

## EDITORIAL

A book entitled: *Women in World Religions* was published by the SUNY Press in 1987. The reception indicated that it met a felt need. It also seemed to vindicate the historical and phenomenological approach to the study of women in world religions. The relevance of both subject and method seemed to call for an ongoing forum to continue discussing themes covered in the book. We therefore decided, with the cooperation of the SUNY Press, to launch a journal providing such a forum.

This journal will appear as an annual. Due to the common ground it shares with the book mentioned above, of which it is a lineal descendant, we have decided to call it *The Annual Review of Women in World Religions*.

This *Annual Review of Women in World Religions* has been conceived as polymethodic, interdisciplinary and multi-traditional in its approach to the study of women and religion. It will not only allow the comparative dimension to appear in bolder relief, but will also help establish a dialogue between the two solitudes of humanistic and social scientific studies in the field. We hope that it will be welcomed in academic circles.

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