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Editorial: Tres faciunt collegium

Richard Utz, "Editorial: Tres faciunt collegium"

Roman and medieval jurists and scholars used the proverb "tres faciunt collegium" ("it takes three to have a valid group) as a legal basis for founding organizations and corporations or for making university classes meet (you needed two students and the instructor). I am tempted to say that the publication of the third issue of *UNIVERSITAS*, similarly, establishes our university journal as a tradition. For the third time within the last 18 months, we have been able to gather together a cross-section of contributions from all over campus and beyond, most notably Harry Brod and Phyllis Baker's *Forum* on "Masculinities," a cluster of essays that unites contributions by UNI faculty with works by scholars from other institutions of higher learning.

And the voices published in *UNIVERSITAS* are being heard: contributors to the first two issues have informed me about how many reactions to their electronic publications they have been receiving, thus leaving no doubt that we are on the right track with our attempt at creating more of a conscious community of active scholars on our campus and, at the same time, with our goal of showcasing to the academic world that UNI is an active source of research, scholarship, and creative activity as well as a home to excellent university-level teaching.

Those of you already familiar with our journal will have noticed that our web address has changed since the second issue. In order to have more direct and immediate access, we have transferred *UNIVERSITAS* to a different university server, and we have changed the format to better serve the mostly scholarly audiences we are trying to reach: Because our color scheme was not always easily legible on all computers and printable on all printers, we are now publishing all contributions in files produced in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). These files do not change format or pagination upon being downloaded or printed, and they guarantee our authors that their contributions look exactly how they would like them to appear on the screen as well as in hard copy. To bring about these fairly radical changes, we had expert assistance from UNI's Innovative Teaching and Technology Center, especially from Keith Kennedy and Amanda Chan, whom I would like to thank for their patient guidance in all matters technological. Furthermore, I would like to extend a heartfelt "gramercy" to Nikki Wilson Clasby, my editorial assistant, who carefully edited all contributions into publishable state, and to Susan Koch (Graduate Dean), Sue Joslyn (Associate Graduate Dean), our external readers, the members of the *UNIVERSITAS* advisory board, and all of our contributing authors and artists.

Finally, I should like to mention that the deadline for submissions for the spring, 2007, issue of *UNIversitas* is January 31. Please do not hesitate to contact me at **utz@uni.edu** if you have any ideas for *Forum* sections or would like to submit a contribution to the fourth issue of our journal.

With collegial regards,

Richard Utz, Editor



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