

Preface

This volume gathers together selected symposium papers presented at the Philosophy of Science Association Meeting, held in Chicago on November 6–9, 2014. Fifty-five symposium proposals were submitted for the meeting, from which 30 (54%) were selected—leading to roughly 120 papers presented in symposia. This volume includes the 40 papers chosen by the program committee, organized by symposia, along with Helen Longino’s presidential address.

It is a pleasure to thank the many individuals who have helped bring this volume to press. First, I must thank the members of the program committee, whom I relied on heavily throughout this entire process:

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The committee persevered through a heavier-than-expected workload for this meeting, because of higher rates of submission, with surprisingly good spirits. I cannot thank them enough for the integrity and good judgment they exercised throughout.

My approach to this job was shaped by my stint on the PSA 2012 program committee, chaired by the inimitable Andrea Woody. As well as being an exemplary chair, Andrea provided thorough, effective advice throughout my tenure, and it is a pleasure to thank her for her generous assistance. I also gratefully acknowledge help from Steve Downes, program chair for PSA 2010. Several colleagues helped to identify potential members of the program committee. I will not list their names here, for fear that the committee members may not share my gratitude.

Jessica Pfeifer deserves nearly all the credit for creating such a stimulating meeting out of the raw materials selected by the program committee. Her expert management belies the fact that this was her first PSA meeting as executive secretary. I am enormously grateful for her help and guidance,

which kept my job manageable. I am also grateful for assistance from Gary Hardcastle, the PSA's previous executive secretary, and from our colleagues at the History of Science Society, especially Jay Malone and Greg Macklem.

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It is a pleasure to thank Helen Longino and the Governing Board of the PSA for the opportunity to play this role. It has been fascinating to see the breadth of research being pursued by the members of the PSA and rewarding to interact with scholars from across the discipline. My final thanks goes to those who submitted symposium proposals and papers. The quantity and quality of the contributions made the deliberations of the program committee all that much more difficult, but they reflect a growing and thriving scholarly community.

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