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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This issue of JEAL is dedicated to Karl Lo, our respected colleague, who passed away earlier this year. It was my good fortune to work with Karl when he served as Acting Chief of the Asian Division at the Library of Congress in 2002. I knew that Karl was an experienced, knowledgeable and forward-looking East Asian librarian, but in the course of working closely with him for six months more, I really came to appreciate his kindness and thoughtfulness, and his great, generous spirit.

JEAL Editor Gail King pointed out that, in addition to Maureen Donovan's article dedicated to Karl, the authors of all of the other articles have connections to Karl. Huang Xianwen reports on the holdings of the University of California San Diego, where Karl for 12 years was Director of the International Relations Library and East Asia Collection; Hyokyoung Yi is Korean Studies Librarian at the University of Washington, where Karl served as head of the East Asian Collection; and Sonya Lee worked for Karl at the Library of Congress.

Our annual conference in Boston was highly successful. Dale Flecker's provocative introduction to the Google Books Project got the meetings off to a brisk start. Each of the standing committees presented well-informed and interesting speakers and discussions on topics of current professional interest. The Special Interest Group on Genealogy and East Asian Diaspora had a successful first meeting. Representatives of our sister groups, CORMOSEA and CONSALD, expressed interest in arranging to have that group's meeting held at a time when members of their organizations could also attend the CEAL meeting. Many thanks to James Cheng and his colleagues at the Harvard-Yenching Library for hosting a well-attended open house, and for giving tours of several other Harvard libraries, and to James and Anna Dunavin for arranging a tasty Fellowship Dinner in Boston's Chinatown.

One always brings back useful information from the CEAL meetings. At the Japanese Materials Committee meeting, I learned that the MIT Library lends iPods on which patrons can record popular music from an up-to-date, international menu. I learned that, at the University of Washington, when it is feasible, before material is sent to remote storage, the table of contents of an unanalyzed multipart item is scanned and linked to the 853 field on the bibliographic record -- making it convenient for users to retrieve just the desired volumes (rather than being forced to retrieve an entire set). I learned that Hong Kong University has efficiently processed thousands of e-titles by either copying an existing record for a title from OCLC, or, if there is no match, creating a brief MARC record.

I hope that everyone had an opportunity to do some sightseeing in wonderful Boston. I paid a visit to the Aquarium (with about a million ractety grade-schoolers), saw John Adams' library at Boston Public, found a birthday present at the Harvard Coop, and ate Cambodian food in the suburbs with a friend. Already I'm looking forward to next year's conference in Atlanta...

Philip Melzer  
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**KARL LO (1935-2007)**

