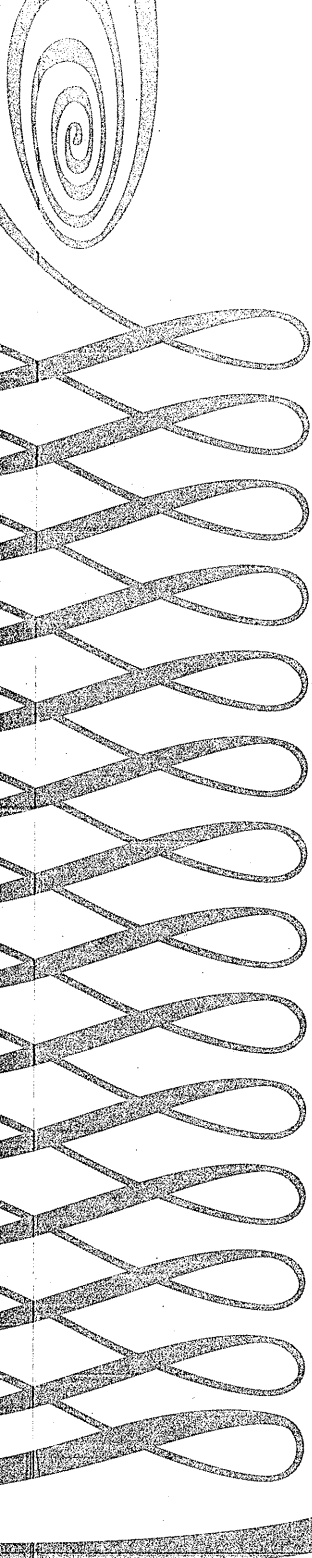


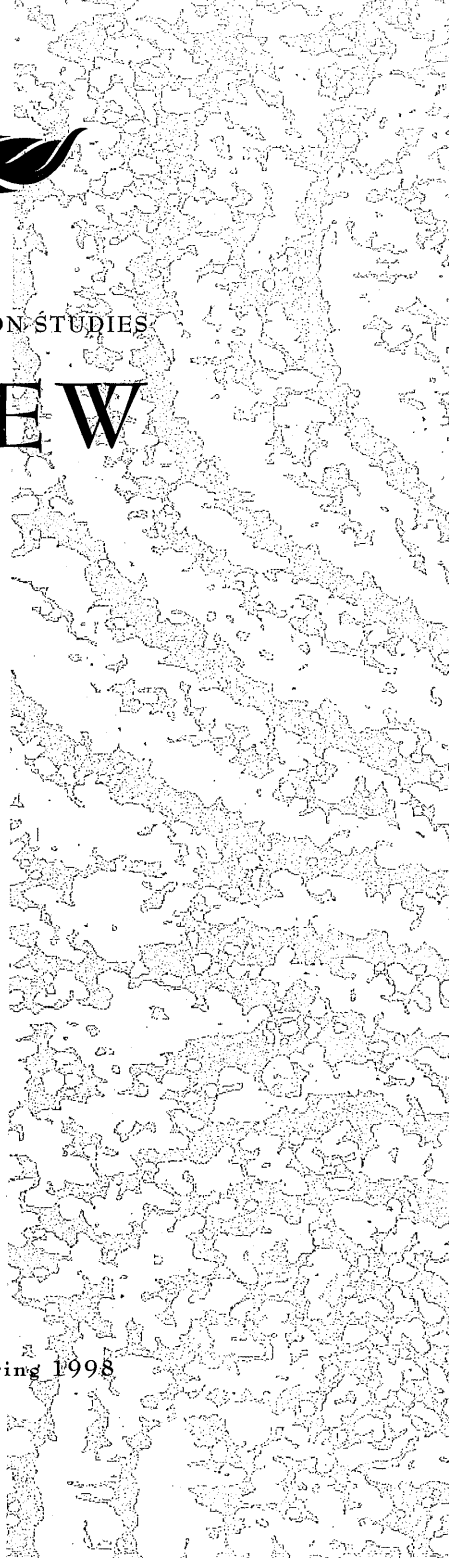


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Editorial

As this issue comes to you another successful and enjoyable Annual Conference is behind us. While the spartan conditions of a Catholic men's college in a Melbourne winter may not have appealed to all, the warmth of the scholarly fellowship and the heat of the lively discussion more than compensated. Plans are already underway for AASR in Sydney next year.

One particularly pleasant outcome of the conference we would like to share with all members is the unanimous decision to dedicate a plenary session at each year's conference to an address on some aspect of women's religion to honour Penny Magee.

We acknowledge with great gratitude the effort and commitment of Marion Maddox in co-ordinating the special section on Religion and Politics. Other members interested in taking on the challenge of editing a special section in their particular area of expertise are encouraged to come forward.

We would like to thank the many members who have commented favourably on the new format of the ARS REVIEW. If the steady stream of papers offered by members and non-members alike is any indication, we must be doing the right thing. We also greatly appreciate the opportunity to encourage young scholars in the field which is offered us by lecturers sending on the work of promising students.

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