

# Benchmarks

This issue rounds out *Anthropoetics'* tenth year of publication. It introduces a new contributor, **Clare Sims**, who uses a Girardian analysis to unravel the complex moral issues of Richardson's *Clarissa*. **Raoul Eshelman**, in his fourth *Anthropoetics* article, pursues his analysis of the postmodern-performatist opposition through the comparative study of two works that seem to have been composed expressly for the occasion. **Peter Goldman**, whose article is also his fourth, offers a critical reflection on two cultural critiques of consumer society. **Adam Katz's** second article for *Anthropoetics* is an ambitious attempt to extend **Generative Anthropology** into the realm of political thought in the wake of the traumatic event of the new millennium, highlighted by a proposed modification to the originary event very much in the minimalistic spirit of what he calls our "discipline."

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