Introduction to Special Issue
on George S. Boolos

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In April of 1998 a group of scholars met at Notre Dame to honor the life and work of George Boolos. Professionally speaking, the aim of the conference was to advance work in the fields of interest to which George had devoted his professional life and to which he had contributed so much. Personally speaking, it was to honor the memory of a person who was variously a husband, a friend, a teacher and/or a colleague to many of us, and who was and is still very much missed.

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It was decided that the most sensible way to publish the proceedings of the conference would be to divide them thematically into two broad classes: those concerned with the foundations of mathematics and those concerned with logic. Papers falling

under the former heading (by Stewart Shapiro, Richard Heck, Mark Wilson, Vann McGee, William Tait, and myself) are being published in two special issues of the journal *Philosophia Mathematica*. Those falling under the latter heading are being published here. I would like to thank the authors just mentioned as well as Professor Robert Thomas, the editor of *Philosophia Mathematica*, and Stewart Shapiro, co-editor of the two special *Philosophia Mathematica* issues, for their generous and expert help in bringing the proceedings of the conference to publication. I would also like to thank the authors published in this issue, John Burgess, Solomon Feferman, Darryl Jung, Penelope Maddy, Charles Parsons, Albert Visser, and Crispin Wright for their patience and cooperation in bringing this installment of the proceedings to publication.

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