

## Editor's Note

We are delighted to announce an exciting new chapter for MELA Notes. Beginning with this issue, MELA Notes will be published as a peer-reviewed open-access journal on the *eScholarship* platform, with the generous support of the University of California. This transition not only enhances the accessibility and reach of our scholarly content but also aligns with our commitment to advancing open academic discourse.

All submissions to MELA Notes will now be managed through the *eScholarship* platform, streamlining the process for authors and reviewers alike. This move to an open-access model ensures that our valuable research is freely available to a global audience, fostering greater dissemination and impact.

In addition to our new presence on *eScholarship*, we will continue to publish hard copies through our established publishing house and maintain our e-version availability via JSTOR, ensuring that our readership has multiple ways to access our content.

We are also pleased to welcome two new editorial assistants to our team, Azada Rahi and Rory Lowdermilk. Their appointments, made in consultation with the journal's advisory board, will bolster our editorial capabilities and support our mission of publishing high-quality scholarship.

We are enthusiastic about these developments and the opportunities they present for MELA Notes and its community of readers, authors, and scholars. Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we embark on this new journey.

Kind regards,

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