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Our new president, Dr. Michael McPherson, is now on board, and we would like to thank him and Provost Wayne Roberts for their enthusiasm and firm endorsement of the on-going internationalist efforts at the College. Macalester is poised to make a difference in the national effort toward a transnationalist liberal education.

Finally, we register our great debt to Dr. Anne Sutherland. For three years, she put her considerable intelligence and scholarly experience at the service of International Studies and Programming at Macalester.

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The Macalester International Roundtable, an intellectual festival convened each October, is an occasion for serious conversations across the College on topics of transnational significance. The practice is to commission a set of essays—keynote addresses, followed by four additional essays delivered by seasoned scholars—which become the center of debate and discussion. Each of the four essays receives public response from a Macalester student, a faculty member, and a fellow of the World Press Institute, which has been affiliated with the College for more than thirty-five years. The purposes of the Roundtable are to cogitate together upon crucial but difficult global questions and to cultivate further the equipoise that minds of the Macalester academic community have long been expected to hold between local anxieties and transnational pressures.