

## Senior Editor's Note

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Ever since Berkeley started publishing his ideas in the first decade of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, commentators and critics have found outlets for discussing his life and doctrines. But in 1977 Ned Furlong and David Berman recognized a need to communicate information about not only the latest news and publications on Berkeley scholarship but also short notes relating to his life and thought. So in October of that year, with the support of the Department of Philosophy at Trinity College Dublin and the Royal Irish Academy, they published the first issue of the *Berkeley Newsletter*, a modest 12-page pamphlet distributed to a handful of scholars in Europe and North America.

The *Newsletter* appeared annually in its first nine years and every two years from 1987 to 1998 (when it ceased publication with Issue #15). In 2005 Bertil Belfrage spearheaded an effort to resurrect the *Newsletter*; and with the help of Silvia Parigi, Laurent Jaffro, Tom Stoneham, and especially Marc Hight and Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, the *Newsletter* appeared as Issue #16 in the online format you now see before you.

After reestablishing the *Newsletter* and guiding it through two issues, Bertil stepped down as senior editor last year. During those two years, it became evident that an online journal could accommodate full-length research articles as well as the notes, reviews, and announcements that characterized the newsletter. We have decided, therefore, to change the name of the journal from the *Berkeley Newsletter* to *Berkeley Studies* (Issue #18) to reflect its expanded mission. We will continue to provide updated bibliographic entries and news items; but we also invite those interested in Berkeley scholarship to visit the website of the International Berkeley Society (<http://georgeberkeley.tamu.edu/>) and to consult the IBS publication *Berkeley Briefs* for information about events relating to the study of Berkeley.

As in other professional journals, articles and notes published in *Berkeley Studies* are peer reviewed and listed in indexing sources (e.g., *The Philosophers Index*, the *International Philosophical Bibliography*).

One final note: some readers might remember that the IBS issued a pamphlet in 1988 entitled *Berkeley Studies*. It contained an essay by J. V. Luce about his father, A. A. Luce, and was intended by its editors, Ray Houghton and David Berman, to be the first of a series of pamphlets to be distributed to members of the IBS. However, no subsequent issues appeared. Ray and David have graciously given us permission to use that title.

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