

FROM THE EDITORS

We often use this column to draw attention fortuitous connections (commonalities and contrasts) among the articles herein published—articles usually conceived and written in relative independence from one another. The present contents provide a nice case in point.

The aggressive style of Michael Wreen's counter-attack against Walton and Brinton on the topic of the correct analysis of *ad baculum* arguments—an ironic combination of use and mention, carried off with tongue firmly in cheek in the service of serious logical matters—forms a vexing juxtaposition with the papers by Kathleen Miller and Deborah Orr, which explore the difficult, nuanced issues surrounding the connections between feminism and critical thinking, patriarchy and logic. Does Wreen's article illustrate the model that Miller finds quite compatible with feminist modes of communication and evaluating? Is it a stretch to read Orr's investigation of the logic of moral reasoning as implying a commentary on Wreen's discussion of the argument from the stick? Edwin Coleman's critique of the alleged fallacy of arguing from authority does not so clearly raise such questions, but it belongs together with Wreen's article in an increasingly popular genre that has turned fallacy-conceptualization on its ear: the unmasking of fallacies as good arguments.

Extra thanks to Jonathan Adler, our intrepid book review editor, for conceiving and assembling the discussion of Roy Sorenson fascinating book, *Thought Experiments*. It was an inspiration to start the discussion with a précis of the book by the author himself. The ensuing vigorous critiques by Martin Bunzl and Richard Feldman, followed by Sorenson's generous reply, make for pleasing as well as instructive reading.

Trudy Govier's review of *New Essays in Informal Logic* outlines and critiques its several articles which, she concludes, deserve the attention of the informal logic scholarly community.

Masthead readers will have noted Pierre Boulos's name alongside Mark Letteri's, our long-time Managing Editor. Budget cuts at our University have removed Mark's position, to our great loss. Our thanks go out to Mark for his dedication and hard work over the past several years. This year we received a three-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant which, while it does not enable us to afford to keep Mark, does provide us with some funding for editorial assistance, and we are fortunate that Pierre, who is working on his dissertation in the philosophy of science, was looking for part-time employment and fits our operation nicely.