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It is with great sadness that I put the Fall 2017 issue to bed. This is my last issue as editor of JCPS. In the 7 years I have been editor, JCPS has seen many changes. Under my leadership, and with significant help from assistant and associate editors, graduate assistants, and editorial board members, JCPS has grown into a journal with worldwide readership. During my tenure, a system for reviews was established, JCPS acquired an ISSN number and DOIs for all individual manuscripts and whole journal issues, it became indexed on Ebsco and Proquest, and migrated from a traditional email/googledoc system to the current BePress digital repository system. Submissions have increased from 15 manuscripts a year to over 70 manuscripts in the past year. JCPS is now read in 181 countries, and in the past year has had over 26,000 downloads. We currently have 50 active editorial board members from across the United States. Since its inception in 2009, JCPS has published 19 issues with a total of 109 articles.

At its initiation, the NARACES Executive Board tasked JCPS with the mission to provide quality manuscripts with an open-minded, kind place for counselors, counselor educators and supervisors to publish their work. I have upheld that mission and those who volunteer their time for JCPS believe that we are mentoring writers, and that is often the focus of our work. I am proud of our editorial board members' constructive, and yes, kind, reviews. I am extremely proud of the journal JCPS has become.

Thanking everyone who helped JCPS, and me, over the past 7 years seems a huge task, and yet it seems like not enough. I feel I should be shouting this from a mountaintop or with fireworks, or both, while toasting with champaign. Well, you get the idea. To say that I have received support from the present and past NARACES Executive Board members minimizes my experience. At every turn, with every idea no matter how large, or what the cost, the Board has

always given me the green light. So, thank you. Thank you to all of the current and past NARACES Executive Board members for your unfailing support of JCPS, and of me as editor. The success of JCPS is in great part to your NARACES leadership.

Thank you to all of our present and past Editorial Board members for helping me grow the journal, providing kind, constructive reviews, and for sharing this ride with me.

I want to thank Larry Burlew, who was my co-editor for the first 2 years, and taught me so much about being an Editor. Jane Webber stepped up to be Associate Editor when I was diagnosed with cancer, and helped to keep the journal running, and me motivated. Ellery Parker also became part of the JCPS family during this time as Assistant Editor. Both of them allowed me to continue my work with the journal, a bright light in a very dark time. Michael Mariska, current President of NARACES, acted as Associate Editor until he was promoted to President. His support is unfailing. Thank you to Montclair State University for providing graduate assistant hours to help with the journal. I have had many GA's in the past 7 years, and all of them were exceptional. For this issue, I want to thank Massiel Rosario, who completed this issue, with many late night hours, even though she is no longer a GA. She has read, and touched, most of the manuscripts in this issue, and formatted the full issue, linked the dois, and did final preparations. I also want to thank my current GA, Andriana Matos, who happily threw herself into the chaos that is working with JCPS.

As with any journal, completing final edits of manuscripts is laborious. For this issue, with the amount of manuscripts published, (14!), completing final edits in time for publication would have been difficult. Several editorial board members stepped up to aid their support, by completing final edits, sometimes with a less than 24-hour turn around. Because this issue would not have been published on time without their help, I want to thank Roberto Abreu, Vanessa

Alleyne, Jennifer Beebe, Stuart Chen-Hayes, Blaire Cholewa, Louisa Foss-Kelly, Yuh-Jen Guo, Les Kooyman, Eric Owens, Lacey Ricks and Tyler Wilkinson.

At the end of December, I will officially step down as Editor, and pass the torch to a new editorial team to continue the work I have started. I have enjoyed my work with JCPS, and am ready to start a new adventure. I wish the new editorial team great success as their adventure begins!

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