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From the Editor

Dr. William O. Welsh, III

Greetings Fellow Travelers. With this issue, I am honored to accept editorial responsibility for the *International Journal of Leadership Studies*. Although our journal is quite small, we nonetheless make an important contribution to understanding leadership responsibility globally in the 21st century. I want to express the deepest appreciation to my predecessor, Dr. Dail Fields, for six plus years guiding IJLS to its present state of development. I also wish to thank Dr. Brenda Johnson for her contributions as associate editor. Although it appears, at the moment, that our reviewer board membership will remain intact, I also want to express my admiration for their past contributions, as well, and look forward to working with them. They are the peers in peer-reviewed.

Looking forward, I and new Associate Editor Dr. Diane Norbutus will ensure that IJLS remains a first-time author friendly environment for high quality articles. As IJLS is foremost a research journal, we will solicit, and readers will certainly notice over time, an increasing emphasis on studies and theory directed toward actual leading in change-seeking circumstances, especially where such leading and theory of leading best reflects 21st century yearning for democracy, equality, and human dignity. We are quite open to proposals for special or themed issues.

I would also like to place very special emphasis on our international focus. Our editorial team fully accepts the hermeneutic challenges to understanding when authors seek to express subtle leadership complexities in a non-native language. It is these very unique complexities that enrich all of us and promote global respect and understanding.

We also gratefully acknowledge the important contribution of Dr. Doris Gomez and her stewardship of our book reviewers. Equally, we appreciate, as well, those authors providing critical applied leadership insights in our Practitioner's Corner.

Finally, Dr. Norbutus and I are so thankful for the talent of our managing editor, Eileen Wiltshire, and her production colleagues, including Julia Mattera, communications specialist, and Brianne Melton, copy editor.

We always welcome your suggestions to improve our performance or IJLS itself. Please feel free to contact us at ijls@regent.edu.

Authors, please note that we have updated and renewed the IJLS entry in Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities in Management.



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