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With the assembling of the raw materials for this volume, we bid farewell to Mary Vincent Franco, our Assistant Editor since 1994. During her time at International Studies and Programming, Mary managed our office operations with efficiency and kindness noted by everyone who came in contact with us. Moreover, no memorandum or publication came out of ISP without first passing through her meticulous examination. This was particularly the case with all the preceding volumes of *Macalester International*. We wish Mary great success in her new endeavors.

We also are delighted to announce that Margaret Beegle has joined us recently. An undergraduate at Michigan State University and with a graduate degree from the University of Minnesota, Margaret brings to us years of experience in a variety of academic settings. She is the co-author of *I Remember Like Today: The Auto-Lite Strike of 1934*. We welcome Margaret and feel quite confident, as already demonstrated during the production of this volume, that her careful intelligence will be a boon for both ISP and the College. Finally, we express our sincerest thanks to the authors of the main essays as well as the Macalester respondents.

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 — a keynote address, 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.