

In Dedication

Every year, the *East Asian Studies Journal* is dedicated to a Wittenberg University faculty or staff member who is actively involved in the East Asian Studies Program, promotes academic achievement and encourages students to stretch beyond their limits in their chosen fields of study. The student staff would like to dedicate this year's issue to Dr. Terumi Imai, Associate Professor of Languages.

Dr. Imai received her B.A in English from Rikkyo University in Tokyo, and later received both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Linguistics in Michigan State University, where she taught Japanese language as a Teaching Assistant. She became a member of the Wittenberg academic staff in 2003, and since that time, has been known for her dedication to her classes, and holding her students to the highest quality of work and responsibility. Dr. Imai is the advisor of the East Asian Studies Club, which is responsible for many of the East Asian related events on campus. She is well known for her active engagement with students both in the classroom and outside of it, through attending academic conferences, events, going to restaurants with students, and even hosting dinner at her house. Dr. Imai prepares students with a strong basis in Japanese, so that they can be successful while studying abroad, and far beyond that. To Dr. Imai, from your students: thank you for supporting us every step of the way, and for always encouraging us to push ourselves in our studies. Words cannot express our gratitude.