

## A tribute to Lloyd Bonfield, editor, 1984–2011; founding editor, 2011–

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I count myself extremely fortunate to have worked with both Lloyd Bonfield and Richard Wall over the last decade and more as their co-editor on *Continuity and Change*. Richard retired from an editing role in 2009, and Lloyd does the same this year. Along with Richard, Lloyd established the journal in 1984 and through their efforts *Continuity and Change* quickly established itself as one of the principal outlets for discussion of law, demography and social structure in past times. Lloyd's remit was always, and especially, the law. A celebrated legal historian who, amongst other things, has contributed during the last quarter century some of the most significant discussions of medieval and early modern legal application, Lloyd has always been determined to have his say about matters legal. Nevertheless, while especially involved in the

legal papers submitted to the journal, he has also shown careful regard for the full range of submitted papers and has offered pithy and considered comment on the exciting spread of submission that has been one of the journal's main strengths throughout its first twenty-five or so years. Lloyd's e-mail commentaries on the painstaking and occasionally frustrating work of editing a journal might conceivably have kept up the client hours of some of his practising law school colleagues, if those emails had ever found their way back to the source of the complaint.

Quixotic, entertaining and the best of company, Lloyd's own brand of editing and of commentary has been supportive, engaging and always, always great fun. While editing a journal can be hard work and certainly time-consuming, there is a very good reason why people undertake it. Above all, and this is a message Lloyd rammed home more than once, editors edit because they want to do so. No one forces people to start editing a journal, or I hope not. Editing for Lloyd has always been about enjoyment; the pleasure of reading new and unexpected work, of contributing to the enhancement of the discipline and of dealing with people. Reflecting on this at the Social Science History Association conference in the early winter of 2010, at which sessions were held to honour the contribution of Richard Wall and to celebrate the first quarter century of *Continuity and Change*, Lloyd was clear that his enthusiasm for this work is not diminished. This year he will join Richard Wall on the journal's masthead as 'founding editor' and I hope he continues to have fun in this role. The journal will continue to prosper if he does.

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## Tributes and thanks

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The editors would also wish to recognise the contribution of our long-serving copy-editor, Mrs Maureen Street, who retired from copy-editing the journal in 2010 in order to return to postgraduate study. Maureen was copy-editor of *Continuity and Change* for many years and offered a thorough and careful reading of the text. Her responses to authors were

notable for the degree to which she engaged with the issues at the heart of the article in question and her evident desire to bring clarity and better understanding to even the most opaque pieces of writing. Mrs Belinda Waterman, the clerical assistant to the journal, has also had to step down this year because of work commitments. Unflappable and with a surfeit of good grace, Belinda, who is based at the University of Essex, brought order into the occasional chaos of journal business and helped mould many of the new operational systems which have eased the work of the journal in recent years. The editors wish both Belinda and Maureen well in their new ventures.

This year also sees the departure of our current reviews editor, Professor Felice Batlan, who was associate editor from 2005 and has overseen reviews from 2007 until 2010.

The editors also wish to record their debt to M. Jacques Fauve who, for many years along with his wife Antoinette, had provided French translations of the journal's abstracts. M. Fauve died in November 2010 and will be sadly missed. We were most pleased to learn that Antoinette wishes to maintain her association with the journal and will continue this work; the editors and all at the journal wish her and her family well.

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