“Editor’s Note”

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More than a quarter of a century ago, British historian Rosemary Foot asked the blunt question “where are the women?” in the study of international relations.¹ Since then, scholars in the field of American foreign relations have found them and documented their wide range of activities in the history of U.S. involvement in world affairs. Adding to the strength of the literature on this topic, this theme issue titled “Christianity, Gender, and the Language of the World” contains three articles that present illuminating descriptions and analysis of the interaction of female members of Christian communities on both sides of the missionary exchange between the United States and East Asia. Jon Thares Davidann of Hawai’i Pacific University, a member of the Editorial Advisory Board, deserves credit for inviting the authors to submit their essays for this special issue and arranging for Jane Hunter of Lewis & Clark College to serve as guest editor, as well as gratitude for editing the manuscripts. Davidann was present when these scholars delivered earlier versions of their articles in January 2016 at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Connie Shemo of Plattsburgh State University and Elise Leal, a graduate student at Baylor University, deserve praise for organizing and gaining approval for the session titled “American Women Missionaries, Personal Relationships, and Social Reform in China, Turkey, and Japan.”

This issue continues the tradition of each volume of the *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* containing at least one theme issue, the most recent example addressing the topic of “Warfare and the Re-Making of Korea in the 1950s” that appeared just this past fall. Given the re-emergence of the nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsula during 2017, this double issue demonstrated the commitment of the journal to publish articles that have contemporary relevance. Looking forward to 2018, “Trump in East Asia: A One-Year Retrospective” will be the theme of the third issue, with Dr. Mitchell B. Lerner of Ohio State

1 Rosemary Foot, “Where Are the Women?: The Gender Dimension in the Study of International Relations,” *Diplomatic History* 14, no. 4 (Fall 1990): 615–22.

University, the journal's associate editor, serving as guest editor. Recommendations from readers for future theme issues are welcome. In closing, the editor-in-chief extends his sincere thanks to those scholars who served as manuscript reviewers during the past calendar year—Michael A. Barnhart, Morris L. Bian, Thomas A. Breslin, Jessica M. Chapman, Carol Chin, Stephen G. Craft, Pamela K. Crossley, Jon T. Davidann, Roger V. Dingman, Shuhua Fan, Sabine Fruhstuck, Marc S. Gallicchio, Karen Garner, John W. Garver, Charles F. Hayford, Ronald I. Heiferman, Jane Hunter, T. Christopher Jespersen, V. Scott Kaufman, Janice C.H. Kim, Steven Hugh Lee, Mitchell B. Lerner, Stephen MacKinnon, Steve Rabson, Arthur L. Rosenbaum, Nicholas E. Saranatakes, Michael Schaller, Andre Schmid, Eileen P. Scully, Karen Seat, Michael Sheng, Kathryn C. Statler, Geoffrey C. Stewart, Roger R. Thompson, Chris Tudda, Yafeng Xia, Boram Yi, Goulin Yi, Marilyn B. Young, Qiang Zhai, and Yanqui Zheng. Without their unrewarded assistance, it would be impossible to fulfill the journal's commitment to providing prompt reviews of submissions and publication decisions.