



Editors' Note

In this issue, we are pleased to announce a number of important changes to *Asian Ethnology*. First, the journal has been based at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture since 2008. From 2017, *Asian Ethnology* will return to the Nanzan Anthropological Institute, where the journal was based originally. Benjamin Dorman will also be transferring to the Anthropological Institute.

During the years the journal was at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, it developed in numerous ways, starting with the implementation of an international editorial board. The board members have changed over the years but their contributions have had a significant impact. The establishment of the co-editor system, with the support of the University of Iowa and then Boston University, has also been a very important and fruitful move for *Asian Ethnology*. The advice of the members of the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture has been invaluable in terms of developing the journal in these ways. We wish to express our gratitude to the Institute for its contribution and support.

The second change is that from 2017 onward *Asian Ethnology* will cease print production and the mailing of hard copies of the journal from Nanzan University. This is due to changes in the way academic journals are read and distributed. As with other journals, we have seen a significant decline in demand for hard printed copies of *Asian Ethnology*. We will no longer accept paid subscriptions through the method we have used up until now. If readers wish to purchase hard copies of the latest issue, it will be available as a print-on-demand publication that can be ordered through Amazon.com or CreateSpace.com (a division of Amazon; search for "Asian Ethnology"). Back numbers of the journal will still be available for order through the Nanzan Anthropological Institute. We will continue our journal exchange agreement with various institutions around the world, and we thank them for their understanding and support through this period of transition.

The third change involves the presentation of the journal. *Asian Ethnology* will continue to be available as an open-access, freely available digital publication through its new webpage, which will be available once the move to the Nanzan Anthropological Institute is complete (clicking the link to the current webpage will lead to the new webpage when it is ready). The website will include links to PDF versions of articles and also HTML versions that will make the content accessible online through a variety of devices. The journal will also continue to be available through digital databases such as JSTOR and ProQuest.

In announcing these changes, we would also like to thank Brian Loh, a recently minted PhD in Chinese religious thought and ritual studies. Brian served as our editorial assistant at Boston University from 2012–2016. He approached his job like the true Confucian scholar that he is, and we wish him the best of luck in his own future academic career. In his place, we are pleased to welcome Mohammad Adnan H. Rehman, who is a graduate student at Boston University specializing in the study of contemporary Islamic thought in South Asia. Adnan has already shown great enthusiasm in his new position, so the entire editorial team looks forward to working with him in the future, as we make our way through the multiple trajectories demanded by modern scholarship and ease our way through the transition to online publishing and print on demand.

We assure our readers that we will continue to apply the same rigor to our review process as in the past, and we will continue to bring you innovative and interesting articles and reviews of both books and films in the years to come. We hope to expand the journal's vision by incorporating creatively new ways of disseminating the journal's contents, as well as by adding supplementary materials, such as occasional interviews with authors, short notes and queries, reports on conferences, and so on.

The editorial team would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support and readership. It is, after all, the reception of an item that makes it noteworthy, so we hope you will continue to remain faithful to *Asian Ethnology*, not only by purchasing and reading it, but also by citing it in your own work and contributing essays and reviews to the journal. As in the past, we will always welcome your feedback in the future.

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