Preface

This symposia-papers volume is the second volume of essays from the PSA 2008 program. The vast majority of the work in putting together this volume fell to the program committee. The members of this committee began the adjudication process with over 200 submitted papers and went through two rounds of selection, first for the program and then for this volume. Throughout, they all worked diligently and in good humor. So, I would like to thank Ken Aizawa, Rachel Ankeny, Davis Baird, Paul Bartha, Anjan Chakravartty, Hasok Chang, Sharyn Clough, Carla Fehr, Peter Godfrey-Smith, Brad Monton, Mark Risjord, Laura Ruetsche, Kyle Stanford, Friedrich Steinle, and Peter Vranas.

In addition to papers from symposia presented at PSA 2008, we hope the selection of symposia reveals the widening range of philosophical expertise within the PSA. This volume contains three additional papers. First, we include two contributed papers that were solicited for last year's supplementary volume but, due to the complications of getting this work done while the editorial office was moving to California, we failed to get into print. We are happy to publish them here and grateful for the patience of their authors. Second, we are very pleased to be able to publish Larry Sklar's presidential address.

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What makes the very labor-intensive job of the program chair worthwhile, finally, is the quality of the program and the published volumes. So, I thank the authors of the papers in this volume for the philosophically rich research and learning that kept me going throughout the process.

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