

Editorial notes

I am very excited to be publishing the inaugural issue of the Kentucky Journal of Anthropology and Sociology (KJAS) published by the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky (ASK). This first issue represents the combined efforts of many people over the last year and a half: Associate Editors, Editorial Board members, an Editorial Assistant, ASK members, and other sympathetic colleagues. The first formal discussion of KJAS happened during the 2009 annual ASK conference in Murray, Kentucky. I chaired a special session entitled, "An ASK journal: Now is the Time" on November 7, 2009. The journal received support from the 2008-2009 ASK officers (President Lillian Daughaday, Vice-President Dan Shope) and others who would ultimately form the Associate Editors: Andrea Abrams, Douglas C. Hume, and Demetrius Semien.

In the several months following the meeting the editorial board was formed by adding 20 members from Kentucky and surrounding states. Douglas C. Hume created the KJAS website during the first part of 2010 and has continued to improve the website since. The first Call for Papers was distributed on April 25, 2010. The CFP led to several submissions and ultimately to the articles published in this issue.

While there were many people who helped in the development of this issue there are a few who warrant special recognition. First, Douglas C. Hume has provided the technical support to publish KJAS. Douglas has developed the website and made many updates and improvements at my request. Douglas has worked hard to provide the timely attention to the website that has made KJAS possible. Thomas Mowen, graduate student at the University of Louisville, has provided dozens and dozens of hours of support by sending out letters to submitting authors, formatting articles, and reviewing the technical writing of the papers. He has been hard working, available, and a great asset to the editorial process. His mentor, Ryan Schroeder, has provided a great deal of technical support, has been a great reviewer of manuscripts, and has provided astute counsel and advice regarding the publication process. Finally, Kelly Phillips and Douglas C. Smith, ASK Historian have provided technical support to KJAS.

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