

# From the Editors

We are pleased to present this Special Issue of *Informal Logic* devoted to the work of Nicholas Rescher that has had an important bearing on the development of informal logic and argumentation. The topics covered—plausible reasoning, inconsistency, rationality, and fallacies in argumentation—constitute a cross section of Rescher's work on logic. He has written over 40 monographs and numerous articles, and his influence has been felt in almost every area of philosophy. He is currently the editor of *American Philosophical Quarterly* and the *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, and the executive editor of *Public Affairs Quarterly*. Rescher has been a member of our Board of Referees and a strong supporter of work in informal logic. Last November he was honored by colleagues and associates with a Colloquium at the University of Pittsburgh marking 30 years of service there.

We hope you will find the contents of this Special Issue stimulating. More Special Issues are planned for the future.

We would like to correct an oversight in the last issue. Pat Castagna compiled the Index in Vol. 13, No. 3, and we wish to thank him for his freely given help in this regard.

Finally, we take this opportunity to welcome the newest member of our editorial staff—Dr. Jonathan Adler, Department of Philosophy, Brooklyn College. Jonathan has agreed to serve as the Book Review Editor—and we look forward to working with him to bring you up-to-date with useful reviews.

## A Word from *Informal Logic's* Book Review Editor

Since the scope of *Informal Logic* is broad and interdisciplinary, I want to review related works in neighboring areas including rhetoric, linguistics and pragmatics, education, and cognitive psychology. (In fact, this issue contains a good example—the review of Deanna Kuhn's empirical study of competence in argument by Jonathan Baron.) Suggestions for appropriate books to review are welcome, particularly in these areas. Also, those of you who are interested in contributing reviews are invited to let me know. Aside from reviews and review articles (or critical studies) on recent works (and some near-recent works that we may have overlooked), two other types of reviews will be solicited. First, I think it would be valuable to publish reexaminations of important, and perhaps, underappreciated, historical works in light of contemporary developments. Again here, suggestions and volunteers are welcomed. Second, we will publish very brief (125 word limit) abstracts of textbooks in the field written by the texts' authors. While I intend to write to all textbook authors, any of you who would like to get right to it, without waiting for my prompt, are encouraged to do so.

Thanks.  
Jonathan E. Adler

