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This is the last presidential message I will publish in JEAL, since my term ends during the CEAL annual meeting this spring. Being in a position to observe the many accomplishments of the membership over the past two years has been a privilege.

I have tried to use this “From the President” space in JEAL to feature the activities of the CEAL organization and its members. I am happy to report that CEAL is as dynamic as ever.

I have two requests for the CEAL membership:

First, please consider applying for one of the CEAL Innovation grants! The deadline for proposals is March 1 and all of the information you need to apply is on the CEAL website (http://www.eastasianlib.org/MellonGrants.htm). The grant application reviewers are interested in projects that further new solutions to problems in East Asian collection development and look forward to your creative ideas.

Second, please plan to attend the CEAL annual meeting in Seattle. The theme, “East Asian Studies Librarians: Current Realities/Future Trajectories,” was planned to further the discussion about the work of CEAL librarians and East Asian collection staff in the 21st century library. The goal of the plenary session is to introduce the changing roles that CEAL librarians are playing in their organizations, suggest how their activities might develop in the future, and explore the knowledge, skills, and behaviors that will be necessary to adapt.

There are two new features in the 2016 CEAL meetings:

- **Presidential Panel** featuring Charlene Chou, Haruko Nakamura, Hyoungbae Lee, Yunshan Ye, and Luo Zhou, with a keynote presentation by Mary Rader, Global Studies Coordinator in the University of Texas Libraries. The panel will provide examples of the way East Asian studies librarian roles have evolved.

- **CEAL Debate** (between Jim Cheng, the incoming President, and me, moderated by Martin Heijdra) to “resolve” the question of how best to organize East Asian collection operations within a university library.

In addition, through the generosity of the University of Washington Libraries and the UW East Asia Library, CEAL will be co-sponsoring a reception at the University of Washington on Tuesday evening, March 29. Please plan to arrive a bit earlier this year in order to join us!
The schedule for the CEAL 2016 Annual Meeting can be found at http://www.eastasianlib.org/CEAL/AnnualMeeting/CEALMeetingSchedule/CEAL2016Schedule.pdf

I look forward to welcoming you to Seattle.

Ellen H. Hammond
President