

Letter from the Editors:

It is our great pleasure to assume the editorship of *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* as we bring QMMR to the Southwest. We have long been avid readers of the newsletter, viewing it as an important resource for raising key substantive issues and engaging in the critical debates on how we understand and use qualitative and multi-method research. Such has been its success that said newsletter has now become a stand-alone research publication. We are proud and honored to oversee this transition and feel certain that the insightful contributions within the pages of QMMR, and, of course, their authors, merit this kind of recognition.

We are honored, too, to follow in the footsteps of Alan Jacobs, Tim Büthe, John Gerring, Gary Goertz, and Robert Adcock. It is not lost upon us that their efforts as editors have helped make this the high-quality publication it has now become. Our goal is to follow the precedent that they have set and continue to push QMMR to be on the forefront of scholarly engagement with the approaches to and uses of qualitative and mixed methods.

Toward that end, in this, our first issue, we introduce the new layout for QMMR to further cement the transition from newsletter to research publication. Relatedly, in the final article of this issue, Sebastian Karcher discusses the use of DOIs for providing stable access to articles, and how that has been—and will continue to be—implemented in QMMR. We also announce the launch of QMMR's new website, which can be found at qmmrpublication.com. Readers and contributors can visit the site to find information on the submission process, as well as QMMR updates.

Our first issue includes two series of articles. The first symposium pushes us to reconsider how we undertake comparisons in our scholarship. *Rethinking Comparisons* looks critically at the conventional approach(es) to comparison and notes that these inevitably shape the kind of knowledge we produce. By thinking beyond these conventions, and, indeed, by understanding their limitations, the authors in this symposium offer us a new point of departure for interrogating what, why, and how we compare.

The second set of articles are a panegyric to the remarkable and remarkably impactful scholar, Lee Ann Fujii, who passed away last year. As guest editor, Sarah Parkinson has curated a collection of essays that give voice to memory through their stirring tributes. Lee Ann's passing is, without a doubt, an immeasurable loss for her friends, colleagues, and the discipline. Her scholarship was of the highest quality: nuanced and thoughtful. Her contributions to the field of political science, however, went beyond that. Dr. Fujii challenged all of us to examine the discrimination, hierarchies, and hardships—both explicit and implicit—that the academic world visits upon those from which it has the most to gain. Hers was a voice, as the contributors to this memorial make known, that both acknowledged and empowered the marginalized within academia and outside its “hallowed” halls. Her scholarship, mentorship, and general grace and integrity will be greatly missed. We invite our readers to celebrate her life and remember her work, as it is incumbent upon all of us to continue her legacy.

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