

## An Editorial Note

THIS SPECIAL ISSUE on Postcolonial and Queer Theory and Praxis is largely the result of the efforts of the co-editors Terry Goldie (York University) and Robert Gray (University of Alberta), who had already assembled most of the articles included here when they approached *ARIEL* with the idea of a special issue on this fascinating intersection of two contemporary literary and cultural theories. These ten articles (among which are the two written by Terry Goldie and Robert Gray that were included at my insistence) should give *ARIEL*'s readers an insight into the distinct yet interlocking histories, theories, and praxes of the postcolonial (or postindependence or postoccupation—we are still in pursuit of the right term) and the queer. Informative and analytical, these articles debate a number of issues significant to both schools and cover various texts, taken from a range of societies and regions, from Galilee to the South Seas, from Trinidad to South Africa, from Daphne Marlatt's world of *Ana Historic* to Shyam Selvadurai's *Funny Boy*. These articles are complemented by a handful of poems; lack of space kept some other fine poems out of this issue.

I should like to thank Terry Goldie and Robert Gray for their initiative in getting this issue together. Robert Gray worked indefatigably through the later stages of the production of the issue, engaging graciously with all the tedious aspects of copyediting and proofing. I should also take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions at editorial and production stages of various graduate editorial assistants (interns) in the Department of English, University of Calgary, to this and other issues of *ARIEL*; their names are listed on the masthead of each issue.

I want to remind readers that the special issue of *ARIEL* on "Institutionalizing English Studies: The Postcolonial/Post-independence Challenge," co-edited by Gauri Viswanathan, is now slated for the January 2000 issue (Volume 31, Number 1), and the deadline has been extended to 30 September 1999. Additional information on this issue can be found on the back cover of this current number.

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