Introduction

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This issue of *Enterprise & Society* brings Volume 12 to a close. Next year's issues will be larger than in the past, as Oxford University Press has agreed to expand our "page budget" to 1,000 pages per year. This will add room for more book reviews and perhaps an extra article or two, reducing the waiting time for publication on both fronts.

We are also pleased to announce that we have filled the fourth Assistant Editor position, as Professor Per Hansen of the Copenhagen Business School has accepted our invitation to join *Enterprise & Society,* beginning in January 2012.

Normally, the December number includes the presidential address from our annual conference, reframed as an article. Due to the press of work, Richard John has asked that we provide him a bit more time for revisions, so this essay will appear in March 2012. We do have the three dissertation summaries, however, from the finalists in our annual Business History Conference competition: Dan Bouk, Eric Hintz, and Kara Swanson. Four articles follow. Sean Adams brings us back to the antebellum era of regulated urban markets in the United States and analyzes the complexities of choice under uncertainty amid an economic panic. Next, Christopher Jones provides a historical perspective on how carbon fuels became central to the operation of American homes, noting wider examples and implications, before Neveen Abdulrehim and colleagues analyze the uneven corporate social responsibility efforts of Anglo-Iranian oil. This issue's research articles close with Stuart Leslie's careful unpacking of U.S. corporate architecture as medium and message alike. A sizable section of book reviews closes the issue, as we are now working to eliminate a backlog of reviews that quietly accumulated. Last, it is unusual for *Enterprise & Society* to have most of an issue's essays located in U.S. history, but do rest assured that we will return to our customary diversity promptly.

Each year, we feel it is important to acknowledge those colleagues who have taken time and committed energy to refereeing essays submitted to *Enterprise & Society* for possible publication. Their thoughtful, detailed, and analytical/critical assessments have consistently elevated the quality of our published articles. As ever, we remain in their debt. For the period from September 2010 to August 2011, our thanks to:

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