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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of CEAL:

This issue of our Journal is a very full one indeed. In addition to the all important CEAL annual statistical reports, the articles are quite diverse, representing Asian American Studies as well as Asian Studies librarianship both in North America and in Asia. Colleagues from both sides of the Pacific write about web design, collection development, online catalog enhancements, CJK digital libraries, technical services projects, and Asian-American genealogy. One article evaluates Pinyin conversion from the library user’s point of view in contrast to the more usual, librarians' point of view. In addition, there are reports from CEAL committees and a review of the annotated bibliography *Doctoral Dissertations on Hong Kong, 1900-1997* by our esteemed colleagues, Frank and Anna Shulman.

The 2003 CEAL Conference is only just around the corner, and you will soon be hearing the details of the exciting programs being prepared by each of the CEAL committees. I am looking forward to seeing you all and hearing about the professional challenges you face and the creative solutions you have found.

This issue of the Journal of East Asian Libraries (JEAL) is the last one for which I will be writing the introductory remarks, as I will be passing the "Seal of CEAL" to our new President, Abraham Yu, at the Plenary Session in New York. It has been a great honor to serve as your President. It is humbling to work with such a talented, dedicated and diverse group of colleagues. I am deeply appreciative of the honor you have afforded me over the last four years. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill McCloy, President
Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL)