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Editorial

I am very happy to introduce this special edition of *The Northern Mariner*, which combines issues three and four of 2023. I made the decision to combine the two issues in an effort to speed up the journal's publication process and give us a chance of getting back on schedule in 2024.

The issue contains five research articles and two commentaries on a wide range of interesting and diverse topics, as well as a broad selection of book reviews. I want to thank all the authors for their incredible patience as they waited for the publication of this double issue.

We have some great content lined up for the next few issues. If you have an article, research note, commentary, or review essay that you are interested in publishing, I urge you to submit as soon as possible.

I know this editorial is less robust than what I have provided in the past, but rest assured there is a lot of wonderful reading ahead for you in this double issue. I hope you find its content intriguing, educational, and insightful. As usual, I would also like to thank editorial board members Roger Sarty and Rich Gimblett, book review editor Faye Kert, and production editor Walter Lewis for their assistance and guidance.

All the best,
Peter Kikkert
Editor, *The Northern Mariner*