Introduction

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Welcome to Volume 24, No. 4 of *Enterprise and Society*. There is a slight deviation from tradition for this issue this year. As is well-known, the final issue of the year typically carries both the Presidential Address, delivered at the annual meeting in the spring, as well as summaries by all Krooss Prize finalists. Those of you able to attend the annual meeting in Detroit in March 2023 will have been spellbound by Dan Wadhwani's Presidential Address, which wove together strands of his rich historical entrepreneurship scholarship with threads of his own fascinating family story. Converting such a personal address, combined with the continuous uncovering of materials, has involved intricate ongoing work. Dan and I have agreed to hold his address back to give him the opportunity to write the piece he really wants to write. Personally, I cannot wait to read it.

However, we are glad to publish here this year's Krooss Prize summaries. They are, in alphabetical order, "Sick Time: Medicine, Management, and Slavery in Louisiana and Cuba, 1763-1868" by Liana DeMarco, "Speculators and Profiteers: The Entrepreneurial Transformation of Socialist China" by Adam Frost (in a piece entitled here "History from the Dustbins"), and "Building Blocs: Raw Materials and the Global Economy in the Age of Disequilibrium," by Rob Konkel. The 2023 Krooss Prize was awarded to Adam Frost. Congratulations to Adam and both of the other shortlisted candidates.

Alongside the Krooss Prize summaries we are proud to present a very full suite of regular research articles. Again, these articles showcase the breadth of depth of business history research today: from human resource formation in Africa (Nthenya and Donzé) to credit in nineteenth-century Sino-American trade (Maggard); from "Space Age" stock markets (Lotfi) to entrepreneurialism in Swedish schools (Rudberg), with many other stops in-between. I am sure all our readers will find something of interest here.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to a number of people. There are, of course, our Associate Editors—Shane Hamilton, Ai Hisano, Andrea Lluch, and Sharon Murphy—, Reviews Editor Alex Beasley, as well as the full Editorial Board. I want to once more thank outgoing Associate Editor Per Hansen, as well as all outgoing members of the wider Editorial Board. As always, I am deeply in debt to Carol Lockman of the Hagley Library for editorial assistance, to Adam Albright, also of the Hagley Library, for his ever wonderful cover designs, and to Roger Horowitz and Vicki Howard as BHC Treasurer and Secretary respectively for

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Finally, as we wrap up Volume 24 of *Enterprise and Society* there comes a realization that next year marks the journal's twenty-fifth anniversary: a quarter century of remarkable achievement. We are not planning any great celebrations, being focused on the ongoing work, but do look forward to publishing a series of short essays reflecting on our origins and the trajectory that has brought us to where we are today.

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