

Preface

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For this issue of *Paidensis* we are grateful to Dr. Heesoon Bai for her hard work guest editing articles on its special theme, “Working Compassion.” Her editorial sheds light on the genesis and orientation of the contributions on this perennially timely subject. The six articles that comprise this section draw from different wisdom traditions in order to consider possibilities for compassion in these times of global suffering.

The Open Topic section of this issue features an article by Jani Koskela and Pauli Siljander titled “What is Existential Educational Encounter?” Engaging this paper, readers will deepen their understanding of the educational history and significance of the notion of “encounter.” They will learn of this concept’s relationship to humanist understandings of *Bildung* as well as to existential theories of human formation. This issue’s Book Review section contains an insightful commentary by Linda Overling on Claudia W. Ruitenberg’s and D.C. Phillip’s (2012) edited book, *Education, Culture, and Epistemological Diversity: Mapping a Disputed Terrain*. Overling concisely details the aims and scope of the chapters therein, and offers a favorable critique. Many thanks, David Waddington, for your work as *Paidensis*’ Book Review Editor.

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We are pleased to announce that the next issue will feature special themed articles edited by Dr. Don Cochrane on the topic “Sexual Minorities in Schools.” Please stay tuned as we will send email notification of its publication.