Friends and Colleagues,

Greetings and welcome to our 2008 Fall issue. In this season for reading, I hope that this issue lives up to your expectations and provides you with some food for thought.

The Features section opens with Miguel Sosa and Christine Pearson Casanave making a strong argument against the use of control as a form of classroom management. They give a critical analysis of control and how it may appear in teachers’ lives and argue that developing a deep understanding of our students and being flexibly prepared to respond to the unpredictability of teaching and learning are preferable to strict impositions. Following this, Hideo Kojima proposes the integration of three key concepts that have gained wide appeal in recent theory and research on language education – autonomy, reflection and collaboration. He gives examples of how he practices the integration of these concepts in his teacher education classes.

In the Research Digest section, Tim Murphey, Miyoun Kim, Sayuri Kusutani, Judy Lawson, Makiko Sugawara and Naoki Yamaura offer a collaborative account aimed at encouraging teachers to publish. Their own collaborative writing process serves as a model of the main points of their argument.

In our first article for a while in the Professional Development section, Risa Aoki describes her experience and development through observation of a more experienced teacher’s class.

In the Opinion and Perspective section, Tim Stewart looks at three areas of reform in higher education in Japan—reform of national universities, faculty development, and learner autonomy.

In the Book Reviews section Paul Rowan reviews Mike Hood’s recent textbook on Presentations, while in the Conference Reviews...
section **Jonathon Harrison** reviews JALT CALL 2008, and **Dexter Da Silva** reviews the Japan Association for the Study of Cooperation in Education (JASCE) and its international parent’s combined annual conference in June.

On the editorial team, we have another addition. **Glen Hill** takes over the Conference Reviews section. We also continue to make changes to our format as deemed necessary or preferable. As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments.

I hope you are stimulated by the following articles.


Dexter Da Silva

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