Tribute to Roger Shiner

This last printed edition of Philosophy in Review brings it to the verge of two remarkable transitions: the change to electronic publication and its separation from its founding father, Roger Shiner. In 1975 Professor Shiner, who was then at the University of Alberta (UA) and Managing Editor of The Canadian Journal of Philosophy (CJP), teamed up with Herb Ratnach, a fellow soccer player and owner of Art Design Printing Inc. (an Edmonton based print shop, specializing in Books and Journals), to create Academic Printing and Publishing (APP). APP printed or published CJP and other journals based at UA. In 1981 Roger and Herb, seeing the need for a review journal for books in philosophy, started Canadian Philosophical Reviews. In order to make CPR distinctively Canadian, hence bilingual, Roger partnered with the late Nicolas Kaufmann of the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, as English and French Co-Editors, respectively. As Québec-based journals gradually assumed responsibility for Francophone publication in philosophy, CPR became predominantly Anglophone, more international, and eventually donned its current name, Philosophy in Review, in 1997. In 2006 Roger passed on the editorship of the journal to us at the University of Victoria, while he continued as its publisher and business manager in his capacity as head of APP. When Philosophy in Review moves to a completely electronic format in its next issue, it will for the first time stand on its own without Roger’s direct support and guidance.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Shiner for his part in bringing this journal into existence, for keeping it in existence through a quarter century of tireless dedication as its editor and publisher, and finally for entrusting it into our hands. We also take this opportunity to pay tribute to Roger for everything he has done for philosophy in Canada, and thereby for the profession of philosophy and philosophy itself. Roger’s multifaceted contribution to philosophy, as student, teacher, scholar, writer, editor, publisher, friend and fellow pursuer of wisdom cannot be measured, but it is recognized. Without you, Roger, many of us would not, like Philosophy in Review itself, not be in philosophy today. For all you have done, and continue to do, thank you.

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