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## Editor's Commentary

This volume represents the 15th edition of the *AURCO Journal*. Can you believe that this much time and that many *Journals* have already come and gone? It is truly an honor to continue to build on Art's vision for the *Journal*. This is my team's 3rd edition of the *Journal*, so I hope you will find that we have made some improvement during our tenure as the caretakers of AURCO's scholarly outlet.

A total of twenty-three manuscripts were submitted for consideration by our editorial team and our very capable and talented panel of reviewers. Seventeen of these manuscripts were deemed worthy of publication for an acceptance rate of 74%. Twelve campuses within AURCO are represented in this edition. In addition, we continue the tradition of publishing the award winning student papers from the prior year's conference. In 2009, we are fortunate to publish 2 outstanding student papers from the 2008 Conference held at the University of Cincinnati – Raymond Walters campus. With the 2009 edition of the *Journal* we continue to recognize our friend E. "Ted" Bunn (1928 – 2006), of Wright State University – Lake by presenting the Student Excellence Awards in his honor.

This year's batch of papers is diverse and exceptional. Our authors continue to find innovative ways to include their students in their research - not as subjects, but as collaborators. As you read through the *Journal* you will get a true appreciation of the type and quality of work being undertaken by our colleagues throughout the state and beyond. 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.

The University System of Ohio (USO) has re-invigorated the discussion of the role of regional campuses in Ohio and it seems sure that we will directly impact the success of the system through enhanced access for the citizens of Ohio to bachelor's degrees at reasonable tuition rates. Please also check out our new website at <http://www.aurco.net>

You will find information about AURCO, all of the regional campuses, our annual conference, and the *Journal* publication guidelines as well as past editions of the *Journal* posted for your use.

**The 2009 *AURCO Journal* Editor's Choice award goes to:**

Mohannad AL-Saghir of Ohio University – Zanesville  
and

Leela Kaul of Taylor University – Upland  
for their paper

The Vascular Flora of Collegiate Woods in Zanesville, Muskingum  
County, Ohio

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As is AURCO tradition, the team from the University of Cincinnati—Raymond Walters lead by Dr. Ruth Benander put on a great conference in April of 2008. The conference along with the new and much improved website (thanks to the efforts of webmaster Rachelle Kristof Hippler of BGSU—Firelands and the creator of our new website Anthony Ketchmark, a BGSU—Firelands student) have produced record numbers of submissions to the *Journal* over the past few years, so we thank them for keeping the *Journal* team busy.

Associate Editor Li Zhou of Ohio University—Zanesville continued her outstanding work of managing the manuscript review process and the timely hand off of the manuscripts to me. Without her substantial efforts in recruiting and organizing our large interdisciplinary pool of reviewers there would be no *Journal*. There would also be no *Journal* without our special team of reviewers – the list of whom appears a few pages back – they are largely responsible for the quality of the material that you will find in the *Journal*. Our *Journal* remains unique in that it is a representation of the diversity of our regional campuses within the University System of Ohio.

Kathryn Brooks our very able Editorial Assistant and Graphic Designer continues to apply her special touch to the *Journal* in 2009. In addition, she prepared all of the files for posting to the AURCO website and for delivery to EBSCO, so the world-wide community of scholars can access the *Journal* anytime and anywhere.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my Associate Dean, Dr. Victoria A. Hammer and our soon to be really retired Dean, Dr. James F. McDonough for their continued financial support and access to resources that helped make the publication of the *Journal* possible.

# 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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