New Editor at Perspectives in Biology and Medicine

Perspectives in Biology and Medicine welcomes a new Editor to the helm of the journal. Martha Montello, an Associate Professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, has accepted the position and will publish the first full issue under her editorial team in Summer 2014.

Perspectives, now in its 56th volume, is published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. The journal publishes essays that place important biological or medical subjects in broader scientific, social, or humanistic contexts. The essays cover a variety of topics – including philosophy, ethics, and the history of science – in an informal style for an audience of scientists, physicians, educators, students, and scholars.

“I look forward to the challenge of this role because of my long-standing admiration for Perspectives,” she said. “We have an opportunity to publish thought-provoking work that provides new ways of thinking about important issues and combining different fields of study.”

Montello has worked as a review editor for Perspectives and serves as a reviewer for six journals, including Literature and Medicine, which is also published by JHUP. Her main scholarship and teaching focus is in the area of biomedical ethics.

A literature scholar with degrees from Cornell College and the University of Maryland, Montello is the Director of Medical Ethics Education, and the Writing Consult Center at The University of Kansas School of Medicine. She co-chairs the Hospital Ethics Committee for the University of Kansas Medical Center. Montello also holds an appointment as Lecturer at Harvard Medical School.

Managing editor Solveig C. Robinson from Pacific Lutheran University will continue with the journal. Robinson, as well as Robert Perlman, editor emeritus of Perspectives will work with Montello during the transition period.

“We thank the authors who have contributed over the years to make Perspectives a valuable publication, and we are looking forward to exciting new contributions in the years to come,” Montello said.

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