

## Preface and Acknowledgments

This is a companion special issue to our recent one on “How Testimony Communicates” (*Poetics Today* 26:2). It mainly consists of papers selected from another conference—held at Yale in 2002—and now introduced by Geoffrey Hartman, who explains the intention behind the original project and how it manifests itself in the various parts brought together here. The titles of the two issues and the respective introductions suggest a broad divergence amid their shared testimonial framework. But readers may find the points of contact equally interesting to trace, beginning with testimony as representation, of human victimage in particular. Given the number of papers included, some essays remain shorter than usual. None appears in the original conference form, though, and most have significantly developed on the way to publication. We thank our referees for their valuable advice, the contributors for their cooperation throughout the editorial process, and Geoffrey Hartman in his multiple capacities.

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