A Tip of the Hat to Our Peer Reviewers

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Serving as a peer reviewer for one or more papers in an academic journal is often a time-consuming but anonymous (and thankless!) task. Regardless, peer-reviewed journal articles continue to be the “golden” standard in academia, enabling researchers not only to share findings with colleagues across both borders and disciplines but also to earn institutional credit toward tenure and promotion. Authors of articles do not deserve the entirety of the credit, however: peer reviewers play a crucial role in improving manuscripts in terms of content, accuracy, and significance.

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We at the *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*—including all editors, members of our Editorial Board, and authors published in the *JB*I—would like to instigate a new tradition of taking a moment to formally thank our peer reviewers. We will do so on a yearly basis by publishing a list of peer reviewer names in each volume’s fourth issue. Although this list will appear at the end of a calendar year, due to the nature of the academic publication process (i.e., the several-month lag between submitting manuscripts to production and the printing of the actual journal), the list will include scholars who have peer-reviewed one or more articles from September of the previous year to September of the current year. The following list of reviewers, since it is our first, goes beyond this time-frame and includes those who have peer-reviewed for the *JB*I approximately during the past five years (when the *JB*I began using the online manuscript submission and peer-review system Editorial Manager).

To all of our kind reviewers, as Shakespeare wrote in *Twelfth Night*, we “can no other answer make but thanks, / And thanks” for your expertise, feedback, and time. We know “oft good turns / Are shuffled off with such uncurrent pay” (III.iii.15–17) but that, as G.B. Stern maintained, “[s]ilent gratitude isn’t much use to anyone,” either.

If Cicero was correct in that “there is no duty more obligatory than the repayment of kindness,” then we as journal editors and journal authors are clearly in your debt.

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