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Editor's Commentary

This edition of the *AURCO Journal* continues the tradition of academic excellence that was developed and nurtured by our Editor Emeritus Art Moliterno beginning in 1995. I hope you enjoy reading the 14th volume as much as the editorial and production teams have enjoyed bringing it to fruition. This year for the first time the *AURCO Journal* will be indexed on the EBSCO database for the entire academic community to view, critique, and reference.

A total of twenty-three manuscripts were submitted for consideration by our diverse and outstanding panel of reviewers. Nineteen of these manuscripts were deemed worthy of publication for an acceptance rate of 83%. Ten campuses within AURCO are represented in this edition. We continue the tradition of publishing the award winning student papers from the prior year's conference. In 2008, we are fortunate to publish 3 outstanding student papers from the 2007 Conference at Bowling Green State University – Firelands and 1 from the 2006 Conference at the University of Akron – Wayne. In addition, we recognize our friend E. “Ted” Bunn (1928 – 2006), of Wright State University – Lake by naming the Student Excellence Awards in his honor beginning with this group of award winners.

While the heart of the regional campus faculty is clearly focused on teaching, it is obvious from this year's submissions that our minds are engaged in substantial scholarship. Many of the papers have pedagogical underpinnings and a focus on practical results while maintaining the quality of the research. Ohio's regional campus faculty continue to make significant contributions to the literature through their commitment to scholarly activities. As always, in keeping with the interdisciplinary nature of the journal, the reader will find a variety of writing and documentation styles employed by the authors. We continue to promote a diversity of styles and welcome manuscripts from all disciplines represented in academe from our member institutions and beyond.

I would like to use this space to make my annual suggestions to potential authors who would like to see their work published in a future edition of the *Journal*. One of the challenges for me being on a relatively small campus is having colleagues within the same

discipline and specific literature stream to discuss my research with in-depth. I would like to propose that the AURCO website be employed as a portal to facilitate cross-college collaborations within the AURCO family of campuses. In this way, we could become a department of the whole and scholars from all disciplines, no matter how narrowly defined, could have a community to discuss their work with as it is being developed. Hopefully, these virtual hallway discussions could lead to new and interesting ways of viewing our research and our teaching.

The 2008 AURCO Journal Editor's Choice award goes to:

Steven M. Toepfer and David M. Dees
of Kent State University – Salem

for their paper

Family Matters: Family Patterns of Perceived Social Support and Family Intrusiveness of Rural/Appalachian Regional Campus Students

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I would like to recognize the continuing efforts of our Associate Editor Li Zhou of Ohio University – Zanesville and our ever expanding group of reviewers who managed the manuscript review process and hand off of the manuscripts. Without her coordination of our large and diverse pool of reviewers there would be no *Journal*. A special thanks goes to our reviewers – the list of whom appears a few pages back – they don't receive the recognition that they should. Our *Journal* is unique in that it is very much multidisciplinary, so the reviewer's content expertise, skills, and judgment are paramount for the production of a quality publication. My hat is off to each of them.

No list of acknowledgments is complete without the recognition of those who do the actual work of producing the *Journal*. Our Editorial Assistant and Graphic Designer Kathryn Brooks developed and prepared the cover art and graphics and made the text – to pdf – to printed and bound hardcopy *Journal* process transparent to those of us with less technical expertise. Finally, I would like to thank my Associate Dean, Dr. Victoria Hammer and Dean, Dr. James F. McDonough for their continued financial support and access to resources that helped make the 2008 edition of the *Journal* a reality.

Publication Guidelines for the *AURCO Journal*

Please read the guidelines carefully before submitting your work. Failure to follow the guidelines will result in rejection of your manuscript.

The *AURCO Journal* Publishes Only Refereed Articles.

To submit an article for consideration: Forward the manuscript for review to the Associate Editor, Li Zhou, Ohio University – Zanesville (at the mailing address and the e-mail address given below). The deadline for submissions is: September 1st for publication the following April.

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