Editorial

With this issue of *The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*, we say ‘goodbye’ and express our warmest thanks to Maryon McDonald for her work as Editor-in-Chief. She oversaw the re-launch of the journal in 2012, with Volume 30, and has steered it with great success since. In addition to distinguished stand-alone articles, the journal has been especially characterized during this time by a highly innovative series of Special Issues and Special Sections, which have sought to open up new topics and subject matter to anthropological investigation, and to bring anthropological theory and ethnographic enquiry to bear on topics of widespread current concern, where the concepts and assumptions shaping policy debate tend to be damagingly constrained or muddled by ethnocentric and/or prematurely normative assumptions. In this way the journal has made a distinctive contribution to enriching both academic anthropology and a range of areas of discussion beyond the academy. This is a very significant achievement and we thank Maryon for the breadth of vision and the intellectual verve with which she has pursued it so successfully.

The present Special Issue remains true to this vision. Patrick McKearney and Tyler Zoanni have brought together a fascinating set of articles that give us rich new empirical accounts of the lives of people with cognitive disabilities and raise, simultaneously, urgent practical questions about the regimes of care in which they are, and might better be, accommodated, and intellectually vertiginous questions about the fundamental character of human social life, and the scope and limitations of our understandings of central constituent features such as reason, freedom and responsibility.

The next issue of the journal will be the first under our new Editor, Andrew Sanchez. We are most grateful to Andrew for taking on this responsibility and wish him well in pursuing his own distinctive set of objectives and ambitions for the journal.

We should like also to express our continuing gratitude to everyone at Berghahn, for the imagination, care and professionalism with which they support this venture, and indeed anthropology as a discipline in general.

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