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Once again, with Volume 13, Number 4, your editorial team has brought a year's worth of *Enterprise and Society* to a close. The December number conforms again to our classic layout, opening with the BHC Presidential Address by Professor Margaret Levenstein of Michigan. You may remember that the 2011 Address did not appear until March of this year, due to unusual complications. We are now back to standard practice. Then follow four dissertation summaries, drawn from the annual Krooss Prize competition. The 2012 group consists of Drs. Christy Chapin, Xaq Frolich, Noam Maggor, and Alexia Yates. The "regular" articles follow. Wendy Woloson dissects nineteenth century North American premium schemes; Tore Olsson unpeels Vidalia onions' role in global agribusiness; and Rachel Maines analyses rhetoric and reality in asbestos liability litigation. Alert readers may have noted that our September issue was sent forth without including book reviews. We do apologize for this; summer vacation schedules did not match submission due dates for OUP. Thus all delayed reviews plus a bundle of new ones will conclude this issue.

Another note worth sharing with our readership is that the BHC has commenced the search process for the next Editor-in-Chief, as my second term guiding E&S will close with our final issue of 2014 (Volume 15). The transition process is complex, so it is wise that the work begins two years in advance. Anyone who might consider assuming the helm of this sturdy ship should get in touch with Prof. Al Churella, the search committee chair, at: achurell@spsu.edu, in order to learn about procedures, deadlines, et al. For additional information, interested parties may also contact BHC Secretary-Treasurer Roger Horowitz (rhorowitz@hagley.org) or me (scranton@camden.rutgers.edu). I will say that it continues to be a great privilege to serve as this quarterly's editor, for it is a remarkable learning experience, though, yes, it demands a good deal of not-always-simple work.

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