

A Note from the Editor

WITH MIXED EMOTIONS, I ANNOUNCE THE retirement of Norman L. Wiltsie on June 30, 1992, after serving as editorial associate of the *Milbank Quarterly* since 1977. I am delighted that he will have time to enjoy a much deserved break from the rigors of helping to run the journal. I and my colleagues at the *Quarterly* and the Milbank Memorial Fund are saddened, however, by the departure of a talented, meticulous, and gracious colleague.

During Norman's 15-year tenure at the *Quarterly*, he corresponded with thousands of authors and reviewers. His persuasive diplomacy, when applied in the service of enlisting reviewers and reminding them of overdue evaluations, sustained our editorial process. He regularly corresponded with authors and, when necessary, apprised them of the status of their manuscripts. In addition, he attended to the myriad of tasks associated with publishing a journal. An unbroken theme throughout his work was a concern for the integrity of the language, expressed in wry comments on articles and items that he read or in careful pruning and tactful querying of writing by *Quarterly* colleagues. Norman's work not only was exemplary, but it was also performed with extraordinary courtesy and a lively sense of humor that brightened the premises as much as the geraniums in the office window box that he tended so carefully.

We do not have the words to thank Norman adequately for his dedicated tenure at the *Quarterly*. Nevertheless, I and David Willis and Ronald Bayer, the previous *Quarterly* editors who also had the privilege of working with Norman, express our appreciation to, and fondness for, an outstanding colleague. We wish him a retirement full of crossword puzzles, Cole Porter lyrics, and interesting excursions, some of his many delightful avocations.

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