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Incoming From the Newly Arriving Editors

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Hello, I'm Christine Love-Rodgers, and I currently work as College Lead, Library Academic Support at the University of Edinburgh, leading a team of librarians supporting the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science. For over twenty years now I've worked with the School of Divinity, based at New College Library, Edinburgh – one of the largest theological libraries in the UK. I am deputy Chair of the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries, and currently working as one of the editors on the forthcoming monograph 'Theological Libraries in the UK & Ireland.'



My first experience of BETH was at the 2023 BETH conference in Cordoba, which was a fantastic introduction to both the rich religious traditions of Cordoba and the activity and diversity of BETH. I've enjoyed reading the submitted articles for the 2025 BETH Bulletin and working with article authors to ensure the consistent and professional publication that our readers will expect. I'm also grateful to Hannie and Jussi for all their work behind the scenes in making it all happen.

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My name is Esther, and I am currently working as a library assistant in the Philosophy and Theology Faculties Library and English Faculty Library at the Bodleian Libraries at Oxford. I have always taken interest in publishing and the editorial process, so I am very thankful to Hannie and Jussi for offering me the opportunity to assist with the editing of this year's BETH Bulletin.



I started work in libraries after a period of trying out different things, as I was unsure of which career path to take after finishing my BA History degree at Oxford. I took various work experiences and internships within the Arts and Heritage sector, such as in archives at the V&A and a Diversity and Inclusion internship at the Tate Gallery. After a period working as a Data Annotator, I began working in the Bodleian Libraries at Oxford at the start of last year, and attended the 2024 BETH Conference in Sarajevo.

Working on this year's Bulletin has been a valuable reminder of the sheer scale of diversity within librarianship. It was a joy to read the submissions, which included a book review, a report concerning the creation of the ABIE's new online catalogue, a history of the Gazi Husrev-beg Library and its digitisation program, and case studies detailing the afterlife of seminary libraries after their institutions ceased to exist. I am confident that readers will appreciate the light shed on the continual efforts of librarians across Europe to progress in all aspects of their field, in particular that of sustainability.