Historical scholarship is often defined as the study of change over time. The *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* itself is occasionally the venue for change, and this issue marks a change in book review editor. We would like to thank Richard B. McCaslin, chair of the history department at the University of North Texas and a distinguished scholar of Texas and Civil War history, for his service in that role since July 2014. He has maintained high standards for the book review section despite many other obligations. Succeeding him is Nancy Baker Jones, Ph.D, of Austin. She is president of the Ruthe Winegarten Memorial Foundation for Texas Women’s History and has an extensive résumé of projects promoting the study of history over several forms of media, and her publications include “The Way We Were: “Gender and the Woman’s Pavilion, HemisFair ’68,” which was published in the April 2016 issue of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*. She is also the general editor for Texas A&M University Press’s Women in Texas History series.

*The Courthouses of Central Texas.* By Brantley Hightower. (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2015. Pp.192. Maps, illustrations, notes, bibliography, index.)

Brantley Hightower in this volume examines fifty courthouses in Central Texas, which is approximately one-fifth of all of the courthouses in the state. The subject is treated with an extremely high level of graphic sophistication. This is established no later than pages ii–iii, which shows a two-page spread showing the principal elevations of all fifty courthouses, drawn to scale. Simply perusing these two pages is rewarding in itself. The exercise is repeated at the very end of the book with thumbnail versions of modern-day photographs of the courthouses. Equally interesting is the spread showing thumbnail versions of maps of courthouse squares with the immediately surrounding blocks. This allows for a comparison of the many different approaches to siting a courthouse vis-à-vis the square and nearby buildings.

The heart of the book is a two-page spread on each courthouse. The left page has a drawing of the principal elevation, at a scale of one inch to eighteen feet. The right page is broken into two columns: on the left