

## INTRODUCTION

This issue inaugurates the second year of the publication of *Black Diaspora Review*.

Over the past year, we have incurred several debts from numerous persons for their tireless service on behalf of this fledgling online journal. Our thanks go out to Leonard Harris, Judson L. Jeffries, Wilson J. Moses, James B. Stewart, and Antonio D. Tillis—all of whom are members of our distinguished editorial board. In addition, the sincere contributions of many of our bright graduate students here in the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, who wrote review essays and book reviews, should not go unacknowledged. Furthermore, very special thanks go out to our excellent copy editor, Fay Chan, whose meticulous work has saved us from making innumerable, glaring errors; and Jennifer Laherty, the digital publishing librarian for I. U. Scholar Works (a division of the Indiana University, Bloomington, Libraries), who made many essential editorial and cosmetic changes in the journal's digital presentations. Kudos are sent to Frederick L. McElroy and John McCluskey—our two colleagues on whose ideas the conception of this journal was based.

What is ahead this year?

In this issue, Professor Judson L. Jeffries of the The Ohio State University, and Dr. Micol Seigel, one of the coeditors of this issue and an assistant professor here in African American and African Diaspora Studies, solicited several cutting-edge articles and reviews. Finally, our next issue will be a special one—edited by chairperson, Valerie Grim, and Ph.D. student Maria Hamilton Abegunde.

We hope our readers will enjoy our efforts. They will be exciting!

Vernon J. Williams, Jr.