

From the Editor's Keyboard...

This is my tenth, and final, issue as Editor of the *Bulletin*, and this issue has given me a chance to look back at the past five volumes, to reflect on accomplishments as well on projects that have yet to come to fruition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who have supported the *Bulletin* over the past five years. First, I want to thank all of those who have served as Associate Editors: Asma Afsaruddin, Najwa al-Qattan, Betty Anderson, Michael Beard, Magnus T. Bernhardsson, Ellen-Fairbanks D. Bodman, Mine Çınar, Linda Darling, Susan Schaefer Davis, Michael Frishkopf, F. Gregory Gause, III, Erika H. Gilson, Bernard Haykel, Nadia Hlibka, Fatemeh Keshavarz, Azzedine Layachi, Fatemeh Moghadam, Amy Newhall, Sami Ofeish, Anne Rasmussen, Glenn Robinson, Houman Sadri, Omid Safi, Alison Snyder, Sultan Tepe, Keith Watenpaugh, Naomi Weinberger, Brannon Wheeler, and Birol Yeşilada. The Associate Editors do an enormous amount of work for the *Bulletin*, and I've been lucky to work with fine Associates. I've also had the good fortune of having three excellent Assistant Editors: Jack Foster, Joe Walker, and Adam Carey, and I thank each of them for taking on more than expected, and making the *Bulletin* a better publication. My special thanks go to Nadia Hlibka, who prepared the last four issues for press, to Amy Newhall, for her support, and to Dan Goffman, for getting me started with the *Bulletin*, and for helping me make the transition to Editor. Finally, I thank SUNY New Paltz for the financial and administrative support essential for this job; in particular I thank Gerald Benjamin, Dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences at SUNY New Paltz, for his financial support, and for recognizing the significance of the *Bulletin* editorship.

This issue of the *Bulletin* has a number of features I hope you will find interesting. Among them are Pinar Batur's interview with Nobel Prize-winning author Orhan Pamuk; another is Houman Sadri's article on teaching a Middle East politics course. This issue also includes the index for volumes 36-40, prepared by Adam Carey.

The best part of being Editor of the *Bulletin* is hearing from readers with their ideas for new features, and from those of you who've taken on the task of writing articles, reviews, obituaries and other items for the *Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* truly is the people's journal, and I look forward to continuing to read excellent and informative articles and reviews as Dr. Gregory Starrett, of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, takes over as the new *Bulletin* Editor.

I thank you for your interest and support, and look forward to seeing you at the next MESA meeting!