

Notes from the Editor-in-Chief

Welcome to the 16th issue, volume number 1, of *New Waves-Educational Research and Development (NWERD)*! This volume is the first special issue that New Waves journal has published since the inauguration of the journal. Even more importantly, this special issue is a substantive and comprehensive collection of research articles that addresses a topic where contributions are critically needed in the realm of education: mathematics education. The expertise demonstrated across the eight articles in this Special Issue will assuredly add substance and value to the discourse in Mathematics Education and contribute substantially to the literature in the field.

My sincere appreciation goes to the lead guest editor of this Special Issue, Dr. Jinfa Cai, whose leadership and dedication in working tirelessly with his co-editors—Drs. Xuhua Sun and Sasha Wang—and contributing authors, yielded a panoply of research articles characterized by substantive quality, timeliness and relevance. The international contexts of the research articles contained within this Special Issue—which includes China, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Taiwan, and the United States—aptly reflects the New Waves Journal’s mission and trajectory as well as the geographic distribution of our organization’s membership.

The NWERD journal’s successful online presence requires considerable expertise and support to consistently situate and disseminate its research publications through our website. Our Webmaster, E. Shen, has provided timely and consistent technical support and advice to ensure the smooth operation of the journal’s online system and making available this Special Issue, for which we are greatly appreciative.

Yet another important and unique feature of this inaugural Special Issue is the co-sponsorship by Kennesaw State University’s Confucius Institute. This Special Issue on Mathematics Education has required an investment beyond our normal modest budget to produce. The generous financial support from Mr. Kehua (Ken) Jin, Director of the Confucius Institute at KSU, contributed to the completion of this timely Special Issue. NWERD welcomes and appreciates the KSU Confucius Institute’s collaboration and contribution.

In closing, I would like to express my profound appreciation to the Board members and President Rui Bai for their enduring support of the NWERD journal. I extend my sincere gratitude as well to Wen Ma and Chuang Wang, former Editors-In-Chief of NWERD, who have continued to provide expert guidance and advice to those of us engaged in producing the NWERD journal, including the present Special Issue.

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