

EDITORIAL

We announce with wistful hearts that, in 2019, Dr. John W. Reeve transitioned from serving as co-editor of *AUSS* to serving as director of the PhD/ThD program at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. John, we wish you all the best. We thank you for your stellar service to *AUSS*. Also, we thank you just as much for all the quality time you spent with the editorial team as mentor, friend, and brother.

John engaged his editorial work with endless curiosity and immeasurable passion for excellent historical, biblical, and theological scholarship. During the many years of his work, these traits provided his energy and motivation in preparing materials for publication. At the same time, his extraordinary contributions were significantly motivated when Dr. Leonna G. Running, a former influential member of the editorial team of *AUSS*, said to him, “don’t you dare to mess up his [Siegfried Horn’s] journal!” This warning stuck with John throughout all his years as editor. When John visited Leonna shortly before her death, she took him by the arm a final time and whispered, “I know the journal is in good hands.”

The journal has been in good hands indeed! John’s editorial work flourished due to his impressive professional knowledge and his careful and purposeful investment of time and energy in extensive networking with scholars from around the world. Having accepted a position as assistant editor in 2003 and co-editor alongside Dr. Jerry Moon in 2005, John served in the editorial position on his own between 2009 and 2014, when Dr. Martin F. Hanna joined *AUSS* as co-editor. Producing 16 volumes of *AUSS* during 17 years as editor, John is the second longest serving editor in the history of our journal after Kenneth Strand who served for 3 years longer (1975–1994).

Additional good hands have become available to *AUSS* since the Seminary has appointed Dr. Oliver Glanz as the new co-editor of *AUSS*. Oliver is associate Professor of Old Testament at the seminary. Formerly he has worked at the Free University of Amsterdam and the Protestant University of the Netherlands as assistant professor of OT. With his degrees in philosophy, Bible translation, and OT and his research focus in the realm of digital humanities and hermeneutics we have a robust co-editor team for the future of *AUSS*. Welcome Oliver!

Also recently, we have had a major time of transition for the student participants on our editorial team. We are thankful for the outstanding service of Dominic Bornand (Book Review Manager), Lincoln Nogueira (Circulation Manager), and Danielle Barnand (Office Assistant) who have now transi-

tioned to other ministries. We are also thankful for the new members of our editorial team: Nathaniel Gibbs (Editorial Assistants), Jônatas Ferreira (Book Review Manager), Natalie Dorland (Public Relations Manager), and Carina Prestes (Circulation Manager).

In the current issue of *AUSS*, we are happy to share with you outstanding articles that address a wide variety of topics: Adventist hermeneutics (Beverly Beem and Ginger Hanks Harwood), interpreting Jeremiah (Oliver Glanz and Torben Bergland), same sex marriage (David Hamstra), the Temple Restoration Movement (Kevin Burton), and Textual Criticism (Joey McCollum). We also present several book reviews and book notices that will introduce you to additional recent research.

As you read this issue of our journal, may you grow in grace as you grow in knowledge.

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