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The articles included in Volume 35, issue 1 of the *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* (JRSS) collectively demonstrate both the scope and depth of scholarly work that this publication makes available, and they suggest the important roles that rural-focused researchers will need to play in the future. Addressing issues including youth, sexualities, land use, and transformations in agriculture, these five articles bring together a diverse mix of theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches to help us better understand a complicated world. We hope you will find these writings to be informative for your teaching, research, and policy work.

Reflecting more broadly, it is difficult to believe all of the changes we have seen in just the first half of 2020. When we presented the annual report of the Editorial Office at the 2020 meetings of the Southern Rural Sociological Association in Louisville, KY, we had little idea about the upheavals that were coming just weeks away. Considering the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, associated economic crises, and mass social movement responses to the continuation of racial violence, we are clearly in a time of rapid and far-reaching social changes with varied outcomes. Scholars focused on the challenges and opportunities confronted by people and communities across the rural-urban continuum have important roles to play in how we understand, respond, and adapt to these and other changes. In particular, we have the ability to cut through taken-for-granted dichotomies and build knowledge to inform action and policy in a manner that promotes thoughtful discernment in decision making to pursue greater justice and equity. We hope the *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* will continue to be involved in these endeavors.