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Starting last year, we started a system of associate editors. I thank Richard K. Caputo, John Grable, George W. Haynes, José Alberto Molina, and Jean E. Wallace for their willingness to help building up this emerging, interdisciplinary field that focuses on important family economic issues. How does it work? Whenever I receive a new manuscript, I will assign it to one of the associate editors based on their expertise, interests, and time schedules. The associate editor will lead the blind peer review process and send me a recommendation after the review is complete. Then I will read the reviews and recommendations, make a decision and send the decision letter to the author. I also lead the peer review process myself if I receive a manuscript that does not fit all associate editors' expertise, interests, or time schedules.

Last year is also the year in which we fully used Editorial Manager, the online editorial management system to manage the submission and peer review process. The new

system provides efficiency and convenience for the authors, reviewers, and editors. We are still in the stage of learning this system. I would like to thank Nithya Sudhakar in Springer who has provided prompt and needed assistance whenever we need help.

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