From the Editor

This issue of the *Law & Society Review*, Volume 32, Number 1, marks a transition of editors and the editorial office of the *Review*. Volumes 32, 33, and 34 will be edited by myself and a new team of associate editors, assistants, and editorial advisory board. I am joined by Kathryn Foster, who serves as the Editorial Assistant in the *LSR* offices in the Sociology Department at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts. She is assisted by a team of undergraduate sociology majors who do the cite checking. We are supported by four associate editors who serve as consulting consciences and expert advisors helping to select reviewers and make hard decisions when circumstances demand: Marianne Constable, Department of Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley; Robert Dingwall, Department of Sociology, Nottingham University; Lee Epstein, Department of Political Science, Washington University; and Jonathan Simon, School of Law, University of Miami. The Editorial Advisory Board, listed following the Contents, consists of scholars from diverse subfields, specialties, and institutions. We are honored to have this auspicious group of people backing us up and hope that together we serve the community well.

Although the editorial personnel have changed completely, the *Law & Society Review* will not be significantly changed, not beyond the changes that have been ongoing for its 31 years. Over its lifetime, the *Review* has been transformed by the varied interests, critical debates, and paradigm shifts that have marked sociolegal studies as a scholarly field. The kinds of topics and the styles of research that occupied the pages during the early years of the journal are quite different from those that have typically appeared during the past ten years. In the last issue under his editorship, then-Editor William O'Barr reported, for example, an increased attention in recent years to issues of gender, race, and class. However, these are not the only changes. The topics of the articles, the methods of research, and the voices of the authors have also shifted. From time to time, as space and inclination permit, we will provide some accounts of the transformation of the *Review*, and the field. This seems appropriate as the 35th anniversary of the Association approaches (and as self-reflexivity is certainly a feature of modernity)).

New questions—some developing linearly from old questions, others arising from theoretical critique, challenging methodologies, and innovative representational practices—arrive with

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each week's submissions. The changing contours of sociolegal scholarship will continue to be reflected in the *Review* because our ambition and commitment is unchanging: to publish the very finest research on law and society.

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