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## From the Editors

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With this issue of the *African Studies Review*, Deborah Rotman, our office manager for the past year, steps down to concentrate full time on writing her dissertation in historical archaeology. Debbie brought abundant computer and organizational skills to her work and a strong commitment to speeding up the turn-around time for making decisions about the manuscripts we receive. In Debbie's year with us, the average time it takes from the first receipt of a manuscript until we make a decision to accept or reject (bearing in mind the external reviews) has dropped from more than eight months to about four months. Thank you, Debbie, for your terrific contributions both to us as editors and especially to the authors of the manuscripts we receive. While we still mail out manuscripts to external peer reviewers, we are increasingly relying on e-mail to receive reviews and to transmit accepted-for-publication manuscripts. We can easily imagine in the near future when most of the manuscript submissions will arrive in digital form, and that offers the possibility of an even shorter turn around time. We are sensitive to the fact that many *ASR* authors and reviewers, especially those in Africa, cannot take advantage of this technology, thus we will not inhibit or occlude their engagement in the manuscript submission or reviewing process.

Replacing Debbie this month as the *ASR* office manager is Leyla Keough, a new graduate student in anthropology at UMass. Welcome, Leyla.

Also with this issue of the *ASR*, the journal is being mailed to subscribers during the month that is printed on the cover. We have finally caught up, and we expect to sustain this currency.

Ralph Faulkingham  
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