

EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue of *The Journal of Backcountry Studies* inaugurates a new feature. "Book Chapters in Progress" makes available to readers of the *Journal* portions of books about the Backcountry soon to be published. These chapters are not conventional articles presenting new research and interpretation in a highly contextualized form. Rather they are book chapters lifted from books still in the final stages of editing and approval for publication. "Book Chapters in Progress" gives readers an advance peek at published scholarship that seems certain to light up the field of Backcountry Studies.

Accordingly, this issue, Volume One, Number Two, presents the Backcountry Chapter from the Editor's own forthcoming book, tentatively titled, "Humility in the Face of the Past: Political Moderation in American History, 1713-1913."

In the headnote for this chapter in progress, the table of contents for the book will help readers place in chronological sequence and interpretive context Chapter Five, "Ordered Liberty in the Southern Backcountry and the Middle West" from *Humility in the Face of the Past*. *Humility in the Face of the Past* will, in due course, be reviewed in these pages, but I invite readers to respond to this chapter in progress and to the concept of bringing pre-publication backcountry chapters or key chapters from backcountry books before readers of this *Journal*.

In 2007 we will commence dating our two issues of the *Journal* seasonally. In the Spring 2007 issue, we will publish a chapter from Peter N. Moore's forthcoming book society and politics in the Waxhaws. To help readers contextualize one of his chapters, Professor Moore will also share with us the introduction to his book.

The Autumn 2007 (Volume Two, Number Two) issue of the *Journal* will include James Broomall's article on the material culture of the North Carolina Regulators which had been advertised as forthcoming in the present issue.

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Robert M. Calhoon, Editor

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