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From the Editor

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I am pleased with the progress of the journal over the past four years. The major accomplishments of the journal have included the switch to Sage Publications, the addition of a case section, the use of practitioner reviewers, and the development of a sufficient backlog in the publishing process to allow a more thorough review process and more flexibility with regard to the actual choices involved in any given issue. Sage’s marketing efforts have increased the reach of the journal, and the Center for Hospitality Research (CHR) has promoted the journal in many ways. Between Sage and the CHR’s systems, articles from the Cornell Quarterly have been downloaded roughly one hundred thousand times since we’ve starting tracking these numbers, and our readership (both in print and electronically) continues to grow.

I have also learned much about the hospitality industry and about being an editor over my four-year tenure. Indeed, a major reason I took on the role as editor was to learn more about the hospitality industry. When I began as editor, I had been with Cornell’s Hotel School for only two years, and so I was seeking to learn more about the industry, not just in my area of human resources, but more broadly. This certainly happened. Over the four years, I have read more than 620 submissions and similarly hundreds of reviewer comments. Topics have covered nearly every aspect of what can be considered the hospitality industry in its broadest sense. From these submissions, I have had the honor of publishing 20 issues, containing 146...
I also wish to explicitly acknowledge and thank the ad hoc and practitioner reviewers, listed in this issue, who contributed meaningful and helpful reviews for no reward other than my thanks. Ad hoc reviewers provided insights and perspectives on the rigor and relevance of submissions to help me make what I hope were sound editorial decisions and provide useful feedback to authors. I also wish to thank the thirty-six practitioner reviewers who devoted the time and energy to comment on the practical application of the various submissions to the journal.

Finally, I want to thank the staff members who play a pivotal role in the preparation of every issue of the Cornell Quarterly. A special thanks to my administrative assistant, Joann Payne, who has provided immense help keeping me and the journal organized; thanks to Glenn Withiam, whose role as the CHR’s director of publication services played a crucial role in transforming sets of accepted manuscripts into published issues; and thanks to Katja Fried, who as the production editor for Sage ensured that we met all the deadlines but who gave me the wiggle room and flexibility I needed to put the issues together in the way I wanted. Altogether, I could not have fulfilled my role as editor without the generous support of all of these individuals.

Returning to my teaching, research, and service roles as a professor, I have many new goals I wish to pursue and accomplishments I want to make, but all my subsequent efforts will be influenced by my education and experiences of these past four years.

—M.C.S.