Editors' Remarks

Observant readers of ILWCH will have already noticed some recent changes in the ranks of our editors. They reflect a larger goal of moving towards a periodic rotation which we believe is the best way to bring fresh ideas and approaches and wider regional expertise to the journal. When Michael Hanagan stepped down as coeditor in Spring 2003 he was replaced by Geoffrey Field who has had a long association with the journal, writing for it, coediting thematic issues, and serving on the editorial board since 1990. Geoff's primary areas of interest are Britain and Germany. With this issue Joshua Freeman is also stepping down as coeditor. Josh's contributions to the journal over the last four years have been enormous: working with authors, playing a key role in conceptualizing new issues, and moving us in new directions, most notably with "Workers, Suburbs, and Labor Geography" (ILWCH 64) and "Class and Catastrophe: September 11th and other Working-Class Disasters" (ILWCH 62). We will miss Josh's daily leadership but we are delighted that he remains a very involved editorial board member. In his place we also welcome Peter Winn, a well known scholar of Latin America, who has also been an active contributor to ILWCH over the past five years and recently coordinated our special issue on "Labor History After the Gender Turn" (ILWCH 63). His influence and scholarly contacts are already reflected in the journal's articles and growing number of book reviews on Latin America. We are also delighted that Vicky Hattam, who along with Mike and Josh helped steer ILWCH through an important period of transition, continues as coeditor. Among her many other projects, Vicky is working with Dorothy Sue Cobble on a forthcoming issue "Working-Class Subjectivities and Sexualities." Finally, we would like to welcome as new editorial board members Jennifer Klein, Linda Gordon, and Jeff Cowie, all well known for their work on, respectively, the twentieth century US welfare state; social policy debates, gender, and family issues; and globalization and capital relocation in North America.

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