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Gary Previts of Case Western Reserve University was recently selected to replace Kenneth Most of Florida International University as the manuscripts editor of The Accounting Historians Journal. Previts has selected three associate editors to work with him in the area of manuscript development. The new associate editors are: Mary Stone (Alabama), Bob Colson (Case Western), and Lee Parker (Griffith University).

Mary Stone's job will primarily be to work with established experts in a field to develop articles that analyze the activities of a particular period of time in the accounting profession. Bob Colson will work with authors of nonhistoric dissertations who have included historical sections in their dissertations. The objective is to make nonhistorians aware of the publication opportunities available for their historical material. Lee Parker, a native Australian, will work with authors outside of North America.

Upon taking over as editor, Previts implemented one minor change in the Journal's editorial policy. Basically, Previts feels that historical research should have a message for the present day. Thus, authors should emphasize the relevance of their findings to current practice. In other words, the historical research published in the Journal should have relevance to non-history researchers who are studying current aspects on the same topics. Previts' primary objective is to increase the citation value of the Journal and to increase its readership among nonhistorians.

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