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## Editorial

Hello and welcome to Issue 23, the spring edition of the postgraduate produced Rosetta Journal. In this issue, we're proud to present book reviews engaging with a great range of fields within the ancient history umbrella: the origins of human urbanism, craft in ancient Egypt, the landscape of the Roman republic, Hellenistic and Late Antique oratory and, excitingly, even ancient Christianity! Finally, we continue with the theme of Egyptian history as Dr. Yousri Abdelwahed presents his findings on the Harpokratia festival in Graeco-Roman Egypt, at which wine, bread and lentils were consumed and a purificatory procession took place. Abdelwahed argues that this festival was essentially a local event and not pan-Egyptian, due to the small number of confirmed locations at which it took place. The article also discusses the nature of the god Harpokrates; thus it will doubtless be of interest to those wishing to learn more about Egyptian child deities and incarnations of the ever-fascinating god Horus. We have a good number of additional articles currently undergoing peer review for our summer edition; I therefore eagerly anticipate what new research might be published then!

It has been a privilege to manage the Rosetta Journal this year, and to be both General Editor and Book Reviews Editor, meaning I have been able to both oversee the editorial process and actively take part in it. In particular, it has been gratifying to receive so many book review requests and submissions this year (we anticipate plenty more for our summer issue this June), thus allowing Rosetta to take part in ongoing academic discussions and debates at the forefront of many fields. Our multidisciplinary nature continues to be a benefit in this regard, allowing us to engage in discourses with many different areas of study, as can be evidenced by the sheer range of topics which our book reviews consider in this issue.

I'd further like to thank Thomas D'Amore for quickly becoming an excellent Articles Editor with such short notice, as well as, of course, our IT team, Amy and Raphael

without whom the journal could not be published. I am proud to head such a professional postgraduate team.

We hope you enjoy browsing this issue's publications and engaging with the views put forth, whether in agreement or disagreement. Happy reading!

Robin Diver

General Editor