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EDITOR'S CONCLUDING REMARKS

I hope that you have enjoyed this extra, third issue in Volume 24 of Southern Rural Sociology. This issue marks my last as the journal editor and it is time for me to say thank you and move on. Cue the music, Carol Burnett.

First, I would like to thank the Southern Rural Sociological Association for allowing me the privilege to serve. The last four years have been challenging, fun, and educational and I will always treasure the experience.

My wife, Tamela, and daughter, Morgan, deserve more thanks than I can bestow. They were, as always, tremendously patient with me as I often worked on the journal at home in the evening and on the weekends. I know that I can be tough to live with when I get task-oriented. Thank you. I love you.

Next, I owe Dr. Paul Wozniak and the Department of Sociology at Western Kentucky University thanks for covering the journal’s software needs, as well as most of my journal-related travel expenses even in difficult economic times. I am also grateful to my colleagues at WKU for their advice and reviews over the years.

I would also like to single out two of my former students for special thanks. Kim Fletcher took the lead in developing the SRS and SRSA web sites when I took over the journal. Tovara Gray helped populate the journal’s contents by scanning in all the back issues of the journal so that all were available electronically. I could not have done this without their help. Great job, you two. I am proud to have worked with you.

I was blessed with a great group of associate editors (See Table 1). I could always count on them for advice on the journal, assistance finding reviewers, and barring that, quick, quality reviews of their own.

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Last, but never least, I would like to thank the reviewers who assisted me over the last four years (See Table 2). Science runs on the peer review process. These
individuals selflessly took the time out of their own careers to read and make suggestions to aid their colleagues. Thank you for all your help.

**Table 2. Reviewers for Southern Rural Sociology, 2006-2010.**

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This special issue is also the last issue of *Southern Rural Sociology*. Based on responses from association members, the SRSA Executive Committee voted in 2009 to change the name of the journal to the *Journal of Rural Social Science: The Official Journal of the Southern Rural Sociological Association* starting with Volume 25 in 2010. The new journal is well under way in the capable hands of Douglas Constance and Gene Theodori. I wish them well and look forward to reading their first issue soon.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Clayton Smith
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Bowling Green, Kentucky