

# From the Editor

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For the past sixty-seven years, *BYU Studies* has published scholarly articles, books, personal essays, and poems with a lasting impact. The work of *BYU Studies* has richly shaped our conversations about, and conversion to, the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of the important things we know about the Restoration and how to live it have come from *BYU Studies*—much of which is simply part of the air we breathe, though we may no longer recognize their provenance.

As the new editor in chief, it is immensely humbling to stand on the shoulders of so many who have dedicated themselves to creating work that blesses the world. Over the last several months in this new position, I have been continuously impressed with the top-quality professionalism and faith of all those involved.

Readers of a *BYU Studies* article, book, essay, or poem enjoy the fruits of many months (sometimes years) of effort from the authors, peer-reviewers, editors, and production staff. Our team's focus is applying rigorous academic tools to serve our readers with the best and most recent scholarship on the teachings, scripture, and history of Christ's work.

So many deserve high praise—particularly Matt Christensen (editorial director), Katie Lewis (senior editor), Marny Parkin (production designer), Derek Gurr (digital media manager), Melanie von Bose (publications coordinator), and Leigh Ann Copas (publications coordinator). I owe a great debt to Steven C. Harper, who stepped down as editor in chief last year. He and his predecessors have been masterful in guiding *BYU Studies*. These colleagues, along with many others over the years,

have devoted their incredible talents to publishing. It is remarkable to be part of a team that endeavors to “publish peace” (Isaiah 52:7).

Looking ahead, our aim is to sustain the commitment to rigorous, accessible, and faithful scholarship—welcoming the best work that deepens understanding and strengthens discipleship. We hope to do so with intellectual honesty and Christian charity, engaging difficult questions in a spirit of faith.

It is an honor to continue the wonderful legacy of *BYU Studies*. To all those involved—past, present, and future—I say, thank you for dedicating your time and talents to work that blesses Christ’s kingdom and each of us in it.