

OF EDITORS, NEW AND OLD

It is a great pleasure to inform the readership of *The Review of Politics* that the University of Notre Dame has appointed Catherine Zuckert as editor. Her term commences in August of this year. She is Nancy Reeves Dreux Professor of Political Science at Notre Dame where she was appointed in 1998. She came to Notre Dame from Carleton College where she held an endowed chair in political philosophy and had served with distinction as teacher and scholar over many years. Catherine Zuckert comes to the leadership of *The Review* with a remarkable and unprecedented set of relevant experiences. She successfully placed early writing of hers in this journal and then came to serve on its editorial advisory board, a group of scholars outside Notre Dame charged to oversee *The Review's* quality and direction. She authored book reviews here in the 1990s. Having served as a manuscript reviewer often over the years before and since, she became an associate editor of *The Review* upon her appointment at Notre Dame. She served as editor for an important scholarly collection she published with Yale University Press, and she co-edited, with her husband Michael, a special issue of the *Legal Studies Forum* on "Politics and Literature." She has served or is serving on the editorial boards of *Polity*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *PS*, *Interpretation* and *College Teaching*. Beyond such and even more notable professional recognition, what is especially important to the future of *The Review* is the rich learning, scholarly thoroughness, good sense and fairness that Catherine Zuckert brings to the leadership of this journal.

In January, within days of the announcement of Professor Zuckert's appointment, word came to Notre Dame of the death of Thomas Stritch. Professor Stritch, devoted to *The Review* from its very founding and one who knew personally every editor from Waldemar Gurian to this writer, served as acting editor in two important transitional periods (1974-77, 1981-82). His formal association with *The Review* had begun in 1972 when he became managing editor under M.A. Fitzsimons. After more than sixty years at Notre Dame as student, faculty member, administrator and editor, Professor Stritch returned to his native Nashville Tennessee where he died at the age of 91. In his book of memories and reflections on those Notre Dame years (*My Notre Dame*, 1991) Thomas Stritch wrote of the early years of *The Review* doing "more for the intellectual reputation of Notre Dame, especially abroad, than any other single agent" Earlier in the book he wrote of his years of endeavoring to attract strong manuscripts to *The Review*

and becoming convinced as he traveled to academic centers that *The Review* “was the best service to the outside academic world in the humanities Notre Dame had.” All of us who have benefitted from *The Review of Politics* are indebted to Thomas Stritch for his timely and intelligent service to what developed from Gurian’s idea for Notre Dame.

As I entered this final year of my second five-year term as editor, it was apparent that this was the right time for other applications of my efforts and for new leadership here. Altogether I have been involved with *The Review* for two decades in one or another capacity. In my early days as editor I had never expected to stay so long with this responsibility, but in large part because *The Review* is such a vital center for philosophical and historical scholarship on politics I have found the efforts here more intellectually stimulating and deeply satisfying than most would imagine. These ten years as editor have been assisted in critical ways by the discerning and energetic service of Peter Moody as book review editor and Dennis Moran as managing editor. I am especially grateful to them for all we have been able to do. I am also grateful to my predecessor, Donald Kommers, for the opportunities and direction he gave me in preparation for this office. Frederick Crosson, former editor, friend and teaching colleague, has been both astute and generous with his counsel through the years.

—Walter Nicgorski
Editor