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FROM THE EDITOR

It is a pleasure to announce here the conclusion of my second and final term as editor of *Faith and Philosophy*. Starting with the January issue of 2016, Mark Murphy will be at the journal's helm. While I am undeniably looking forward to the change, I have very much enjoyed my time as editor, and hope that I have upheld the lofty standards set by my predecessors.

In the eight years that I have held the position, much has changed with respect to the journal. Endnotes (the bane of academic publishing) have been replaced by footnotes; paper submissions, the only form allowed eight years ago, have given way to electronic submissions, the only form allowed today; we have moved from no online presence to widespread web availability via Philosophy Online; and the position of associate editor has been re-established, never again (if my successors are wise) to go into hibernation.

What has not changed, I believe, is the high quality of the articles and reviews we have published, as well as the high quality of the reports all of our submitters have received. In my experience, few journals consistently offer authors (of rejected as well as of accepted papers) the type of careful, extensive comments our referees typically produce. This practice was already a *Faith and Philosophy* tradition when I took the job, and thanks to the tireless efforts of our referees, especially the oft-overworked members of our Board of Editorial Consultants, it is one I am happy to pass on to Mark unchanged.

While our exemplary referees do indeed deserve our gratitude, many others need to be thanked here as well. The University of Notre Dame has been exceedingly generous in its support of my work on the journal, as has the Executive Committee of the SCP. Mike Peterson, the only managing editor the journal has ever known, has selflessly agreed to continue in the position he has filled with such grace, common sense, and patience over the years. Also staying on (for an additional year) is the incomparable David Hunt, our associate editor. David has served as “gatekeeper” for the last three years—reading all submissions, advising me on which ones should go out to referees, and offering remarkably insightful, kind, and truly constructive comments for those whose submissions are not sent out. Charles Taliaferro, our long-time book review editor, has also done an extraordinary job. Though Charles is handing his position over to Meghan Griffith, his years of work for the journal will not be forgotten. And I should also mention my four graduate assistants – Brian Boeninger, Anne Peterson, Jeff Snapper, and Andrew Helms. Without their sharp eyes and hard behind-the-scenes work, producing four issues a year would not have been feasible.



I cannot conclude this cavalcade of thanks without mentioning my two immediate predecessors as editor, Bill Wainwright and Bill Hasker. On many occasions, I have sought their counsel on editorial matters, and they have invariably been generous and wise with their advice. I will always feel deep gratitude for their encouragement, for their guidance, and for their friendship.

Finally, I'm sure I speak for all readers in expressing my gratitude to Mark Murphy for his willingness to take on the job of editor. I believe he is ideal for the position; we will all benefit greatly from his intelligence, his dedication, and (last but hardly least) his wit. It is consoling to be leaving the journal in such good hands, and I feel confident that, under his leadership, *Faith and Philosophy* will continue to be of significant service to the community of Christian philosophers.

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