

## Editorial

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**Daniel E. Shaw, Ph.D., M.Ed., Editor**

### **John J Schmidt, Ph.D.**

Jack, as we all know him, has resigned his position as one of our Board of Editor Members. Jack in keeping with his retirement plans, will no longer serve on our board.

No one in the Alliance has contributed more to the present success of Invitational Education than Jack Schmidt. Even before the Alliance was founded in 1982, Jack was making significant contributions to Invitational Theory and Practice (ITP). During his three-year (1980-1986) doctoral program in Counselor Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Jack worked closely with his doctoral committee advisor, William Purkey. Jack and his advisor's lengthy dialogues and debates over many months contributed significantly to ITP.

During the three decades since 1982, Jack provided strong leadership and intellectual rigor to Invitational Theory. For example:

- He created and was first editor of the "Alliance for Invitational Education Newsletter (now recognized as the IAIE FORUM).
- He served as Executive Director of IAIE for four years. During this time, detailed bylaws were developed world-wide access to ITP were provided, and administrative functions were greatly strengthened.
- He has written two books and numerous articles related to Invitational Theory and Practice. This is in addition to many other books he has authored.
- Recently he served as editor of Fundamentals of Invitational Education. Without Jack, there would be no Fundamentals book. He handled the editing, layout, design, cover, figures, index, and even arranged the printing.

The Alliance was officially founded at Lehigh University in 1982. Jack was one of the 12 founding members. Even at this early state in his career, Jack demonstrated his understanding of the deeper foundations of ITP.

He conceived of and was the first editor of the JITP, created to consider the deeper qualitative and philosophical issues embedded in ITP. The creation of our journal was a major milestone in the evolution of our organization. After passing the editor's torch to the next editor, Jack remained on our editorial board, reviewing countless manuscripts at his high level of excellence, until his recent resignation. We all owe him a large debt of gratitude for everything he has done. As current editor, Jack was of significant help to me in my efforts as editor.

I sincerely thank him and will miss his much appreciated sage advice and contributions. Best wishes Jack! Enjoy retirement.

### **This Issue**

We hope you like our new cover design. We attempted to achieve an even more "professional" look than we've had in the past.

In this issue you will find four excellent research articles that contribute significantly to the growing literature on ITP. There are three articles that focus on our unique "Invitational Perspective" regarding the application of ITP within education.

Our final article provides a history of the Inviting School Survey (ISS) by Dr. Ken Smith, who revised and empirically validated the ISS-R.

As always, I encourage you to send an "*Email to the Editor*". Let me know what you think of the different look and especially your thoughts on our articles; good, bad, neutral, whatever reaction(s) you have.

Stay well,  
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