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# NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### A NON-SEXIST EDITORIAL POLICY

With this issue of LARR, the Review has adopted a policy of eliminating the subtle forms of discrimination against women which so often are practiced as a matter of course in the process of discussion and writing. Specifically, this means that in that part of the journal which is actually written by a LARR editor, it will not be assumed that the identity of the scholar, researcher, officer, protagonist, or whoever else, is necessarily masculine. It is for this reason that the term "chairman," which has been steady fare in "Meetings" of the News section, is being replaced by the word "presiding," which precedes the name of the person who performs this act. Likewise, in editing copy received from other sources to be used in LARR, the editors will encourage contributing authors to use fair general references, such as "he or she," "one," "the scholar," and similar non-determining words and phrases.

### NEWS SECTION REFORMS

As noted in the editorial section of the last issue of LARR (VI, 1), in the interest of improving the quality and structure of the News section, and more generally, of better serving the community of readers with an interest in Latin America, a number of changes have been made in this section. Some, as will have been noted by way of cursory examination of that issue, are organizational, and aim primarily to facilitate reading and consultation. In the current issue of the *Latin American Research Review*, somewhat more radical measures have been used, with the result that there is a change in the scope of the News section. The "Movement of Professionals," which has over the years, sporadically and with considerable lag between event and reportage, noted the comings and goings of Latin American scholars, will no longer appear in LARR. This news will instead be carried, and indeed has been in two past numbers, of the periodical *Newsletter* issued by the Latin American Studies Association, under the editorship of Diane Holloway, Executive Secretary of LASA. While it is realized that the readers of LARR are not precisely equivalent to the membership of LASA, it seemed nonetheless preferable to turn over this section to an organ which would give it greater currency and systematic coverage. Information on the movement of professionals may henceforth be sent directly to Diane Hol-

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loway.\* LARR will also continue to gather this information by means of its regular questionnaire, and then forward it for use in the Latin American Studies Association *Newsletter*.

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