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EDITOR’S PREFACE

This issue commemorates the tenth anniversary of Studia Antiqua. For this issue I have compiled an index of all articles published in Studia Antiqua since its inception in 2001 to the present issue. In this index we can see the breadth of articles published in Studia over the years. We can see all the articles written by a certain person. If, after viewing the index, readers desire to read any article listed there, they can consult studiaantiqua.byu.edu for online access to all past issues. We are currently working to make online access to the journal even more user friendly.

For this tenth anniversary edition of Studia Antiqua, we have attempted to contact all the past contributors, and they have written a miniature biography of where they are now. As these mini bios have trickled in, I have been amazed at what some of the past contributors, have accomplished in their careers. We were not able to hear back from all past contributors but a vast majority. This section may be used in tandem with the index in order to see which articles each of the following people published. I have also compiled a list of all the editors in chief of the journal throughout its history.

I am grateful that many of the past editors have contributed to this commemorative issue. I have asked past editors Dr. Matthew J. Grey and Breanne White to write a short piece about their experience with starting the journal and reviving the journal, respectively. Dr. Dana M. Pike has also written a reflections piece on his experience with the journal over the past ten years. Also, past editors Angela Wagner and Dan McClellan have respectively provided a book review and an article concerning Deuteronomy and the Septuagint.

As in the last issue, there are book reviews in this issue, and I have resurrected book notices for this issue. I have endeavored to include a broad spectrum of interests in these book notices. These books are great candidates for future book reviews upon their release. Studia Antiqua welcomes book reviews of recent and pertinent books from all students. These book notices have been taken, in part or in whole, from the publishers’ websites.

And of course, in this issue we have six wonderful articles. The first is a bit out of the ordinary—Daniel Becerra and Stephen Whitaker have written a piece about applying to graduate school in religious studies. Their words have been invaluable to me as I have navigated the application process. I hope they can serve valuable to many students throughout the years. Mary Abram has contributed a piece on the symbolism of the Mesopotamian rod and ring imagery. Emily Larsen has written an insightful piece about Minoan gender as illustrated through two pieces of Minoan art. I am grateful and excited to have
an art history submission and hope for much more diversity in the journal. Joshua J. Bodine, continuing his tradition of writing introductions to Hebrew Bible topics, has introduced us to the world of history and historiography in the Hebrew Bible, providing numerous references for further study. Also, Daniel McClellan offered the piece he presented at the 2010 Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting concerning the Septuagint and Deuteronomy. Finally, E. Odin Yingling has written a short piece about the Acts of Peter.

I am grateful to the departments who have donated funds in order to produce this journal. Their continued support makes this publishing venue possible. I am especially grateful to Dr. Dana M. Pike, who tolerates my countless demands, who reads so closely, and offers astute insights. He never gets enough credit for the immense work he does. Aside from his substantial academic contributions, he has served as a personal advisor, confidant, and listening ear to so many students over the years. He inherited the title of faculty advisor *pro tempore* to this journal and has gone above and beyond in assisting to make this a quality publication. I am also grateful to the Religious Studies Center, which houses the journal. The staff’s supervision has ensured that this journal will continue for years to come. Joany Pinegar makes the world go around. Devan Jensen has reviewed these pages and suggested numerous tweaks. Thanks go to my fellow editors at the Religious Studies Center for tolerating my incessant computer and other technical questions; special thanks to Jonathon R. Owen, Jeff Wade, and Jake Frandsen.

I hope that this issue is worthy to be the tenth issue of this magnificent journal. After researching the history of this journal, I am humbled and grateful for those who have gone before me and provided this publication venue. I also hope that I am worthy to the task of serving as editor of this journal and that I have done a satisfactory job. Here’s to another ten years of *Studia Antiqua*!

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