Introduction

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This introduction must begin with an apology. The final issue of each volume typically opens with an introduction that has several important functions. Most important of these is to acknowledge the work and contributions of the outgoing President and of the Krooss Prize finalists. However, events conspired against me and I was not able to finish my introduction on time for inclusion in the issue. My apologies then, first of all, to Mary O'Sullivan, whose Presidential Address, entitled "The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Capitalism," is a true tour de force. It was thrilling to listen to Mary present this paper at the Baltimore meeting in Spring 2018 and it is a thrill to now be able to publish it in the pages of *Enterprise and Society*.

My second apology goes to Krooss Prize finalists Claire Dunning ("Outsourcing Government: Boston and the Rise of Public–Private Partnerships"), Rachel Gross ("From Buckskin to Gore-Tex: Consumption as a Path to Mastery in Twentieth-Century American Wilderness Recreation"), and Mircea Raianu ("The Incorporation of India: The Tata Business Firm between Empire and Nation, c. 1860 – 1970"). Between them, these finalists again demonstrated the health of our discipline, each displaying thematic and conceptual innovation combined with great rigor and quality. Rachel Gross was a very deserving winner. As ever, we wish all three of our finalists great success as their careers develop.

As is normal, a full slate of research articles appeared alongside the Presidential Address and the Krooss Prize summaries, taking us from twentieth-century America to sixteenth-century Venice via North Wales and Malaysia. This current issue is similarly packed. Most excitingly we carry a special section on the relationship between oral history and business history organized by Robert Crawford and Matthew Bailey. The section, comprising six papers, explores various conceptual, methodological, and empirical dimensions to employing oral history methods in business history research and will, I hope, constitute a stimulating and very useful resource. In addition, we are delighted to publish five full research articles, each firmly planted in European soil, from Hungary to Britain via Italy and pan-European perspectives.

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The completion of last year's volume marked the end of my first full terms as Editor-in-Chief of *Enterprise and Society*. I am proud and honored that the Print Media Oversight Committee of the Business History Conference has invited me to undertake a second term in the role. I look forward to continuing to serve the organization and you, our readership. Finally, I want to end as tradition dictates by thanking all those that make the work we do at the journal possible: the Editorial Board; our Associate Editors Shane Hamilton, Per Hansen, Sharon Murphy, and Andrea Lluch, as well as Reviews Editor Betsy Beasley; all those involved at Cambridge University Press, especially Diane Davis and Brian Mazeski; and last but very definitely not least, Carol Lockman at Hagley. Finally, we must thank our referees. Without their diligence, application, and insight, our work would be impossible. Enterprise and Society is lucky to be served by an outstanding roster of scholars. Those assisting E&S between September 2017 and August 2018 included:

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