



From the Editor

Adieu, Partnerships

I join the many authors, reviewers, editorial assistants, and editorial board members who have served with me over the past eight years in bidding you, adieu. I extend a fond farewell, too, to a project that has been close to my heart, the journal *Partnerships*, that suspends publication with this issue.

Just over 10 years ago, Dr. Lisa Keyne, then executive director of North Carolina Campus Compact, and a contributor to this volume, convened a group of us to think, strategize, and eventually launch the journal, *Partnerships*. At the time, too few academic journals existed to feature service-learning work or research on civic engagement. Yet, scholars in North Carolina, across the country, and throughout the world, were quickly breaking new ground in deepening campus-community partnerships to improve conditions for individuals and organizations involved in an array of issues from global service initiatives to local homeless ordinances. Dr. Keyne recognized the need and the opportunity to expand opportunities for publication, and thus under her leadership, *Partnerships* was launched, and the first issue published in 2009.

Partnerships has provided a platform to share knowledge so that other scholars could learn from and apply the lessons they found useful and avoid the mistakes others found troublesome. Throughout, the goal remained the same—to amplify research with enduring benefits to our partners in the community. Nearly all of the 94 articles and many of the 43 book reviews included in our journal over the past decade, showcased the rigor, dedication, and learning of scholars and often students as well. From those articles, we learned of the challenges, tensions, and hopes that strong campus-community partnerships could create. The articles very often recognized the heavy lifting that community partners bear to ensure that whatever resources and programs they offer go to those who most need them.

Here, in this final issue, I extend my deep thanks to Dr. Lisa Keyne and Ms. Leslie Garvin, NC Campus Compact's Executive Directors during my tenure as editor, and two of the finest people I know. Their dedication to the academic communities of which they are a part, and the larger communities to whom they provide service, demonstrate how to lead meaningful lives. Their commitment to the journal extended to securing funding to support graduate editorial assistants who were simultaneously earning their master's degrees in Communication Studies from UNCG—Mark Congdon, Sarah Hollingsworth, Jeanette (Musselwhite) German, Nancy Maingi, Vincent Russell, CJ Brewer, and Sarah Britt. These young, bright, talented individuals leveraged their experience with the journal to pursue doctoral degrees and/or secure important academic appointments at institutions of higher learning around the country.

Former journal editors Dr. Tracy Espy and Dr. Beth Warner took a leap of faith to introduce the journal, with critical technical assistance initially provided by Dr. Norm Clark. At the time, online journals were new and the glitches they encountered in the software were numerous. Still they pushed forward, much like our partners in the community do when they encounter obstacles to delivering their important work. The technical tasks continued to require considerable time and patience once the journal moved from Appalachian State University to UNCG in 2012, with Stephen Dew, Tim Bucknall, Richard Cox, Kristen Ross, Beth Bernhardt, and Anna Craft taking on the painstaking task of teaching me and our

editorial assistants how to solve one tech issue after another. The journal simply could not have been able to grow and thrive without UNCG's library staff assistance.

Our generous and ever-diligent book review editors, Dr. Rebecca Dumlao and Dr. Cathy Hamilton created templates, recruited book reviewers, and developed efficient modes of operating that paved the way for Dr. Tempestt Adams to smoothly take over those duties, if only for this final issue.

I am grateful to the editorial board members who year, after year, offered suggestions and guidance to me as well as peer reviews to the many authors who submitted their work for our publication consideration. These folks stand out for their loyalty to and passion for guiding others toward success in publishing about campus-community issues. I feel particularly honored to have worked alongside these preeminent scholars: Dr. Stephen Bloch-Schulman at Elon University, Dr. Robert G. Bringle, professor emeritus from Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, Dr. Jessica Katz Jameson at North Carolina State University, Dr. Hollyce (Sherry) Giles at Guilford College, Dr. Rebecca J. Dumlao at East Carolina University, Dr. Michael Kimball at the University of Northern Colorado, Dr. Jennifer Scott Mobley at Grove City College, and Dr. Judith A. Ramaley, president emerita and professor from Portland State University.

Emmanuel Levinas and Jacques Derrida, both influential philosophers of the 20th century, wrote about adieu. From them, I learned that adieu reflects an infinite and absolute hospitality, not conditioned upon rules, norms, and duties, but inclusive of a welcoming as well as a goodbye. As I say adieu, I recognize that while the journal and the advancement of scholarship in this space has come to an end, it does not signal a conclusion to our community-engaged scholarship and enduring commitments to each other in this global community we share. I invite you to join me in welcoming all that comes next in the journey to deepen the impact of our partnerships, connections, and collaborations.

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