Preface

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The six essays that appear here under the title *Applied Ethics from a Confucian Perspective* were selected from a group of thirteen papers originally presented at a conference on *Applied Ethics from a Confucian Point of View*, held at City University of Hong Kong in January of 2008. After receiving numerous, productive comments and suggestions from colleagues at the conference, the editors selected this group of six and sought additional comments and suggestions from two independent reviewers. After completing a round of revision and editing, we approached Professor H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr. and asked him to write a critical Introduction to our collection. We were honored and delighted that he agreed. The revised essays and new Introduction were then presented to Professor HUANG Yong, editor of *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*. In light of his initial consideration and evaluation, he suggested that we might publish them with the journal as a special Issue. After undergoing another round of blind review and further revision and editing, the articles were accepted and attained their present form.

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