

## From the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of *Kansas English* published fully and exclusively online! I hope you enjoy this new format and the increased accessibility of the journal.

As the incoming editor, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to a number of colleagues who helped get the 2017 issue off the ground.

Thanks first to the Kansas Association of Teachers of English (KATE) Executive Board and KATE President Steve Maack for allowing me the opportunity to step in as editor of *Kansas English* in March 2017—and for supporting the transition to a fully online journal.

Thank you also to my incredible editorial review board. Each person listed on page i of this issue enthusiastically agreed to serve on the board earlier this year, and then provided detailed, constructive, and *generous* feedback to the authors featured in this issue—and they did so in a relatively short timeframe. Members of the editorial review board made the peer review process an educative one for authors who submitted to *Kansas English*. Each author received thoughtful and encouraging feedback from two peer reviewers in order to revise and improve their work for *Kansas English* readers, and I am grateful for reviewers' expertise and collegiality in this process. If you have an interest in serving on the editorial review board, please contact me by e-mail.

Thank you to John Franklin of Pittsburg State University. John is a former editor of *Kansas English*, and he took time on a July morning to meet with me to discuss the journal, share his expertise, and talk about young adult literature. John, I took your advice on the cover—great idea!

Thanks also to Nathan Whitman, co-editor of KATE's *Voices of Kansas*, for his expert tutorials in layout and design. Nathan consistently responded to my e-mailed requests for technology help within hours and provided patient, detailed, encouraging advice for any challenge I faced.

Thanks to Susan Matveyeva at WSU Libraries for her expertise in publishing the journal fully online through WSU's Open Journal Systems. With Susan's help, *Kansas English* is now accessible to anyone. My hope is that this will broaden our readership, increase submissions, and create opportunities for our authors' voices and ideas to be heard/read widely. Publishing digitally also happens to be more cost-effective for KATE.

Thank you to Jenni Bader, 2017 graduate of Wichita State University and first-year teacher at Winfield High School, for generously sharing her photography featured on the cover of this issue.

Finally, thank you to all of the authors who contributed to my first issue of *Kansas English*! Each author graciously accepted constructive feedback from reviewers and worked under tight deadlines to make their manuscripts ready for publication.

I'm thrilled about the range and quality of articles, essays, and poetry featured in this issue, and I hope you'll take some time to peruse them. Thanks for reading!

~Katherine Mason Cramer, Wichita State University