From the Editor

Welcome to the Winter/Spring 2015 issue of the Rural Educator. The articles in this edition explore a diversity of interesting topics pertaining to education in rural areas. All articles in this journal were accepted under the leadership of the previous editor, Heather Duncan. We appreciate her hard work and diligence in helping us make the transition of the journal editorship. We also wish to thank the dedication and efforts of reviewers of this and past issues.

New editors have been named for the journal. We are excited for the opportunity to assume the editorship. In forthcoming issues, we will share our new goals, new calls for special issues and guest editors and exciting changes for the journal.

We are working to streamline the submission and review process for the journal. In anticipation of these changes, Stephanie M. Bennett, Mississippi State University, has been named as Review Editor. New guidelines for submission will be posted shortly on the NREA journal website. Additionally, we hope to expand the expertise of the Review Board by adding new members. Please consider volunteering to review for The Rural Educator.

Finally, the editorial board will continue to accept new submissions for Research Briefs and Book Reviews as well as regular articles for publication.

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