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# A

**ADMONITIONS FOR WOMEN (NÜJIE 女誡).** The *Nüjie* may be rendered as “admonitions for women” or “precepts for women.” It was compiled by **Ban Zhao 班昭** (48–116 CE), the sister of **Ban Gu 班固** (32–92 CE) and offered as a model of appropriate **Confucian** behavior for women. The *Nüjie* is divided into seven chapters, each of them covering a topic of female behavior. In a foreword to the work, Ban Zhao explains that her intention is to help her own daughters learn how to act and to feel as women, in order to make their lives easier. This work is the first of the conduct books compiled for females in traditional Confucian society.

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**AMES, ROGER T. (AN LE ZHE 安樂哲) (1947– ).** Roger T. Ames was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1947 and educated at the University of British Columbia and National Taiwan University; he also completed his PhD at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London (SOAS). At SOAS, Ames was a student of **D. C. Lau**, with whom he later collaborated on several translation and writing projects in Chinese philosophy. Ames joined the faculty of the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1978 and remained there until his retirement in 2016. Ames has led in the establishment and growth of several professional organizations to further the objective of making **Confucianism**, and Chinese philosophy more generally, into an intellectual tradition of global reach and significance. He served as editor of *Philosophy East and West* and codirector of the Asian Studies Development Program of the East-West Center in Hawaii. He was a leader in the formation and organization of the **Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy**. Currently, he is Humanities Chair Professor at Beijing University.

Ames is known for his promotion of a conversation between American pragmatism and Confucianism, the recognition of which is validated in his invitation to join the board of the John Dewey Center and a series he coedits with Peking University Press of translations of works on John Dewey.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In the bibliography for this work, almost all the sources are books and articles in Western languages, most specifically, English. The compilation process, as with the entries in the dictionary itself, has been a selective one. There is no claim to be comprehensive. Two criteria have been employed most vigorously for the bibliography as a whole. First, the bibliography should include those sources that have been most important in advancing an understanding of Confucianism generally, specific figures in its history, and sources that guide readers to grasp the controversies and issues in an intellectual tradition that has been 2,500 years in the making. Second, my goal was to include works that might be of interest to the nonspecialist. The intention here is to provide a path of intelligent guidance into the writings and thinkers of Confucianism for the general inquirer.