

## EDITORIAL

The North American Journal of Welsh Studies was first published in 2001. It represents the continuing interest in North America in the origins of its immigrants, and also provides a valuable and important transatlantic link to scholars working on Welsh studies in Wales and Britain more generally. This is the third issue of the new series launched in 2011. The journal 'belongs' to the North American Association for the Study of Welsh Culture and History. NAASWCH is a multidisciplinary association of scholars, teachers and individuals dedicated to advancing scholarship on Welsh studies, supporting the study of Welsh- American culture and fostering international bonds between scholars, teachers and the Welsh-American community. In July 2014 its conference was held at Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario, here plans were made to hold future conferences annually rather than biennially.

This is my last edition as editor of the journal. I am delighted to have seen four editions in the new series through to publication. The *NAJWS* has published a broad multi-disciplinary range of work from scholars at different stages of their careers, which has made it a very interesting journal to be edit. I'm also very pleased to acknowledge the support of the University of Huddersfield for the journal, including PhD students Tosh Warwick and Jo Dyrllaga, who have acted as editorial assistants. Others at the University have acted as peer and book reviewers, and I'm proud that we have, in West Yorkshire, in the heart of England, a group of scholars working in Welsh studies. Editorship is being passed on to Bangor University, where I wish the journal all future success.

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Paul Ward, October 2014