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## *Note from the Editor*

The present volume, the first in an annual series, takes its place between two other Oxford series, one devoted to ancient philosophy and one to the early modern period. The aim is to publish the best of current research in medieval philosophy, understanding that category quite broadly, so as to include all aspects of philosophy in its modern sense, to range from late antiquity to the Renaissance, and to cover all of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

The richness and diversity of all this material, spanning a dozen centuries, is astonishing, but what is more astonishing still is that it has, for so long, been neglected. The term ‘mediaeval’ was coined to facilitate setting aside a long line of centuries felt to be uninteresting, those middle ages between ancient and modern. But what a wealth of material to leave unaccounted: the Christian philosophy of ancient Rome; the classical philosophical tradition in Islam and Judaism; the Carolingian renaissance; the philosophy of Byzantium and of the European monasteries; the first four centuries of academic philosophy at Paris, Oxford, and elsewhere. What others haven’t wanted, we take gladly, like a box of gifts still unwrapped after all these years.

*Robert Pasnau*  
*Boulder*

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