From the Editors

This issue of the *Journal* marks the beginning of its second decade of publication by the Hartman Institute. We could not have reached this milestone without the foresight, the insight, the initiative, and the editorial skills of our founding Editor, Rem B. Edwards.

After shepherding this *Journal* through its formative decade, Rem has decided to step back a little and pass the baton to others in the Institute. After serving as a co-editor, along with Vera Mefford for the past three years, I have consented to assume the duties of Editor. This issue marks my first one as Editor. I am deeply grateful to Rem for his leadership and tutoring of me during this transition. And I am also grateful that both Rem and Vera continue to serve as co-editors. Thank you both.

This issue of the *Journal* continues to follow the practice we began in 2017, which is to publish, in each issue, samples of Hartman's previously unpublished writings. Hartman regularly delivered a series of lectures about his work, which have been stored in the archives with the title *Five Lectures on Formal Axiology*. Last year (2017) we published *Lectures I-III*. Here we are publishing *Lectures IV* and *V*.

Anyone who has read Hartman's autobiography, *Freedom to Live*, may recall that he taught at MIT for a brief while during the mid-50s. The backstory of Hartman's time spent at MIT though, has for me, been sketchy, as I suppose it has been for many others. Until now. In this issue of the *Journal*, historian Peter Kizilos-Clift provides details of this important phase of Hartman's career and explains Hartman's role in helping that Institute to confront, in the nuclear age, an assumption widely held among many scientists that science is—and should be—value neutral.

Mark A. Moore, former doctoral student of Hartman's, writes in this issue, along with co-author Hong Zhang, about their foray into using machine learning—in particular SVM—to better analyze degrees of extrinsic value than Hartman was able to do using Pascal's Triangle.

Finally, in this issue, frequent contributor Gilberto Hernández Carrasco continues a line of reasoning he has discussed in previous issues (2011, 2014) about applications of formal axiology to human development. In his current article, Gilberto proposes a quality model for the management of the Evangelical Christian Church using formal axiology.

We hope that readers of this Journal will derive value from this mix of articles. We hope you find them informative, enjoyable, intellectually challenging, or all the above.

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