

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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Issue 45 is a special issue dedicated to the 20th Annual *Engaging Particularities* Conference of Boston College.¹ The organizers of the conference invited select speakers to convert their presentations into academic articles. The process resulted in four articles that broadly represent the conference theme and overall tenor of the conversations. I am grateful to the Guest Editor, Domenik Ackermann of Paderborn University (Germany), for his time and experience gathering these articles. A more formal and detailed introduction to the special issue is found in his introduction that follows. This is now our fifth special issue dedicated to the conference over the past few years. The editorial team and staff at *Journal of Interreligious Studies* remain committed to this ongoing partnership with *Engaging Particularities* and look forward to special issues dedicated to the conference in the future.

Three book reviews follow the articles:

- *Beyond Binaries: Religious Diversity in Europe*, edited by Joshua Ralston and Klaus von Stosch and reviewed by Domenik Ackermann
- *Religious Diversity and University Chaplaincy: Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, and Humanist Chaplaincy in Higher Education*, by Gregory W. McGonigle and reviewed by Soren M. Hessler
- *Elonei Mamre: The Encounter of Judaism and Orthodox Christianity*, edited by Nicholas de Lange, Elena Narinskaya and Sybil Sheridan and reviewed by Gavin D'Costa

I am grateful for the meticulous editing, layout, and design work performed by Lucinda Mosher (Senior Editor) and S. Aaron Wong (Research Fellow). The editorial team and staff have several issues in the works and so we expect a busy year ahead. For now, we hope you find this issue intellectually insightful and illuminating.

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1 For details, see <https://www.engagingparticularities.com/2023-conference>.