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From the Editor-in-Chief

The editorial and publishing team is delighted once again to partner with *Engaging Particularities*, the ongoing conference sponsored by the Boston College Theology Department. This issue marks the third collaborative effort to publish as articles a collection of presentations given at the conference. Articles in this issue were originally a part of the eighteenth annual conference in 2021.¹ 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.

Katie Mahowski Mylroie, an organizer of last year's conference, guest edited this issue and offers an overview of the conference theme, "Living Rituals: Through Memory, Language, and Identity," in her introduction that follows. She also gives a summary of the four articles within this issue and how they connect thematically.

The special issue concludes with five book reviews:

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