Editorial

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This is the first issue in volume seven of *IJEA*. Thanks to the editorial board, contributors, and subscribers who have made the first six volumes so successful. Also, a hearty thank-you to the Association of Fundraising Professionals whose sponsorship allows us to publish, and to Vanderbilt University's Peabody College which provides us office space and administrative support.

We have several special issues in store for this volume, including our first guest-edited issue focused on public engagement, a compilation of articles derived from this year's award winning dissertations, and an issue overseen by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. This issue contains three articles and the journal's first commentary.

Tanise Chung-Hoon, Julie Hite, and Steven Hite use the Donor/Organization Integration Model (proposed in *IJEA* in 2005) to examine institutional relationships with major gift donors at 132 public postsecondary institutions. The extension of the model and follow-up study mark an important step for the journal. The advancement knowledge base, which includes a preponderance of single-site, donor-characteristic-

focused studies, needs more of these studies.

In his article, 'College Fund Raising Using Theoretical Perspectives to Understand Donor Motives', Timothy Mann outlines several theoretical constructs which have utility for how advancement practitioners might think about their practice in relation to donor motivation.

David Weerts and Justin Ronca extend the domains in advancement research typically applied to charitable giving to other alumni activities. They explore the relationships between institutions and various types of alumni, divided by level of volunteerism and financial support.

Finally, Crystal Collins offers a commentary on crisis management in the US K-12 school system and challenges readers and practitioners to reflect upon their own contexts and crisis preparedness.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the journal. Please e-mail us at IJEA@vanderbilt.edu if you have any comments, reactions, or suggestions.

Best wishes,

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