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Each Macalester International Roundtable has its own unique configuration of individuals and themes. Yet the infrastructure and logistical support remains consistent through the years. We salute the College Relations team, which notably includes Douglas Stone, Nancy Peterson, Kim David, Paula Leonhart, and Barbara Laslett, for their suggestions and reliable competence. Our gratitude also extends to the Campus Programs staff, particularly Sarah Cledwyn and Cindy Darrow, for their assistance with logistics. Moreover, we recognize the Facilities Management staff and dining room staff for their skills to manage crowds and provide excellent service. Media Services, especially in the form of David Reynolds, deserves our special appreciation. Deprived of a working sound system, not much could be accomplished. Not least, we thank student workers Paul Bisca, Erin Gullikson, Virginia Hungate-Hawk, Cassie Veach, and Urvashi Wattal for their critical proofreading skills.

Now we have a new announcement on the editorial structure of *Macalester International*. For the better part of the past thirteen years, Ms. Margaret Beegle and Dean Ahmed Samatar, with the splendid contributions of our students, have carried the burden of editing each volume. That ultimate responsibility will stay the same. However, the birth of the Institute for Global Citizenship affords us an opportunity to spread some of the obligations. The Institute subsumes, among others, the activities of the now-defunct International Programming unit, and so the organization, editing, and publication of the annual International Roundtables has become part of its work. Consequently, we have decided to create a new editorial board. The main task of the board is to help with the planning and implementation of the significant projects of the Institute, and to offer editorial advice and input on major publications. All the members of the new editorial board occupy important positions of leadership in the Institute. Andrew Latham is one of the two associate deans and associate professor of political science. Michael Monahan is the Director of the International Center. Michael Porter is the Director of the Internship Program. Karin Trail-Johnson is the other associate dean of the Institute and Director of the Civic Engagement Center. Each one of them is a seasoned professional and fully committed to the glory of Macalester. I welcome them to the

continuation of the International Roundtable tradition and the exciting venture of making good on the other promises of the Institute.

The Macalester International Roundtable, an intellectual festival convened each October, is an occasion for serious conversations across the College on topics of transnational import. The practice is to commission a set of essays — a keynote address, followed by an additional two presentations delivered by seasoned scholars — which become part of the discussions. Each of the two essays receives a public response from a Macalester senior student and a member of the faculty. The primary objectives 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 global pressures.