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## Editorial

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Another academic year is coming to a close and with it my first full year as editor of this review. It is amazing to see how vibrant scholarship on the Civil War continues to be. Hundreds of books have passed through this office in the past year adding to and expanding upon our understanding of the Civil War Era. The reviews, columns, and interview in this issue exemplify the extent of Civil War scholarship.

Our first featured review is Michael Kreyling's *A Late Encounter With the Civil War*. This slim volume reviews how the war has been remembered and explored since the end of the conflict. *Confederate Slave Impressment in the Upper South*, by Jaime Amanda Martinez explores the relationship between Southerners and the Confederate government over slaves during the war. The story of Margaret Garner and the horrors of slavery are brought to light in *Gendered Resistance: Women, Slavery, and the Legacy of Margaret Garner*, edited by Mary E. Frederickson and Delores M. Walters. The final featured review for this issue reviews General John Bell Hood's first battle in command after replacing Joseph E. Johnston in *The Battle of Peach Tree Creek: Hood's First Sortie*, written by Robert D. Jenkins, Sr. This issue also features *I Am Abraham*, a wonderful fictional account of the life of Lincoln by Jerome Charyn.

Frank Williams' column this issue, *A Look At Lincoln*, reviews two recent works on Lincoln's relationships with important constituencies. While *Civil War Treasures* this issue written by Jennifer Mitchell, explores political confrontations along the path that led to the Civil War. Finally, we have a very interesting interview with Kathryn Shively Meier where we discuss her recent work *Nature's Civil War: Common Soldiers and the Environment in 1862 Virginia*.

Overall, as many of you head for your summer breaks, there are many new and exciting books about a wide range of topics which you can add to your summer reading list based on the reviews, columns, and annotations of this issue.

On a final note, the Civil War Book Review would like to take a moment to wish our editorial assistant Hannah Childress well in her future endeavors as she moves on to bigger and better things. Her hard work will not be forgotten by those connected to the review. Enjoy your summer!