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Penn State University Press announces new Acquisitions Editor for Eisenbrauns imprint

Penn State University Press is pleased to announce that Jennifer Singletary will join the Press as the new acquiring editor for the Press's Eisenbrauns imprint. She will succeed Jim Eisenbraun, who has remained with the imprint during its transition to Penn State University Press. Singletary brings to the position a wealth of experience in the fields of ancient Near Eastern and biblical studies. She holds a PhD from Brown University in Religious Studies, with a focus on ancient Near Eastern religions and Hebrew Bible. Most recently, she served as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Göttingen in Germany. She is the author of a forthcoming monograph, *Objects of Their Trust: Manufactured Objects, Divine Qualities, and Attributes as Deities in the Ancient Near East*, and coeditor of the forthcoming collection "As It Is Written"? *Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts*. She is also a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, American Schools of Oriental Research, the American Oriental Society, the International Association for Assyriology, and the Old Testament Studies: Epistemologies and Methods network.

Singletary says, "I look forward to working with the dynamic and dedicated team at Penn State University Press to continue to build and shape the high-quality catalog for which Eisenbrauns has been recognized since 1975, bringing innovative and important new books to the list, and upholding the imprint's tradition of scholarly excellence."

Established in 1975 by Jim and Merna Eisenbraun primarily as a means for students to purchase affordable books in ancient Near Eastern studies, Eisenbrauns grew over the years to include a publishing program, a pre-press house, and a book distribution and sales service. In 2017, Eisenbrauns secured the future of its highly regarded publications in ancient Near Eastern studies, biblical studies, biblical archaeology, Assyriology, linguistics, and related fields by becoming an imprint of Penn State University Press, where the books and journals have complemented PSU Press's lists in religious studies and Jewish studies.

Publisher Jim Eisenbraun will retire in October. "Jim has been a publishing force in the field for decades now, leaving not only a strong legacy but also very large shoes to fill," says Assistant Director and Editor-in-Chief Kendra Boileau. "Jennifer Singletary's impressive scholarly credentials and true commitment to providing top-notch service to Eisenbrauns authors will offer exciting new publishing leadership for the field."

Jennifer Singletary will join the Press in her new role on November 1st.