

From the Editor's Keyboard...

With this issue, we welcome a new Assistant Editor, Adam Carey. Adam is a student of English, Computer Information Systems and Business Administration here at SUNY-New Paltz, and is a genius at solving all the technological problems that have me stumped. I also thank retiring Assistant Editor Joe Walker, who also worked on parts of this issue of the *Bulletin*.

Along with two fascinating essays concerning electronic sources, this issue contains review essays and reviews ranging across Middle East studies, as well as PhD Dissertations from 2003-2004. A disclosure: what to do when you're the Editor-in-Chief of a journal that contains a review of your own book? I asked former *Bulletin* Editor Daniel Goffman, and others for advice, and the consensus was that I should turn the book over to Birol Yeşilada, Associate Editor for Turkey. I would then publish the review exactly as I received it from Dr. Yeşilada. This is what I have done in this issue.

Over the next year and a half, we will be working on the *Bulletin*'s volume 40, both issues of which will also serve to celebrate MESA's 40th anniversary. We plan for issues 40/1 and 40/2 to contain essays and reviews devoted to the 40th anniversary celebration, and welcome suggestions and submissions in line with this theme. You will also find a call for the 40th Anniversary Cover Photo and Essay Contest, on the back cover. If you have suggestions for the 40th Anniversary issues, or questions about the Photo and Essay Contest, please contact us at bulletin@newpaltz.edu.

Meanwhile, I hope you find this issue of the *Bulletin* both enlightening and entertaining.

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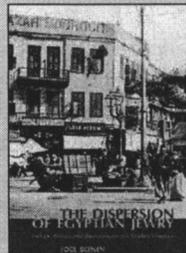
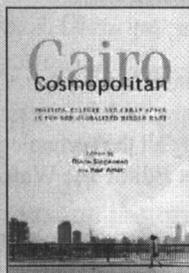
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