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EDITOR'S PREFACE

This issue marks my first adventure as editor of a publication. I have enjoyed the insights gained in reading the articles and learning how to publish and format a journal. Hopefully, the kinks (a.k.a. typos) have all been worked out. But, as in all things, I seek clemency with my foibles.

This issue is, once again, slightly slimmer than desired. This is perhaps to be expected in a transition from one editor to the next. Yet again, the quality of the articles in this issue is excellent.

I am grateful to have two senior writers submit to this issue. Dustin Simmons, a recent master’s graduate, has contributed a work on ethnicity and its effect on ancient historiography. We are grateful to have a submission from a Classics background and hope to have more in the future. Also, David Calabro, a PhD student from the University of Chicago, has contributed a study on gestures in the book of Isaiah. This masterful work elucidates such a difficult text. E. Odin Yingling’s article grapples with the dating of Enuma elish, offering his desired solution. I am grateful to have had my submission positively peer reviewed and accepted for publication. I seek to wade through the debate concerning John the Baptist’s connection with Qumran.

Resurrected once more in this issue are book reviews. Stephen Whitaker and Justin Robinson provided our reviews for this issue, and both did a wonderful job. We hope to have much more in the future and that these reviews will help students become aware of possible books to add to their personal libraries.

As always, I am deeply grateful to the academic advisors who spur this work onward. Dr. Dana Pike continually offers priceless insights and advice. His knowledge of the scholarly community and its issues is greatly needed to publish a work such as this. Also, once again, R. Devan Jensen and his crew of editors at the Religious Studies Center at Brigham Young University have been invaluable in helping me learn the ropes and teaching me the necessary technology. This issue would not have been possible without the help of Terry B. Ball, Daniel L. Belnap, Glen Cooper, Cynthia Finlayson, Paul Y. Hoskisson, Dana M. Pike, Gaye Strathearn, and Thomas A. Wayment for peer reviewing the submitted articles. Their time is always precious, and I am grateful to them for their willingness to assist this publication.

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