

Letter from the Book Review Editors

In Spring of 2015, we began our appointment as your book review editors. We write to you now to report on our collaborative work with our reviewers as we leave the stage and make way for incoming book review editor, Courtney Adams Wooten.

We began our tour by identifying twenty-two categories for reviews and four review genres. To dispel the notion that only tenured professors are qualified, we also asked your help in creating a new list of specialist reviewers without regard to seniority. Here is how the story unfolded:

With our colleagues, we published reviews in five issues and one special issue. We published seventeen traditional reviews, three multi-book reviews, one research report, and one policy report. Among our twenty-two contributors we count four graduate students, three instructors, four assistant professors, five associate professors, four professors, and two endowed/named professors. We have had editors of three of our field's journals, as well as chairs and presidents of our organizations. Our reviewers represent the astonishing range of interests that come together in the uniquely pragmatic and theoretically-informed work of writing program administration.

Through so many different reviews of so many varied texts, we have come to realize how much attention is given to individual students at their desks. That deep and enduring commitment has tremendous moral value, and we have been privileged to witness it.

Words fail. Our gratitude does not. Play on, and catch the conscience of kings.

—Norbert Elliot
Book Review Editor

—Jacob Babb
Associate Book Review Editor