

## Preface

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The thirty-eighth Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy took place on April 4th–6th, 2008, and this time it was the turn of philosophy of science. In keeping with the history of the Colloquium, we assembled an outstanding group of speakers, and the result is an excellent collection of papers on topics at the leading edge of the field.

The brief the main speakers were given was to present new work on general issues in the epistemology and methodology of the sciences, and to keep one eye on accessibility and interest to a broad audience of philosophers of science. No more specific areas were mentioned, and the title of the Colloquium was chosen after the papers came in. Even allowing for selection effects, the collective emphases on the practice of modelling and the notion of evidence says something about the current state of play in the philosophy of science.

On behalf of the Oberlin Philosophy Department, I would like to thank the speakers and commentators, the chairs, and all the other participants for making it such a rich and enjoyable weekend, and such a fine addition to the series.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A complete history of the Colloquium can be found on the Department's website.

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