

Editor's Introduction

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As Editor of *Reflections*, I am pleased to introduce this special issue entitled *Sustainable Communities and Environmental Communication* as part of last year's first Conference on Community Writing. We owe gratitude to our special co-editors, Veronica House, Catherine Laswell, and Rebecca Dickson, for their work on the first *Reflections* special issue focused on environmental issues. The topic fits perfectly with our emphasis on social justice and activism, so we're elated to have an issue with intersections to previous special issues and articles focused on race, disability, class, gender, and other social justice and awareness concerns. Environmental justice matters, especially in our current volatile political and global climate. As some of the authors point out in their articles, snapshots, and reviews, environmental awareness is part of our classrooms and plays a significant role in our students' lives, present and future. Community partnerships, as some will attest to in this issue, also play an important part in raising awareness and taking action to help multiple communities.

And, some communities have been fighting for environmental and economic justice for many years. Academics and others can learn from their long histories.

Thank you, and enjoy your journey as you peruse this special issue!

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