Editor’s Notes

In the last year Essays received 26 new submissions and we had three papers still pending a decision from the prior year. Of these 29 papers, a decision was reached on 21 (eight others still pending). Five papers were accepted and appear here while the remaining 16 were rejected, yielding an acceptance rate of 24 percent. The average time between submission and initial decision was 42 days with a high of 145 days and a low of 1 day. We strive to get back to authors within 80 days of submission and we succeeded in this goal in all but three cases.

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Stephanie Crofton and Neil Forbes, two associate editors whose terms ended in 2016. Stephanie and Neil served with distinction for many years and were instrumental in the evolution of EEBH over the past decade. In their places, Essays has added two new associate editors for this issue—Nicky Tynan (Dickinson College) and Simon Mollan (University of York). We look forward to the contributions these two scholars will make to Essays in the years to come.

You may have noted that you are reading volume 35, issue number 2. The first issue of this year’s volume was a special collection of 15 peer reviewed articles in honor of Christer Lundh, Professor of Economic History at the University of Gothenburg. Some printed volumes are available for purchase and the complete issue is available online at our website (http://www.ebhsoc.org/journal).

I deeply appreciate the tremendous work put forth by the 75 or so individuals who have served as referees for Essays over the past year. In keeping with tradition, we acknowledge our referees every two years so as to better maintain anonymity—thus formal thanks to these individuals will come in 2018. Finally, the Economic and Business History Society thanks Central Michigan University’s College of Business for its fifth consecutive year of generous financial support toward the publication and production of EEBH.

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President’s Report

Report on the 2016 Economic and Business History Society Conference

We are delighted to report that the 2016 EBHS Conference in Montreal was, by all accounts, a resounding success. The conference included 108 papers as well as a roundtable discussion on insights regarding teaching economics and history in another culture. We had participants from all continents and, for the first time in the society’s history, some papers, panels and sessions were presented in French.

The Conference was held at the Hyatt Hotel, which is located downtown on Ste. Catherine Street. Our annual group excursion was to Montreal’s historic Red Light District—the neighborhood historically home to cabarets and illegal businesses from as early as the mid-nineteenth century. The keynote speaker at our annual banquet was Professor Joanne Burgess (University of Quebec at Montreal); we are enormously grateful to her for delivering a talk on beautiful Montreal’s history that was stimulating, erudite, and entertaining!

We are appreciative of University of Quebec at Montreal and the École des Sciences de la Gestion (ESG) for supporting the conference; special thanks must be extended to colleagues at the former institution for their help with preparing conference materials. A vote of thanks is also due to the EBHS webmaster, Olli Turunen (University of Jyväskylä), for managing the online processes which greatly eased the burden of handling conference registrations and proposals.

Lisa Baillargeon, 2015-2016 EBHS President
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