FROM THE EDITOR

Imagine a one-room house with several doors on each side. There are no windows. You cannot see inside. And the doors are all locked. You don't have a key. Yet, somehow, you intuit that if you could only get inside, then you would find there some valuable new insight about the theory and practice of formal axiology. Now, imagine that someone walks up to you and hands you a key ring with a hundred keys on it. A dozen doors; a hundred keys. At least one of those keys, for sure, will unlock one of those doors for you. A different key may unlock a different door for someone else.

That' how I see this issue of the *Journal*. Formal axiology is difficult to comprehend. Yet, the more insight you gain, the clearer becomes your understanding of it. The authors of articles in this issue have provided us with at least a hundred keys by which we may each further our understanding of this theory and its practice. Which idea from which author means the most to you is not necessarily the same idea that means the most to another reader. That's okay. What matters is that each person who devotes the time and mental energy to absorb, reflect upon, and learn from what these contributors have written will increase his or her understanding of Hartman's work and its application to our world today. Enjoy the journey.

As the current Editor of this *Journal*, I want to apologize to our readers for the unusual delay in publishing this issue. This past year was an especially tumultuous one for me, professionally. I have found little time or mental capacity to devote to these editorial duties. I am grateful to our co-editors, Vera Mefford and Rem Edwards, both of whom stepped in to do the heavy lifting of reviewing, editing, and copyediting the manuscripts submitted for our consideration.

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