President’s Message – December 2008

I want to welcome you to the return of the *Southern Journal of Canadian Studies*! We are proud to bring our journal back and offer our members the opportunity to publish their research in the field. As the premier publication of the Southern Association for Canadian Studies, our purpose is to offer those interested in Canadian Studies an opportunity to review a diverse range of topics in the field and contribute to the broader discipline.

In the coming months the *Southern Journal of Canadian Studies* will be putting forth calls for papers in a number of areas. Special topics issues are on the drawing board and we are hopeful that we will be able to shape and direct what will be a noteworthy publication of excellent scholarly endeavours.

The Southern Association for Canadian Studies is a multidisciplinary organization that welcomes faculty, students, and other interested persons to join us. We seek to broaden the knowledge and understanding of Canada and Canadian culture and to promote an appreciation of Canadian contributions in the fields of commerce, science, the arts, public policy and the humanities.

I hope that you will enjoy this issue of the *Southern Journal of Canadian Studies*. If you are not already a member of SACS then I invite you to join us. Please contact me if you have any questions about SACS. Thank you for reading and remember that Canada matters!

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Editor’s Message

I echo Richard Parker’s welcome to this new edition of the *Southern Journal of Canadian Studies*. Richard, along with his predecessor Zagros Madjd-Sadjadi, are to be commended for their efforts in revitalizing SACS and its journal. As part of this process, they asked me to become Editor of the journal, an offer I gladly accepted.

As Richard notes, we have a number of initiatives for revitalizing the journal. An electronic format will ensure that the publications are more easily accessible and more widely distributed. Regular thematic calls for papers will be circulated, though unsolicited submissions not related to volume themes are welcome. The book review section will be expanded.

Please contact me to discuss the journal or to submit articles. I look forward to hearing from you.

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