Reviews in American History Welcomes New Editor

Reviews in American History, a comprehensive journal designed to keep academics abreast of new literature in the field, has big plans for the future. Thomas P. Slaughter, the Arthur R. Miller Professor of History at the University of Rochester, took over as editor in 2009. The journal is published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

“I won’t be changing its fundamental character because RAH is simply the best journal of its kind and had a brilliant run under previous editor Louis P. Masur,” Slaughter says. “I do envision some new directions for the journal, to expand coverage and to promote dialogue among historians.”

Published for nearly 40 years, RAH features in-depth reviews of over thirty books in American history in each of its quarterly issues. Slaughter’s plans call for intellectual exchanges, roundtables, and reflections. The exchanges and roundtables will be on a particular book, topic, or field. The reflections are by senior scholars looking back on their careers.

Additionally, Slaughter plans to cover more thoroughly areas such as gay and lesbian history, Atlantic history, Hispanic history, legal history, the history of science, and the history of American religion, while continuing the journal’s unparalleled coverage of other topics and sub-fields.

He and his staff—Managing Editor Denise Thompson-Slaughter and three University of Rochester graduate students each year—will do this by expanding the size of the journal, including more multiple book reviews and more reviews of individual books.

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