From the Editor

Reflections on Across the Disciplines

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Hello, good evening, and welcome to another volume of *Across the Disciplines*. It looks to be a particularly interesting and busy year for *ATD*. Because of a few manuscript delays, we will be publishing two special issues in 2008, the first devoted to "Rewriting Across the Curriculum: Writing Fellows as Agents of Change in WAC" (guest edited by Brad Hughes and Emily Hall) and the second devoted to "Writing Technologies and Writing Across the Curriculum: Current Lessons and Future Trends" (guest edited by Karen Lunsford). Both of these issues will contain a collection of stellar articles — in fact, the Writing Fellows issue should be published on the ATD main site as you read this — and we are already working on plans for future issues devoted to topics such as WAC assessment and critical issues in WAC administration.

You may notice a number of small changes in the *ATD* website, including an RSS feed that will keep you informed about new articles and new issues as they are published, new screen-friendly and printer-friendly layouts, pages certified as "valid HTML and CSS," and complete and updated-on-the-fly APA citations at the end of each published article. All these changes have been made thanks to the hard work of *ATD*'s new Assistant Editor, Dr. Michael J. Cripps (York College, CUNY) who joined the journal in May 2007 after a competitive, nationwide search. Michael brings a bevy of computer skills to the position, and his interest and experience in WAC also make him the ideal person for the job. (He also brings the name "Michael," which leads to some occasionally confusing email conversations when he, Mike Palmquist, and I are all talking online about the journal: "Tell me Michael – the Clearinghouse Michael, not the other *ATD*Michael...") I'm thrilled to work with Michael ... um ... I mean, Dr. Cripps, though we have yet to meet face-to-face, and I'd like all of you to welcome him to the journal as well.

The three Michaels will all be attending the CCCC and, from time to time, be staffing the independent journal editors' table in the conference display area. We invite you to come by and visit with us, just to chat or – even better – if you've got an article or even an idea for an article you think ATD might be interested in. I will also be at the WAC conference in Austin in May, and I plan to attend sessions, talk with presenters, and see if I can coerce people into sending some articles my way.

One last piece of news: *ATD* is now officially listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (<u>http://www.doaj.org/</u>).

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