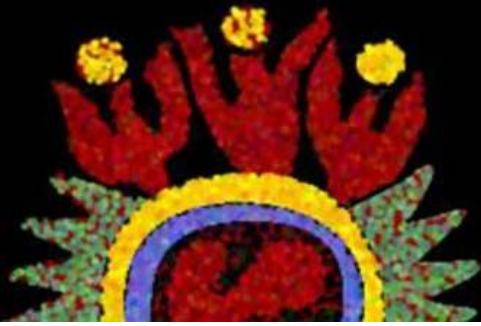


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Editor's Note

This issue of PLJ demonstrates that Portuguese has become a global language that is being taught around the world to a diverse audience of learners. Through this collection of essays the reader will travel to several continents and meet learners who are heritage speakers, Spanish-speakers, French-speakers, or who may have ties to the Portuguese past in Hawaii. This is a rich collection of essays that offers both teaching applications as well as theoretical and methodological research.

It is my privilege to end my tenure as editor of six volumes with this one that gives an overview of how Portuguese instruction and research have grown and expanded across the globe in the last ten years. PLJ has played its part in reporting on these changes with essays from scholars working in the US, Brazil and beyond. The members of the Editorial Board, some of whom have been with the journal since Volume #1, have played a key role in reading and selecting the essays that are published. Their evaluations have helped authors submit stronger, well-written essays and I appreciate their dedication and expertise. I also want to acknowledge the work of the Book Review Editor, Toni Cowles, who has increased the range and depth of the

works that PLJ covers on its website. I have enjoyed working with this dynamic team of scholars that have made PLJ a recognized journal for academic and applied research.

There will not be a CFP for Volume #10. Rather, there will be a retrospective of the articles published from volumes 1-9. It will be the first volume of the journal to be offered in a bound version of printed articles on paper which will be perfect for a personal research collection or the library at your school or on your campus. Stay tuned for more information.

As PLJ looks to the future, it is my wish that the presence of the Portuguese language continues to increase in numbers in K-12, in universities and colleges, and in learning institutions throughout the world. It is also my hope that the language and its many cultural expressions continue to gain appreciation and recognition in the global context of international relations, business, and diplomacy.

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