Editorial

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We are delighted to bring you this special double issue of *Monash Bioethics Review* inaugurating the Journal's transition to publication by Springer in 2014.

Monash Bioethics Review has been produced by the Centre for Human Bioethics at Monash University (in Melbourne, Australia) since 1981. Established by Peter Singer and Helga Kuhse in 1980, the Centre for Human Bioethics is one of the oldest centres of its kind—and the International Association of Bioethics was originally founded and based here. More recently, in 2014, the Centre became a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Bioethics.

Originally titled *Bioethics News*, the Journal was initially published directly by the Centre; and from 2009 to 2013 by Monash University Publishing. The 31 volumes published prior to this move to Springer, though including important contributions from leading figures in bioethics, were previously available only in hard copy, or with partial online coverage and limited access. We are thus very excited to see the first 31 volumes of the Journal, which had been largely inaccessible, now widely available online via SpringerLink (as will be future issues).

Our decision to publish with Springer was partly motivated by the aim to make *Monash Bioethics Review* a more international journal. To this end, we have also reconstituted the Editorial Board to increase its global representation. We warmly welcome our new Board members, who include many of the most prominent figures in the field.

We are also pleased to announce a unique new feature of the journal: “All Articles Open for Commentary”. From this stage forward the Journal will welcome submissions of 1,000 to 2,500 word commentaries on any articles (or commentaries)

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previously published in the journal. Such commentaries will be peer reviewed; and those accepted will be published in hard copy and online (with links to/from the relevant article and/or other relevant commentaries).

To commemorate the Journal's re-launch, for this Special Issue we invited contributions from a combination of senior leading figures and rising stars in bioethics; and we have received excellent papers on a wide range of topics. James Wilson explores the relationship between theory and practice in bioethics, and develops an innovative proposal for translational ethics. Holm and Bennett critique Savulescu's Principle of Procreative Beneficence by highlighting implications they consider to be problematic. McMillan, Walker, and Hope defend the value of patients retaining hope even in grim circumstances. Wilkinson and Savulescu defend the idea that disability can provide a legitimate basis for neonatal intensive care resource allocation decision making. The next two articles are concerned with topics in research ethics. Rid identifies lessons to be learned from competing conceptions of 'minimal risk' in research ethics. Douglas argues that, contra the idea of scientific isolationism, scientists have obligations to consider dual-use implications of their work when deciding what to research or publish. The last three papers focus on topics in public health ethics—which has been one of the fastest growing subdisciplines of bioethics during the past 15 years. Dawson objects to health promotion initiatives which he thinks rely too heavily on education campaigns, defending a degree of paternalism. Schüklenk (a previous Editor of *Monash Bioethics Review*) and Zhang critically evaluate common approaches to the problem of obesity in public health (ethics), and call for more empirically-informed analyses and policy recommendations. Quigley, finally, engages contemporary debates about "nudges" in public health, arguing that paradigm examples do not involve coercion.

We are grateful to these authors for leading the journal forward into this next era—and to those who served as peer reviewers of articles in this special issue. We also take this opportunity to thank all those who have been dedicated supporters of the journal in various ways over the years: subscribers, past Editorial Board members, and peer reviewers. We also express special thanks to Floor Oosting and her colleagues at Springer for their commitment to the Journal and all their hard work that has made this transformation possible.