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Dear Professor Joubin,

I write to extend my warm congratulations on your receipt of the prestigious 2010 Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies for your book, *Chinese Shakespeares: Two Centuries of Cultural Exchange*. This distinctive accolade from the Modern Language Association brings great honor to you, our Literature Section, HASS, MIT, and Penn State!

You have broken new ground in your original, compelling work uncovering changes in meaning in cultural forms. The MLA citation honors your treatise as a sophisticated and deeply scholarly "landmark in the renewal of comparative literature as a discipline." This is lofty praise indeed, and I am delighted that your inspiration and creativity have been recognized in this way.

We look forward to your participation with Peter Donaldson in the Global Shakespeare curriculum initiative. I hope you will continue to thrive in MIT's creative and stimulating environment so that we may enjoy and celebrate your collaborative achievements in the future.

Sincerely,

Susan Hockfield

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    Deborah K. Fitzgerald