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## *Letter from the Editor:*

I could think of no better way of launching this journal than by asking members of the editorial board to offer articles for the inaugural issue, and I have added one of my own to round out the first number—I am grateful for their contributions. Indeed, I wish to thank the entire editorial board for their input and support in creating this journal.

Thanks also to everyone at Texas Digital Libraries, and to my department and college—in particular to my dean, Walter Diaz, for release time. My appreciation also to William Flores for the cover design, and especially to Justin White, who was instrumental in helping me deal with the countless technical issues that accompany online publication.

So, here is the first issue of what I hope will be many to come....

Best,

Gary Schneider