

Editor's Note

This issue of *RSA Journal* marks a significant change in the internal organization of the journal, with an Editorial Board and an international Advisory Board dedicated to ensure contributions of high quality, together with the double blind peer review procedure. *RSA Journal* was founded in 1990. Since then, its mission has been to promote new critical and theoretical perspectives in American Studies. The journal is committed to publishing the best essays by both established and emerging scholars who are members of the Italian Association of North American Studies, while also becoming a place for the circulation of ideas within the international American Studies community. Through the years, this was made possible by the work of many colleagues in the Executive Committee of the Association and of the Editorial Board of the journal, in particular by the dedication of Giuseppe Nori, who acted as Editor from 2004 to 2014.

I was honored to be named Editor of *RSA Journal*. I will work closely with the Editorial and Advisory Boards to maintain and expand the journal's preeminent role as a publication committed to scholarly research which reflects the highest standards within the Italian academy and other institutions, and is engaged in contributing to the international debate.

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