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PREFACE

Our experience as editors of the *Cincinnati Romance Review* has been both challenging and rewarding. Our most difficult, but nevertheless our most interesting tasks were the reading and the selection of the articles submitted for publication. For this particular volume, we received nearly 100 papers of which we present you 27. The variety of topics and the excellence in research made the selection process extremely difficult and competitive. However, we were able to select those articles that were considered, by both our inside and our outside readers, as having a certain level of originality and a new, interesting approach to their subject matter.

As the editors of this fifteenth volume, we are grateful to the graduate students and the faculty of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures of the University of Cincinnati for their support and dedication. We are most appreciative of our executive editor, Prof. Jean-Charles Seigneuret, whose insight and guidance have proven invaluable in the realization of this endeavor. Special thanks as well to Donna R. Taylor for her patience and conscientiousness in revising and formatting this issue.

We hope that this volume lives up to the high expectations of our readers and that they will continue to find in our *Review* a forum for their academic interests.

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