Tribute to Annette Wannamaker

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January 2020 marked the end of an era at *Children's Literature in Education*; it was the first issue without the incomparable Annette Wannamaker as editor. Annette served as Chief Editor for the Americas for over a decade and accomplished great things in that time, including diversifying the board and the list of peer reviewers, publishing more work on diverse literatures and co-instituting the Emerging Scholars Award with David Rudd. All the while, she also continued contributing to the scholarly community in other ways by publishing essays and chapters and editing multiple book collections on her own particular interests, early readers and graphic novels.

A straight talker, Annette was fond of saying, “writing is never finished, just abandoned.” When working with her authors, if she thought something was problematic, she was clear about the what the problem was. If there were improvements to be made, she would suggest them. Her quick wit and wry observations make her a joy to work with. Mentoring junior scholars has been a hallmark of her editorship and she would actively recruit at conferences and take time to meet with authors in person to offer advice and encouragement, relentlessly rereading and revising, working a piece to that point of abandonment so it could be shared in the pages of the journal.

Thankfully, she is staying with the editorial team for a while longer as Associate Editor and sage advisor.

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