## EDITORIAL



## Editorial: Advancing Debates in *Health Care Analysis*

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The current issue marks the start of my third year as Editor of *Health Care Analysis*. I have been, and remain, proud and honoured to hold this editorial position, which is both intellectually stimulating and, which I want to acknowledge strongly here, allows me to see the best of the academic community: the journal could not function without the enormous support offered by members of its editorial board, or of that provided by other reviewers of papers that are submitted. I, and the journal, owe a great debt of gratitude to all who assist the journal's central mission of advancing discourses between philosophy, health, and policy. In support of the goals to continue achieving the journal's ends, and given the diversity of approaches and areas of analysis that we cover, I am delighted to add to this expression of gratitude an announcement that the journal has now appointed three scholars to the position of Associate Editor. Jonathan Ives, Sorcha Uí Chonnachtaigh, and A. M. Viens, who have already given so much to *Health Care Analysis*, now have their heightened contribution and support recognised in that new role.

This year's edition of the journal begins with an exciting contribution by Jonathan Montgomery of University College London. Professor Montgomery's paper was presented at an annual lecture series, named in his honour, and hosted at the Centre for Health, Ethics, and Law at the University of Southampton: a Centre that he and Caroline Jones co-founded a decade ago, and at which I now work. Professor Montgomery's analysis brings to the fore the complexity of understanding and applying questions from bioethics within a practical, governance context. The synergies between his purposes and those of the journal are clear, and it is a pleasure to open this year's *Health Care Analysis* with such a stimulating article. I am also



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pleased to announce that as well as an exciting line-up of papers to be published this year, the journal will continue its tradition of publishing themed special issues.

Finally, it is with sadness that I mark in this editorial the death of Harry Lesser. Harry was a longstanding friend of the journal, serving on the editorial board for many years. All of us who knew him personally would attest to his kindness and generosity, as a scholar, teacher, and friend. Harry's contributions to philosophical bioethics, both directly in his own scholarship, and through his gentle and thoughtful mentoring and encouragement of others, will not be forgotten.

