From the Editor: Final Words

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After serving as the editor for *Journal of Family Economic Issues* since 2001, I will step down by the end of 2011. The new editor will be Elizabeth Dolan at the University of New Hampshire. I believe she will be an excellent editor and bring more successes for JFEI in her term. For the past 11 years, I enjoyed working with the authors, reviewers, editorial board members, associate editors, guest editors, and production editors in Springer. I am gladly seeing that JFEI is growing from a smaller size journal that used to publish about 12 papers per year to now a journal with a larger size publishing over 40 papers per year. The authorship and readership have also been expanding to many other countries besides its traditional American bases. Since August 2008, we started to use the online editorial management system that increased greatly the efficiency and accuracy of manuscript management and effectively facilitated communications between editors, reviewers and authors. I would like to thank the University of Rhode Island for providing a supportive environment for me as the editor in the past years. I also thank production editors in Springer, Jennifer Hadley, Sharon Panulla, Priya Sambandam and Latha Kalyanaraman, for providing guidance and assistance promptly and ably when needed.

In my term as the editor, I encouraged submissions of original empirical, conceptual, and review papers on important family economic issues from diverse academic fields and from diverse regions around the world. More importantly, I encouraged original papers written by interdisciplinary teams. I asked authors to discuss how the family economic issues focused in their papers are related

to family well-being. I let authors beware that the readers of this journal are from diverse disciplines and asked the authors to make their writing accessible to this diverse readership. In addition, I also asked authors of papers using a specific country data not only to convey unique information about that country but also discuss its contributions to the general, family economic literature. I hope JFEI will continue its tradition of being an interdisciplinary and international forum for researchers who are interested in important family economic issues worldwide.

Helpful Associate Editors

Because submissions increased greatly in the last couple of years, we started to use a system of associate editors since 2009. I thank Richard K. Caputo (welfare policy), Laura DeHann (work and family), John Grable (consumer finance), George W. Haynes (family business), Manouchehr Mokhtari (health), and José Alberto Molina (family economics) for serving as associate editors and utilizing their expertise in their specialized areas to help build up this emerging, interdisciplinary field that focuses on important family economic issues.

Helpful Guest Editors for Special Issues

In 2011, we published two special issues. Guest editors' contributions are greatly appreciated. One special issue is on health, economics and family role published in June 2011. Manouchehr Mokhtari served as the guest editor. The other special issue is on family finance published in this issue (December 2011). Karen Holden served as the guest editor. She invited papers that were originally presented at

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research forums on family finance held at the Center for Financial Security at the University of Wisconsin for the special issue. After the rigorous peer review process, three papers were accepted and included in this issue, which are written by Jeffrey Dew, Benjamin Levinger and his co-authors, and J. Michael Collins. Other papers in this issue are submitted to the regular issues and accepted after conventional peer review process handled by the editor and associated editors.

Outstanding Reviewers

Outstanding reviewers are defined as those who always provide thorough, constructive suggestions for the authors and considerate recommendations for the editors. They are always willing to help and complete their reviews on or before deadlines. Among 316 reviewers who served from August 2008 to October 2011, I would like to acknowledge

following people as outstanding reviewers who helped with 19–10 reviews each in the past 3 years: Zhuo Chen, Clinton G. Gudmunson, Gregory Ponthiere, Scott Hall, Jeffrey Dew, Deanna Sharpe, Jinhee Kim, Manouchehr Mokhtari, Laura Dehaan, Marta Elliott, and Yi Cai.

Reviewers from January 2011 to October 2011

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