FROM THE EDITOR

This year's Journal reflects the wide variety of people who are studying and applying formal axiology in the world today and it reflects the depth of their knowledge and their intellectual rigor.

In the first essay, philosopher Rem Edwards introduces the reader to an axiological interpretation of spirituality. Next, historian Peter Kizilos-Clift offers a compelling historical narrative of the conference on *New Knowledge in Human Values* that was hosted in Cambridge, MA in 1957, for which Hartman was one of the key organizers and speakers. These philosophical and historical contributions are followed by two empirical studies by academics and practitioners from the United States and Mexico.

Amanda Jaimes-Bautista and Fernanda Zenizo report their findings from a longitudinal study of the changes in value patterns of educational personnel as measured by the Hartman Value Profile over a period of five years. Of major interest is that the five-year timeframe during which their study took place includes the COVID-19 pandemic and its disruption of educational systems the world over.

In a second empirical study, Shannon Clowney Johnson and Malcolm North report their findings from a quantitative study of toxic leadership, as those traits are measured by other means and by the Hartman Value Profile.

Robert S. Hartman spoke and wrote a lot about matters related to business, economics, and ethics. But most of his writings on these topics have not yet seen the light of day. They remain unpublished. We discovered some manuscripts related to these topics in the Hartman Archives at the University of Tennessee Special Collections Library. Therefore, we are including a previously unpublished essay by Hartman, himself, in this volume of the *Journal*. Included here is an undated manuscript entitled, *Ethics and Economics*.

Finally, we offer the reader something that is, for an academic journal, very different than the usual fare. It is a dialogue that began as an email between Doug Lawrence and Rem Edwards, and which expanded over a matter of weeks to include commentary and insights by ten axiologists whose names will be familiar to members of the Institute and to long-time readers of this Journal. This unplanned, and unfolding, dialogue shows the level of keen interest that contemporary scholars and practitioners have in continuing to refine and advance the theories that Hartman first voiced during his lifetime.

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