

# Editors' Foreword

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*Ken Coates & Amanda Graham*

After some twenty years and twenty-four issues, Judith Kleinfeld is retiring as a Senior Editor of the *Northern Review* as she continues with other projects as a professor emerita at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. We are enormously grateful for her thoughtful and professional contributions to the journal.

Ken had known Judith for many years before she joined us in 1992 (Number 8/9), through both her sparkling and provocative scholarship and her unstinting promotion of Northern Studies. She used her long-time base at UAF to develop a formidable reputation for informed and engaged multidisciplinary scholarship. Judith first came to my attention through her remarkable work on fetal alcohol syndrome, being one of the first northern scholars to move beyond medical evaluations of FAS/FAE and to focus on the care, treatment, and encouragement of FAS children and their families. Her superb writing on the Alaskan frontier experience and on the values and lifeways that shaped the North represents only the latest phase of a career of productive and innovative scholarship. We know the projects that receive her attention now will benefit from the same unflagging energy and boundless enthusiasm for the North that she devoted to the *Northern Review*.

Amanda came to know Judith as a remarkable scholar and generous mentor through the journal. She brought invaluable perspectives to our collaboration and has been superb as a Senior Editor—guiding the review process, encouraging her many academic contacts and colleagues to submit articles, and promoting the journal across the North. The journal has benefited enormously from her sage and friendly advice. Many of the articles we have published are much better as a result of her guidance and advice. Senior Editors are often rather quiet figures in the world of academic publishing, working very hard to bring new ideas, new writers, and new perspectives to the attention of the scholarly world. In this work, Judith has been tireless and invaluable.

As we say thank you, farewell, and good sledding to Judith, we are delighted to welcome Mary Ehrlander to the role of Senior Editor. Mary is associate professor of history and director of Northern Studies at UAF and, like Judith, she cares deeply about the North and stands ready to ensure that the rich veins of Alaskan scholarship are mined to the benefit of the this journal, the circumpolar academy, and the people of the North. Thanks, Mary, for taking up this important role.