

EDITOR'S NOTE

The first issue of 2014 is a themed number titled 'Friendship, Morality, and Experience'. It brings together the work of five scholars who present different topics and perspectives on the anthropology of friendship. The collection has its origins in a panel discussion carrying the same name held at the 2011 American Anthropological Association annual meeting in Montreal. The organizers of the panel, Valerio Simoni (The Graduate Institute, Geneva) and Jason Throop (University of California, Los Angeles), compiled the papers and offered them to *Suomen Antropologi*. They have also written an introduction for the collection, where they supply an overview of the subject and the content of the articles. Friendship has become a prominent topic in anthropology of the 2000s and we are happy to provide a publishing platform for its theoretical and ethnographical development.

The summer has begun on a sad note as we mourn the untimely passing of our beloved colleague and friend, Professor Karen Armstrong. She died on the 29th May 2014 after undergoing brain surgery. Her contribution to Finnish anthropology, both as a scholar and teacher, was immense and she was also a key figure in the development of this journal. Professor Armstrong was the Editor-in-Chief of *Suomen Antropologi* from 2000 to 2006—a period during which the journal was transformed from a domestic publication into an international one. For instance, it was during her editorship, in 2002, that an international editorial board was first established, consisting of a number of renowned anthropologists. Hence, she laid a solid foundation, on which her successors, Marie-Louise Karttunen and myself, found it easy to build. Over the years Professor Armstrong's own work has also been published in the pages of the journal. Her last contribution was a review of an edited volume on the anthropology of empathy, showing her keen interest in the latest anthropological research topics. A full obituary will be published in the next issue of the journal.

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