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I would like to thank COV&R, the English Department, the College of Arts and Letters, and the Offices of the Provost and Vice-President for Research and Graduate Studies for continued support of the editing and publishing of *Contagion*. As an Editor I am especially dependent on the Editorial Board and many others who have willingly read submissions contributed from a remarkable variety of disciplines. I am grateful for their service.

As an English professor I have spent my life catching up with other fields and other languages. Editing *Contagion* has accelerated this lifelong study plan: Πιστεύειν δεῖ τοὺς μανθάνοντας.

What then is an English professor good for? Much of the work being done in the mimetic hypothesis does not start in English. When we want to move ideas from Bergen to Bergamo, sometimes English, sometimes French will do the job. Perhaps then an English professor can at least make good the promise to welcome, to take good care of submissions that didn't begin in English, but have been signed over to English by their authors.

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