

Editorial

If you are reading this, I do not need to convince you that philosophy is important or that it is vital to have good, rational reasons for one's positions. But there are still those who believe the opposite. Academics need to spend at least a little energy on making their views comprehensible to non-specialists. This journal was founded to explore the nuances of liberal theory among an interdisciplinary community of scholars, but its slightly older sibling was a similarly titled popular magazine, now forty years old. I am sure I am not the only person who read *Reason* magazine long before discovering *Reason Papers*, and it continues to have great success as an outreach publication. It was instrumental in getting me to think more seriously about political ideas, and was one of the inspirations for my ultimate pursuit of academic specialization in political philosophy. On behalf of everyone at *Reason Papers*, I would like to wish *Reason*, and all of its staff, a happy birthday and best wishes for the next forty years.

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