A Letter from the Editors:

With the dawning of the millenium upon us, we take a moment to reflect on the past ten years of Episteme’s publication. In 1989, Episteme was introduced as the first undergraduate philosophy journal of its kind. Since that time, it has expanded to attain international recognition, receiving submissions from and distributing issues to colleges and universities in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and throughout the United States. As our statement of purpose indicates, Episteme provides a forum for exemplary work in philosophy at the undergraduate level. Over the past ten years our volumes have covered a wide array of thinkers and topics, ranging from Ancient to Contemporary and philosophical traditions including Analytic, Continental, and Eastern. We are pleased to offer here our Tenth Anniversary issue, comprising five essays examining Aristotle, Kant, Putnam, Ricoeur, Nietzsche, and others, thus exemplifying our publication of a diverse range of philosophical topics.

The articles presented in this anniversary edition have been selected from a record number of submissions received from across the United States. All papers undergo a process of blind review by the editorial staff and are evaluated according to quality of research, depth of philosophical inquiry, creativity, original insight, and clarity. Final selections are made by consensus of the editors and the editorial board. In light of our Tenth Anniversary this year, we are particularly pleased that two of the works published in this issue are from students in the philosophy department at Denison University.

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