

From the Editor

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With this third issue, *The Workshop* (Proceedings of the Indiana Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies) advances from whimsical to well established. For the first time, we are publishing two full papers, each revised in light of discussions at the “Eighteenth-Century Hospitalities” conference in May 2014. In addition, this issue includes seven paper abstracts (ranging in topic from Native American history to Ottoman translators and Jane Austen’s unfinished works) and seven extended comments (each a marvel of insight and testimony to the value of interdisciplinary dialogue).

As always, transcribed discussions are the most distinctive feature of this publication. With them, *The Workshop* aims to make face-to-face, real-time conversations available to those who—for whatever reason!—could not be there to participate. Here you will find recorded everything that happens when scholars have time and space to engage each other’s work: thoughts coming into existence; ideas being rejected; arguments taking shape; questions being posed; and myriad references, aperçus, and witticisms being offered. In editing this issue and its predecessors, I am reminded of how immensely generous my colleagues are with their thoughts and their time and how valuable this time spent together truly is. Our publication is digital—as any twenty-first-century publication in search of an audience needs be—but it can only exist in its current form because of conversations that happen “in real life.”

Publication of course also depends on the help and support of many people. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University-Bloomington, Larry Singell, has been extremely generous in his support of the Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies, as were his two predecessors, Bennett Bertenthal and Kumble Subbaswamy. The Center’s first two Directors, Professors Dror Wahrman and Mary Favret, worked very hard to make it the institution it has become. Neither the Workshop nor the Kenshur Prize Symposium could have happened without the daily assistance of the Center’s Administrator, Dr. Barbara Truesdell. And without the exceptional dedication of our two transcribers, Tracey Hutchings-Goetz and Robert Wells, those events might have happened but—like nearly every other conversation—they would have left no lasting trace. Our sincere thanks to all of them.