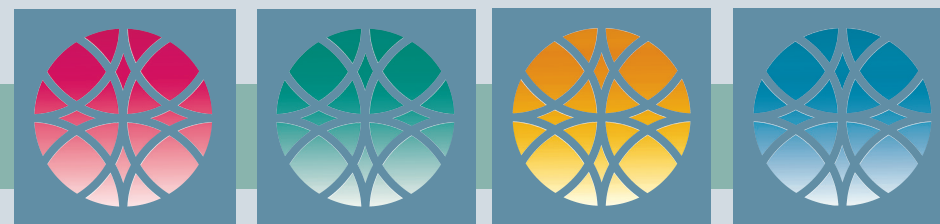


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Editor's Note

This issue of the *AJTP* is a special issue in two ways. First, and most importantly, it is a special issue marking the retirement of Robert Cummings Neville from Boston University. Neville's work is well known to many readers of this journal. We have published a number of his articles, and he has served as president of the Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, with which this journal is affiliated. Wesley Wildman, Neville's good friend and colleague (and, like Neville, not a stranger to this journal), has organized this special issue and has written a very fine introduction, which follows. So, I need not take space here to describe the articles, other than to say that the *AJTP* is honored to be the venue in which they are published. I would also like to say that I have treasured Robert Neville's friendship through the years—I have learned a great deal from his scholarship, am continuously in awe of his productivity, and admire the grace with which he moves through the world as a teacher, colleague, and friend. He has much to do with why I became involved in IARPT and the *AJTP*, which brings me to the second reason this is a special issue for me. This marks my last issue as editor of the *AJTP*. It has been a great professional honor to serve in this role for the past several years (and as book-review editor for several years before that). I have worked with many fine authors and manuscript readers through the years, as well as colleagues at the University of Illinois Press, and am grateful for all the ways they have contributed to making this journal a premier publishing venue for scholarship that builds upon the pragmatist, process, naturalist, and empirical traditions in American philosophy of religion. It is now my pleasure to turn over the editorial reins to Gary Slater, who has been serving as the *AJTP* book-review editor for the past several years, and is affiliated with the University of Munster. Lisa Landoe Hedrick, a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Chicago, will become the new reviews editor. They are both excellent scholars who will ensure the continued flourishing of the *AJTP* for years to come.