

## PREFACE

The Humanities Research Group has been publishing this series of Working Papers in the Humanities since 1993. A glance at the titles that have appeared in this series provides a summary of some of the most important and interesting issues to have occupied society in the past decade: questions of human sexuality, the relationship of technology and culture, the shifting boundaries between public and private, gender and music, and food, cookery, and culture.

Time: whether we've too much time on our hands or no time to stop and think, whether time flies or marches slowly, whether we are clock watchers or don't own a watch, perennially late or inevitably early, the nature of time preoccupies us all. It is fitting, then, that this volume, the last to appear in the century beginning with "nineteen," should take as its theme "Dimensions of Time." This volume, as have all in the series, examines a topic of contemporary interest from a variety of historical and disciplinary perspectives.

This volume is the result of the collaboration of many people. The contributors have shared with us the fruits of their thought and in so doing have enriched us all. Maureen Muldoon was the efficient editor of the volume, ensuring its timely appearance. David Sandor, with characteristic thoroughness, compiled the bibliography. Vera Furmanek prepared the manuscript and Rosemary Halford coordinated the whole process. This volume is a tribute to their collaboration.

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