

*A Note From the Editor . . .*

**Greetings from the University of  
Wisconsin-Extension, host of the Outreach  
Scholarship 2003 Conference: Excellence  
through Engagement...**

On behalf of Kevin P. Reilly, current President of the University System of Wisconsin and immediate past Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, and myself, I am pleased to welcome you to this third in the series of special issues of the *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement* devoted to "Outreach Scholarship." This issue contains the articles and presentations made at the 2003 Outreach Scholarship Conference, held in Madison, Wisconsin, October 12-14, 2003. As in previous years, the host institution served as the guest editor for this special issue, along with an able committee to review the articles submitted for publication. It is an impressive array of authors and topics indeed. We hope that these articles spark additional thinking and dialogue that can move us forward in our efforts to promote and strengthen the public service and outreach mission of public universities.

Of course we owe a great debt of gratitude to our partners in this venture. Without the ongoing support of the leaders at Penn State, Ohio State, and the University of Georgia, we could not have made the progress that we have in enhancing the understanding and appreciation of the service and outreach mission. We look forward to continuing, augmenting, and energizing this partnership, which is unique in higher education.

We welcome your comments.

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