Editorial

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 24th issue of the postgraduate produced Rosetta Journal. Regrettably, this will also be our last issue for a while. Rosetta is temporarily closing for the next academic year, although we do have plans to resurrect it after that point.

In this issue, you will find a fascinating range of topics which accurately capture the diversity and interdisciplinary nature of the journal. Our book reviews discuss ancient Jewish and Samaritan literature, Greek tragedy after the fifth century, Byzantine literature covering both the pagan labours of Herakles and the Christian New Testament, and finally, the reception of the ancient world in modern day children’s books.

We also have three articles showcasing original research. In our first article, Georgia Choustoulaki discusses the authorship of Against Aristogeiton I. The Demosthenic composition of this text has been disputed since ancient times, but Choustoulaki argues there are few compelling reasons for such doubt. The second article deals with the siege descriptions of the Greek historian Polybius, who wrote about Hellenistic warfare during the period of 264–146 BCE. Eugene Teytelbaum argues that Polybian siege descriptions were defined by both previous literary precedents such as Thucydides, and the author’s personal experience fighting in these wars. In our third article, Mor Hajbi considers the emergence of Christian holy sites in fourth century Palestine. Hajbi argues that the conversion of space corresponded not to the religious belief of the population, but to the aggressive political and theological aspirations of Constantine I during this period.

I am extremely grateful to have been able to serve as General Editor, Book Reviews Editor and Treasurer for Rosetta this year and will be saddened to let it go. It has been a privilege to work with the rest of the editorial team and to produce so many interesting pieces that add to broader academic debate. Our multidisciplinary nature has been a benefit in this regard, allowing us to engage in discourses with many different areas of study, as can be evidenced by the sheer range of topics which our book reviews consider in this issue.

Thank you in particular to our Articles Editor Thomas D’Amore and our IT Officer Raphael Lam.
We hope you enjoy browsing this issue’s publications and engaging with the views put forth, whether in agreement or disagreement. Happy reading!

Robin Diver

General Editor