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From the Editor

As 2023 draws to a close, so does my time as the Executive Editor for JIAEE. I have served for the past six years in both the managing and executive editor roles and have had the opportunity to participate in the evolution of our journal as we have made significant changes during this time. We have converted to an open-access journal with our publishing partner, New Prairie Press and our partners at Kansas State University who have gone above and beyond during the transition period that extended well beyond what anyone anticipated. Publishing new issues of the journal has gone smoothly and has increased our reach and readership. We are very pleased with the outcomes. Converting our old issues and maintaining the DOI numbers proved to be more of a challenge, but we are confident that process will be completed by the time our association meets this spring in Florida. I appreciate everyone's' patience as we have individually converted over 400 articles to the new format.

During my time on the journal staff, we also dealt with the impacts of COVID and were able to provide timely research on the pandemic's impact on our profession and our ability to effectively continue with international work. I believe we came out of the pandemic stronger and more resilient than when it began.

Finally, nothing happens in a vacuum. I have many people to thank and will probably miss a few. Before the individuals however are the people who make this journal work, without whom it would never see the light of day. Those of you who have reviewed and continue to review articles are the most important human capital for the life of JIAEE. Without your unselfish and consistent work, we would not have papers to publish. Thank you for your time and efforts, both past and future. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

And finally, to the people who worked hand-in-hand over the years on the journal staff. Kris Haines, Alexa Lamm, Roger Hanagriff, Mary Rodriguez, John Dias and Ryan Otto. I could never have managed any of this without you all and I appreciate each of you very much. In addition, you are all great people and great friends and I think about you every time I see the 2,660 emails in my JIAEE inbox.

I leave the daily management of the journal in great hands as Mary and John assume 100% of the heavy lifting but I will still be around as past editor for a few more years. Thanks to all who make the journal a great outlet for our very specialized little corner of the world and for helping to make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michel Todd Brashears". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. Todd Brashears, Professor
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