From the Editor

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I am delighted to announce that the *Journal of Medical Humanities* has become a partner journal of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH). Our journal joins 12 other outstanding publications in bioethics and medical humanities, all of which support the mission of ASBH in “[promoting] the exchange of ideas and [fostering] multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and inter-professional scholarship, research, teaching, policy development, professional development, and collegiality among people engaged in clinical and academic bioethics and the medical humanities.”

We have included a commentary, “The Virtue of Incongruity in the Medical Humanities,” by Tod Chambers, the immediate past-president of ASBH and one of our editorial board members. Chambers reflects on how many of us in the disciplines of health humanities and cultural studies do our work: what political goals motivate us, what theoretical perspectives enlighten us, and what academic practices and positions distinguish us from our intellectual sibling, bioethics.

What always brings scholars and educators working in either (or both) medical humanities and bioethics together is the annual meeting of ASBH which will be October 15–18, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. The theme, “Translating Bioethics and Humanities,” explores the opportunities and challenges of interdisciplinary discourse and practice such as bringing ethical theory to the bedside, art and literature to the clinic, and silenced voices to the mainstream. For more information about the meeting, the partner journals, and the organization itself, please go to the ASBH website at <http://www.asbh.org/>.

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