



Five years... and still going

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During the past 5 years, I worked very closely with Luciano Boschiero. As co-editors, we saw 15 issues of *Metascience* into print. Each issue contained about 35 pieces, including essay reviews, standard reviews, book notes, and symposium contributions. That is over 500 pieces! I do not know how we did it!

A lot happened in both Luciano's and my careers during our time together. Luciano had a sabbatical leave in the United States, traveling across the country visiting various archives and collections. I had a sabbatical leave at MIT, which provided me with the opportunity to complete a book manuscript, and continue my research at the T.S. Kuhn archives. Luciano became the Dean of Studies and Director of Operations at Campion College in Australia. And I moved to Denmark, to work at the Center for Science Studies at Aarhus University.

I enjoyed working with Luciano for the past 5 years and I want to thank him for all of the work that he did. Luciano and I have complementary skill sets, which manifested itself most vividly when it came time to preparing the table of contents for each issue. Though we have worked closely over these 5 years, we have never met in person. We have only had Skype meetings. This seemed strange until now. During this time of COVID-19, having a completely virtual relationship seems quite normal. Or, at least, it has become the new normal. Although Luciano leaves the role of co-editor, he continues to work with *Metascience*, as he has rejoined our editorial board. Thank you, again, Luciano. I look forward to working with you in your new role.

Recently, we received some good news from Springer/Nature. *Metascience* has been recognized for its Editorial Excellence. Apparently, our contributors have been very pleased with their experience working with us. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Lori Nash, our managing editor, and our most direct contacts at Springer, Eric Pieren and Ties Nijssen. Lori, who works out of the Center for Science Studies in Aarhus, keeps our records straight, is a liaison with the publishers, reminds us of late reviews, and is involved in the editing. Eric is involved in the production of the journal. We are in regular contact with Eric, as each contribution is sent to him for production. Ties represents

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and promotes the journal at conferences, as well as at Springer. They have been a great team to work with. Our editorial excellence has depended upon everyone's hard work and commitment to the journal. I would also like to thank our many contributors, first for their contributions to the journal, but also for the recognition that made this award possible.

In the last issue of *Metascience*, Luciano introduced the new co-editor of *Metascience*, Jonathan Simon. I want now to personally welcome Jonathan to his new role with *Metascience*. Jonathan is not completely new to *Metascience*. Not only did he begin working with Luciano last fall, he has also been a member of our Editorial Board for a number of years, providing guidance when called upon. Jonathan brings to the journal special expertise in the history and philosophy of chemistry, medicine and pharmacy. He is based in Nancy, France, in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Lorraine.

The job of journal editor is always changing, as academic publishing changes. In addition, as I do not have to tell you, we are all experiencing the changes wrought by the spread of COVID-19. Fortunately, in Denmark we have been allowed to walk in the woods even during the lockdown. We feel very fortunate during this time, as we know that many are suffering not only from illness and the loss of loved ones, but also from the psychological stress that has come with being prisoners in our own homes. For some, which was a pleasant surprise for us, this has been an ideal time to agree to review books and to send in reviews. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to review a book during this difficult time. Thank you also to the publishers who have continued sending books out for review. As scholars, we need our books. I miss sitting in my office, surrounded by all of my books. Indeed, I hope one day to be back there again when things return to normal.

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