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This issue of *The Bridge* features articles on three important aspects of the Danish immigrant experience in the United States, namely politics, religion and business.

Jørn Brøndal attempts to answer the question of whether there was ever a Danish-American political subculture in the Midwest in the decades before World I similar to that of immigrants from Norway and Sweden. Brøndal's conclusion, based on impressive research, may surprise some of our readers.

Robert A. Olsen explores the use of the Danish language in a variety of religious denominations in the United States. By examining the Religious Bodies Census conducted by the federal government for three decades beginning in 1906, he is able to identify many of the congregations that used Danish in their worship services.

Helle Neegaard and Robert Smith continue their study of entrepreneurship in Denmark and among Danish Americans. If you have not read their article in the previous issue of *The Bridge*, perhaps you should do so before reading the one here. They invite responses from our readers and the editor would be happy to pass these along to them.

It has become a tradition that at the end of each decade of publication we offer our readers a listing of all the articles and book reviews published in *The Bridge* during previous ten years. James D. Iversen has compiled an index of all articles and book reviews that have appeared in our journal between 1998 and 2007. Earlier indexes are in Vol. XXI: 1 and Vol. XI: 1. The DAHS website offers a complete listing as well.

Book reviewers often complain that five hundred words are enough to do justice to some books. We agree and have instituted an opportunity for both review essays and longer reviews. For examples of both, see the review essay by Lea Rosson Delong and the review by Rolf Buschardt Christensen at back of this issue.