

EDITORIAL STATEMENT

The launch of the *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* affords a unique opportunity for philosophers around the world to participate in the birth of, not simply another philosophy journal, but a *preeminent* philosophy journal. Achieving preeminence will require

- Publishing papers that go out on a limb, papers that start trends rather than merely adding epicycles to going trends.
- Publishing papers from early-career philosophers as well as established philosophers already recognized for their work.
- Publishing papers on topics that draw from and appeal to diverse philosophical constituencies and traditions.
- Publishing readable papers that can be appreciated by philosophers not already steeped in the subject matter.
- Providing a quick turnaround for submissions and the timely publication of accepted papers: no backlogs, no embargos.
- Providing comments to authors aimed at improving papers and not merely singling out reasons for rejection.

Some existing journals satisfy one or more of these conditions, but few, maybe none, satisfy them all. The editors are dedicated to the idea that the world does not need yet another philosophy journal; the world needs a philosophy journal that serves philosophers by providing a venue for fresh, innovative, accessible scholarship.

Please join with the APA, the editorial team, Cambridge University Press, and the Editor in making the debut of the *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* a resounding success.