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## Editor's Preface

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## EDITOR'S PREFACE

I am happy to present to the reader this latest issue of *Studia Antiqua*. This will be my last issue as this journal's editor. These past two years, and my time at BYU in general, have been an amazing and unforgettable process of growth. I can only assume that the editing staff and reviewers who have had to put up with me have also experienced their share of growth through the publication process as well. I am deeply indebted to the contributors, editors, reviewers, advisors, and donors who have made this all possible. I would also like to thank Sam Mitchell, who will follow me as editor, for all the work he put in to helping me complete this issue. He will make a great editor and I move forward, confident that the journal is in competent and caring hands.

This year's issue saw numerous submissions, including seven submissions to the annual essay contest. After discussion with wonderful, attentive reviewers, the decision was made to publish two of the submitted articles. I am incredibly grateful for every single student that submitted their work. This journal wouldn't be possible without you. Both papers came out of Dr. Thomas A. Wayment's senior capstone class. It seems fitting, considering Dr. Wayment will leave Religious Education and join the Classics faculty this summer. I would like to personally thank him for all his help, both with the journal and for all the guidance he has provided for students over the years as they went through the Ancient Near Eastern Studies program.

This issue's two papers are by graduating Brigham Young University students, Julia Chiou and Haley Wilson-Lemmón. Julia challenges the typical assumptions and hermeneutics that many Latter-day Saints have when reading the "Joseph Smith Translation," using the example of JST Matt 4:1-12 versus KJV Matt 4:1-12 to highlight issues of "historical restoration." Haley examines the Greco-Roman traditions that lay behind the rise of early Christianity's "family of God." She explores the familial and kinship terminology that came to be associated with congregated worshippers of Jesus.

This journal would be impossible without the devoted time and talents of our faculty reviewers. They go above and beyond the call of duty as volunteers to our cause. I consider their continued efforts for us as students to be the most important aspect of this journal, and what really makes the entire experience worthwhile. I also wish to thank our financial donors for their support of *Studia Antiqua*. I would especially like to thank the Religious Studies Center, which provides the internship that makes this student journal possible. I am grateful to all involved.

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