

Editor's Note

Dear reader, please enjoy the compilation of articles (all of them related to the American South) and book reviews now in front of you. I have officially been the editor of the *American Studies in Scandinavia* for an entire year, although this is the first issue for which I have full responsibility as the editor. It was an arduous year of work for both me and the previous editor, Anders Olsson, because the journal was badly behind its publication schedule.

We are now catching up with the schedule, and after the one (46:2) now in front of you, you will receive both the issues of 2015 (vols. 47:1 and 47:2) during this year. With the entire NAAS board I hereby send my heartfelt thanks to the previous editor for his hard work for the journal over so many years. I wish also to thank the NAAS board and particularly NAAS President Maria Holmgren Troy for her tireless responses to my pleas for advice and support throughout the preceding year.

In addition to catching up the publication schedule the NAAS board has recently been dealing with the fairly complicated financial situation of the journal. We will of course do whatever we can to ensure the successful future of our peer-reviewed journal, established in 1968. The journal enjoys a steady flow of article proposals from all over the world. In fact, the hardest part of the editor's job (alongside worrying about the finances) is to persuade established scholars to work as our peer-reviewers. I here appeal to all our readers to consider accepting such a request whenever the journal approaches you with one. Nevertheless, we now have a lot of interesting articles in store for you in the issues to follow during this year.

The journal's book review editor is Professor Pirjo Ahokas from Turku. Should you encounter an interesting book and wish to have it reviewed, or better still, to review it yourself, please contact her at pirjo.ahokas@utu.fi

Finally, do not forget to attend the 24th NAAS Conference in Oulu, May 11-13, 2015, where the NAAS General Meeting will be also held on Monday, May 11.

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