

Editors' Introduction: Fall 2023 Issue #9

We are very pleased to share with you the ninth issue of the PHRS Bulletin. In this issue we fix our gaze on the ancient past with two scholars of antiquity who help us see ways that ancient religious responses to public health have something to teach us today. In our [first article](#), Associate Professor of Early and Medieval Christian History, Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, describes how ancient Christian communities understood and practiced care for those in poverty and poor health. The article points to ways that faith and action were deeply intertwined in the ancient past in ways that remain relevant in our time. In our [second article](#), Professor of Religion and the Healing Arts, Susan Holman, highlights recent publications and resources for those in public health who want to teach about ancient intersections of religion and health but don't know where to begin. In her article, she details textbooks, articles, (and even podcasts!) that might serve as perfect starting points. Dr. Holman is also our guest editor for this issue and helped curate content that will be meaningful for PHRS Bulletin readers who work at the intersections of religion, spirituality, and public health. As always, we also provide an updated list of [PHRS resources](#) featuring new empirical work, upcoming conferences, and webinars.

This issue marks our fifth year of publication! During our annual meeting this past summer, the PHRS board and editors discussed many ways the network and Bulletin might continue to deepen and expand in years to come. We are currently exploring some of these ideas and look forward to sharing updates with our readers in the coming months.

Warmly,

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