



Editor's introduction

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It is with awe and appreciation that I thank our research community for 10 excellent years at the helm of *Population & Environment*. New challenges await me although my mission will be, as always, to ensure population-environment scholars continue to innovate and that our important findings are heard.

I have learned from each of you this past decade and I have very much enjoyed working with both seasoned scholars and new investigators. It has been my honor to facilitate the reporting of progress and innovation in our field. I have also enjoyed helping hone your key messages in order to maximize your scholarship's impact.

A look back at special issues offers an interesting perspective on where we have come and who has been essential in bringing us here. We have honored Daniel Hogan (2012; do Carmo, Marandola, and de Sherbinin, editors) and will soon honor Graeme Hugo (2018; Tan, editor). Disaster research was highlighted in a focus on Katrina and Rita (2010; Frey and Singer, editors), as were migration-environment linkages (2010; Adamo and Izazola, editors). We have also had the unique opportunity to celebrate Chinese scholars (2012, Mackellar et al., eds). Finally, and particularly indicative of progress, it was a struggle to fill our first special issue on population and climate change (2010; Nelson, editor), although the 2014 issue (Hayes and Adamo, editors) was plenty full from an IUSSP special emphasis panel on the topic.

In between these issues, there have been untold important contributions. Theoretical and methodological advances have been made within *Population & Environment's* pages, and substantive progress has propelled our field forward. Throughout, hundreds of reviewers have offered critical feedback to ensure scientific integrity and progress. I thank each and every one of you for walking beside me on this journey.

I must also thank Evelien Bakker at Springer for consistently believing that *Population & Environment* holds an important place within demographic research—she has been a great advocate and supporter throughout the years. Thank you Evelien—from all of us!

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As the final special issue of my tenure, I am pleased to introduce a collection on “The Environmental Aspects of Fertility and Reproductive Health.” I have long thought this connection deserved more attention and am glad that the authors of the included eight papers also thought so! The papers cover a range of geographies and a variety of connections linking fertility and reproductive health to land use change and ownership, disasters, hunger, natural resource availability, and drought.

It is my hope that this cluster of excellent papers will serve as a beacon, guiding other scholars to consider the ways in which environmental context may shape reproductive decision-making.

Your future is in good hands. *Thanks again for everything—and keep up the amazing work!*