

## From the Editor

After falling behind over the past three years, this year's efforts at playing "catch-up" have been only mildly successful. Many administrative and computer hassles, as well as the perennial search for manuscripts, continue to hamper speedy publication. We are hoping for a less arduous future in those respects. Our three articles this time satisfied us in at least two ways—they are all well written pieces and they present challenging views to stereotypical assumptions about their topics. Judith Neulander's article links current ideas in cognitive science to the creation of cosmological reality. Katherine Borland has provided us an interesting descriptive account of how a traditional festival weathers immigration. Phyllis Cole challenges the idea that Hospice is the most effective alternative to the medical establishment's treatment of the terminally ill.

This issue's *Open Forum* is dedicated to Professor Warren Roberts who retired this year from the Folklore Institute. After forty-five years of teaching folklore here at Indiana University he is worthy of as much praise and appreciation as we could possibly bestow. Professor Glassie details some of Roberts' contributions to the discipline in his short biographical muse.

With this issue we also say adieu to our own Managing Editor Theresa Vaughan. She ventures off into the wild plains of Oklahoma packing our best wishes for continuing success under her arm. She has been a grand partner in crime and we already miss her easy smile and pleasant manner. *Forum* will not be the same without her.

Finally, and on a less nostalgic note, *Folklore Forum* is still planning a special issue on Nationalism. Individuals are also invited to submit papers on any topic for consideration at any time. In the near future look for a complete index to the last twenty-five years of *Forum*, a possible special issue on Gay and Lesbian Folklore, and a special issue featuring the winners of the Folklore Institute's Richard Dorson Student Paper Prize.

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