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## Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

Here we are with the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the 18<sup>th</sup> volume of IFOTS. When then *freshly baked Doctor* Linda Sun created this journal in 2004, little did we know that we would continue working together on it throughout all of those years. Over these nearly two decade's worth of our collaboration, we have been honored to publish about the insights, research, and practices of students, practitioners, professors, and administrators around issues of education and study. Eclectic as the topics in the content of those IFOTS issues have been, our message never changed: We seek to provide a forum for scholars, educators, and professionals to disseminate their research on theory building and practice-based information on education. The contributors over the years have hailed from Afghanistan, Canada, China, Germany, Finland, France, India, Iran, Jordan, Pakistan, the UK, the USA, and Thailand. For many, a collaborative project and an exchange emerged through learning about one another's work; and with that our contributors have advanced their careers, contributed crucial knowledge to their fields, designed and implemented symposia, and presented at conferences, delivered professional development seminars, and developed community education projects. We are thrilled to welcome you, our new and seasoned readers and contributors, to our global IFOTS family as you peruse this issue.

In this issue, we feature three innovators from Illinois, two visionaries from Virginia, a rising (womyn's) activist from Washington, D.C., and two *culture-insighter* from China. Specifically, in this issue the authors bring you a variety of models, practices, and consideration with topics that intersect at improving our praxis while focusing on learners' realities, needs, and preferences. These topic cover: a metacognition model for translator education; a foreigner's view on Native American education; supporting individual academic performance and success of students based on their chronotypes; applying critical reflection on autobiography in prior learning and principles of *currere* to strengthen instruction; improving accessibility of education to pave the way for increased female agency and the development of a new womanhood; and considering a HyFlex model within competency-based- eLearning strategies in CTE and other education programs that require hands-on practice.

As it has been for the past eighteen years, it is our hope that you may take advantage of our collective good work by making connections with the authors. We need to broaden a fruitful local and global discourse with exchanges for the continuing learning we each ought to do in our respective fields. And while you are at that, take a look at the previous IFOTS issues on the American Scholars Press website. There is a wealth of expertise and experience preserved in those issues, with many authors who are still rather active in their profession. Here's your IFOTS, our forum for reaching out and continuing our learning!

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