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As with many transitions, this one is bittersweet. The beginning of our period as coeditors marks the passing of a stellar era for JAEPL under the leadership of Joonna Trapp and Brad Peters. Without doubt, JAEPL flourished under their watch both in terms of quality and impact of the journal, and we are exceedingly grateful for the expertise and dedication that Joonna and Brad brought to their co-editorship. They have graciously offered to help us in assuming our new roles, and we will be taking advantage of their kind offer to ensure that we meet the high standards they have set. Many thanks, Joonna and Brad, and best of luck to you in your new endeavors. You have indeed left your mark.

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