

LIFELINES

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Maryann M. Taylor, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

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Joseph Lee, see *JALCA* **100**, 8, 2005

Lorelie P. Bumanlag, see *JALCA* **104**, 79, 2009

Eleanor M. Brown, see *JALCA* **93**, 328, 1998

Cheng-Kung Liu, see *JALCA* **94**, 158, 1999

V. Vedaraman, see *JALCA* **106**, 208, 2011

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Yan Bao, see *JALCA* **104**, 352, 2009

Jianzhong Ma, see *JALCA* **104**, 352, 2009

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JALCA Editor

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