

Subject: PLTE Journal Update

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Dear PLTE Members,

This was a year of growth for our SIG's Journal, *The Reading Professor*. We received numerous submissions and recently published a Spring, 2017 issue. The cover of the issue features Dr. Michael Sampson, Professor and Dean of the School of Education, St. John's University, New York City. Dean Sampson wrote with the late Bill Martin, Jr. and continues to write children's books that appear on the *New York Times* bestsellers lists. We are honored to have Dr. Sampson as our newest PLTE member.

For the first time in *The Reading Professor's* history, we have an Editorial Assistant. St. John's University, through the generosity of Dean Sampson, is financially supporting this position. The Assistant completes a penultimate read of all articles before they return to the Editors for a final read. Our current Editorial Assistant is Ms. Christie Stewart, who holds a degree from Columbia University, New York City.

We have several new Editorial Board members to replace those who have retired or who have left ILA. All Editorial Board members' names are listed on page 2 in the most recent issue of *The Reading Professor*. The Editors thank those Board members who have served so diligently in the past. We welcome manuscripts throughout the year; however, summer tends to be the time period where reviewers are on vacation and cannot return their comments in a timely fashion.

The Editors often are asked, "What are the primary reasons for article rejection?" The answer is inattention to details. Some articles do not follow APA (6th edition), some give inconsistent dates in text references, for example. Other articles have flawed methodologies. It always is wise to ask a colleague to review articles before they are submitted to the Editors.

I thank you for your support of our endeavors, and I wish you joy and professional fulfillment as you attend the ILA sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

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