

## From the Editors

This issue of *RFL* marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year as a free scholarly online journal at the University of Hawaii. Its status as one of the leading journals on second language reading has become widely recognized. This would not have been possible without the support of the National Foreign Language Resource Center (NFLRC), the University of Hawai‘i College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, and the University of Hawai‘i Department of Second Language Studies. Their continued funding allows us to offer *RFL* without charge.

This issue of *RFL* also marks a major change in the journal. Thom Hudson steps aside as one of the two co-editors and moves to the newly-created position of Associate Editor. We would like to thank Thom for his invaluable 15 years of service to the *RFL*. Thom’s scholarship and leadership have been incredibly influential and will have a lasting impact on the research in *RFL*. We are very grateful that he will continue his work for the journal as Associate Editor.

We are pleased and excited to announce that Cindy Brantmeier will be the new co-editor. Dr. Brantmeier is Professor of Applied Linguistics and Education and Chair of the Department of Education at Washington University in St. Louis. She is a recognized and respected authority on second language reading. Dr. Brantmeier has been the editor of the feature Readings on L2 Reading since 2005.

This issue begins as a special issue, “Connections between Second Language Reading and Writing”, edited by Betsy Gilliland and Jeongyeon (Jay) Park. We would like to thank them for their hard work in putting together this special issue.

In addition, there are three articles that continue the discussion of extensive reading that first appeared in the April 2015 issue of *RFL*. Richard Day discusses the results of a survey of the principles of extensive reading programs. Eun Young Jeon and Richard Day present their results of a meta-analysis of extensive reading programs that used five core principles of extensive reading. Jeongyeon Park and Eunseok Ro report the result of their study of the principles of extensive reading in an English for special purposes course.

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*RFL*, like all scholarly journals, depends on the support of individuals with expertise in various areas of second and foreign language reading. The critical and insightful observations and suggestions of the external reviewers allow the journal to maintain the high quality of the

articles. However, as *RFL* has become the leading journal in second and foreign language reading, the number of manuscripts that we receive for consideration steadily increases. As a result, we need more and more external reviewers. If any readers of *RFL* would like to be external reviewers, please contact us with the areas of second and foreign language reading in which you have particular expertise.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the external reviewers who have provided valuable comments on manuscripts. As noted above, these scholars make invaluable contributions to *RFL*. The following external reviewers took time to do critical evaluations through mid-September 2015:

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We would like to have your feedback to the articles; please feel free to contact us with your reactions, comments, and suggestions.

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