

Letter from the editor

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Biogeochemistry is first and foremost an international scientific journal, whose stated mission is to “publish original and synthetic papers dealing with biotic controls on the chemistry of the environment, or with the geochemical control of the structure and function of ecosystems.” The journal also, by the very nature of its discipline, publishes papers concerning human-environment interactions. However, we rarely dip our toes into the pools of policy or activism.

We certainly are living in most interesting times. It may even be time for us to expand our scientific lives beyond our comfort zone. To this end, I will be inviting noted scientists to write opinion/editorial pieces for us for an entire year, on topics of their choice but that will address the intersections of

biogeosciences, humans in the environment, policy, and activism. These op/ed pieces will be published as open access contributions, and so if you find them interesting, feel free to blog, tweet, Facebook, or send links on to the wider world in whatever way you see fit. If you want to suggest an op/ed author, or if you would like to write one yourself, please contact me directly.

My hope is that living in interesting times presents us with an opportunity to expand and explore new ideas and discover new ways to allow our science to serve both other scientists and society in general. Safe journeys!

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