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Editor's Corner

JoGG Begins Again

For five years and ten issues, former Editor T. Whit Athey, Ph.D., guided the *Journal of Genetic Genealogy* from a fledgling journal to a well-respected open-access journal containing many of the most recent developments in the field of genetic genealogy.

The Fall 2009 issue was Dr. Athey's last issue at the helm, and with the Fall 2010 issue, it is my turn at the wheel. There have been some bumps in the transition, as would be expected, and I send my most sincere thanks and gratitude to those who assisted me, offered assistance, or were simply patient while this issue progressed.

Now that I have a full grasp of the (momentous) task of publishing an issue of JoGG, you can expect a Spring 2011 issue around April/May and a Fall 2011 issue around October/November. So please keep your submissions coming.

This issue of JoGG – its eleventh since its launch in 2005 – contains yet another impressive array of articles, including seven new reports, a comprehensive review, a letter updating the progress of ongoing research from a recent article in JoGG, and an examination of short matching segments from Family Tree DNA's new Family Finder test. I think everyone will find something of interest.

I have many ideas for JoGG, and I hope to put some of them into practice over the next year or two. Among them, the JoGG website could use an update to promote greater interaction with authors and fellow readers. Further, more work is needed to extend the reach of articles that appear in JoGG, including the much-discussed goal of indexing articles for PubMed and other popular indexes.

The genetic genealogy field is a close-knit one, and its oldest journal should reflect that sense of community. So please feel free to submit directly to me any suggestions, comments, thoughts, or criticisms that readers care to contribute.

Before I end, let me again thank Dr. Athey for his excellent leadership of JoGG over the past five years, and for his personal guidance and advice during this recent transition.

Keep those submissions coming!

Blaine T. Bettinger,
Editor