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From the Editor-in-Chief

I am delighted once again to partner with *Engaging Particularities*, the ongoing conference sponsored by the Boston College Theology Department. This issue marks the second collaborative effort to publish as articles a collection of talks given at the conference. Articles in this issue were originally a part of the seventeenth annual conference in 2019. Readers may refer to my introduction to Issue 25 (containing articles from the 2018 conference) to learn more about the conference, the discipline of comparative theology, and its relationship with the larger field of interreligious studies.

Last year's conference organizers, Katie Mahowski Mylroie and Hans Abdiel Harmakaputra, are also the guest editors of this issue. In their introduction they offer an overview of the theme of the conference, "Perspective on Personhood: Comparative Insights into Self, Community, and Cosmos," and give succinct preludes to each of the articles as they relate not only to the theme but also to each other. I am grateful for their work in this collaboration and am thrilled with the collection of articles they managed to put together. The eighteenth annual conference is scheduled for April this year, and I am already looking forward to future collaborations.

In addition to the articles, this issue includes five book reviews:

- Catherine Cornille, *Meaning and Method in Comparative Theology* (Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2020), reviewed by Joseph Kimmel
- Roland Faber, *The Ocean of God: On the Transreligious Future of Religions* (London: Anthem Press, 2019), reviewed by Chava Bahle
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I remain grateful to Lucinda Mosher, our Book Review Editor, for working diligently to connect with scholars to review the ever-increasing number of books in the field.

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