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From the Editor-in-Chief

On behalf of the publishers, editorial team, and staff of the *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, I wish our readers a joyous turn of the Gregorian year. There are exciting issues lined up for 2022. In addition to an upcoming rolling submissions issue, we have three special issues. First, in the works is the previously announced roundtable response to an incredibly rich research article by Katherine Janiec Jones of Wofford College (South Carolina) and Cassie Meyer of Sewanee: University of the South (Tennessee). Second, there is a special issue comprised of articles taken from the most recent Engaging Particularities conference at Boston College. Third, Lucinda Mosher, senior editor of the *JIRS*, has organized a special issue on comparative theology, interreligious studies, and music.

I am very excited to share the news of an upcoming publication: *The Georgetown Companion to Interreligious Studies*, edited by Lucinda Mosher. It will be released June 2022. (Alas, supply-chain problems have delayed even this.) Keep an eye out for it!

Finally, please navigate to irstudies.org to sign-up for our newsletter (through mailchimp) on the main page.

In This Issue

This issue is guest edited by Bin Song of Washington College (Maryland) on the topic of Theology Without Walls and the Spiritual But Not Religious. It discusses—constructively and critically—how the Theology Without Walls project may or may not be beneficial to the growing SBNR demographic. Dr. Song provides a thorough introduction to the issue, which closes with four book reviews:

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