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# Transitions

It takes a small army to develop and produce each issue of *PSCF*. We want to thank all who make that possible, with particular thanks at a time of transition to Judith Toronchuk, now leaving the *PSCF* editorial board. Carrying on for Judy will require two new editorial board members: Bethany Sollereder, professor of theology at the University of Edinburgh; and Sy Garte, biochemist and the sage editor of *ASA's God and Nature*.

We must also thank Sara Tolsma for her compelling service as a subject area editor. Biology, ecology, and origins will now be led by Se Kim of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Lauren Seifert of Malone University will be insightfully expanding and guiding our social science reviews.

Appreciation goes as well to John Wood for a lifetime of service that we hope will emulate the Dúnedain. The last three years he has focused on ASA as the interim executive director. We turn now to the accomplished Janel Curry to carry on that work as ASA president.

It should be noted as well that in the midst of all this change, that ASA has grown in size. It has expanded its outreach through local chapter meetings, virtual Brown Bag Lunches, monthly Diving Deeper Discussions, symposia, *God and Nature*, a YouTube channel for ASA and another channel for CSCA, and both in-person and virtual annual meetings. These are round-the-calendar opportunities to share and test what we are discovering.

Reflecting on this, the ASA Board of Directors has concurred unanimously with *PSCF* that we are at the point where that round-the-clock rhythm can best be served by publishing *PSCF* for the fall, winter, and spring quarters, with scholarly focus shifting in the summer quarter to proposals, presentations, and dialogue at the July annual meeting. Since the annual

meeting is now in person and virtual, it is available and encouraged for all, wherever they may be.

This is not to announce a reduction in *PSCF* content. Issues can be expanded to cover just as many pages over three issues as over the current four. By going to three issues only and with the annual meeting as the focus in person or virtually in the summer quarter, and with new services as listed above, plus all the other interactions, we are still encouraging new challenges and ideas throughout the calendar year. Three journal publication dates instead of four can redirect some significant costs (such as printing and mailing) to other member services, and it can lessen what has become a significant strain on our office team. Currently, they amazingly process the June issue at the same time as handling all the arrangements, registration, and programming tasks for the annual meeting.

This is a fitting moment then to recognize and thank our ASA team for so expertly meeting the many support needs of our members and programs even as our numbers and events have rapidly expanded. Much appreciated. ▶

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