

Editor's Note

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The illustrious Dorothy Parker once quipped, "I hate writing, I love having written."

Scholars terminate the rigorous process of research, practice, and theory building with the unenviable task of writing. To write is to struggle over single words, pithy phrases, broader structures, and entire works all in the name of capturing the truth of one's mind and herding it onto a blank page.

The scholars whose work are within this inaugural issue of the *Asia Pacific Career Development Journal* (APCDJ) have completed both the trials of rigorous research and the tribulations of writing. Their work stands alongside that of the highest quality within the field of career development and counseling.

As I experience the writer's struggle in this inaugural Editor's Note, I strive to keep it simple and express my gratitude so that all know who contributed to the advent of this worthy venture.

Simply put, APCDJ strives to broaden the current landscape of career development and counseling scholarship by representing the diverse array of scholarly voices of those living in and interested in the Asia Pacific region. While maintaining the same rigorous quality of other journals in the field, we will be as inclusive as possible of all voices. A review of this first issue demonstrates this commitment. The editorial leadership team represents four countries in Taiwan, South Korea, Canada, and the United States of America. The Editorial Staff includes two persons from China and two from the United States, one of these via South Africa. The Review Board is composed of 13 persons representing 12 different countries from four

continents. The lead article, written by scholars from India, is followed by articles representing those from Japan, South Korea, Canada, and the United States. All-in-all our beginning seems to represent this core value and I hope our readership will monitor the journal and hold us accountable for this moving forward.

My gratitude for the opportunity to lead this important journal forward into the world is boundless. Thank you, the Asia Pacific Career Development Board of Directors, for selecting me for this honor. The Editorial team described above has taken a chance on me and this endeavor and for that will forever be remembered as the team that started it all. The authors in this issue are all amongst the very top in our profession and were gracious enough to lend their names and work to a fledgling enterprise. Finally, there is one more person whose name does not grace the inside cover of this issue but who deserve recognition. Dr. Marilyn Maze, Executive Director of APCDA, was an essential asset in developing the journal cover, page layout, and publication process. I am most grateful to all those who made up this fantastic team.

In my struggle for a good ending, I will rely on the American author and historian Edward Everett Hale who wrote, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." I wish all those involved with APCDJ much success in the future.