission of manuscripts. The editors welcome inquiries from members of the Association for Asian Studies and other readers about any aspect of *JAS*.