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This issue of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy's 2021 Proceedings includes papers given during the March 11–13 meeting. Due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, this was the first time SAAP hosted an online meeting. The announced theme of the conference was "Democracy: Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why?" Special acknowledgment is due to the heroic efforts of the SAAP Director of Communication Dan Brunson; to the Program Committee Chairs Kathleen Wallace and Alex Stehn; and to the SAAP Secretary Dwayne Tunstall. Thanks are also due to the local organizer President David Hildebrand, for performing dual duty and for rescheduling the SAAP meeting in Denver for 2023. At the meeting, the Society's highest honor, the Herbert Schneider Award, was awarded to Nathan Houser, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and a longtime member of SAAP and the Charles S. Peirce Society. In addition to his international profile in the wider field of semiotics, Houser is a Senior Fellow at the Institute for American Thought, for which he was the founding director. He co-edited *The* Essential Peirce and has been a vital editorial leader of the Peirce Edition Project.