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**From the Editor:**

Peggy Pittman-Munke  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The journal is in a time of transition. *Contemporary Rural Social Work* is moving to Murray State University from Minot State University. The move offers significant new resources for the journal, including a software package with technical assistance from the software company provided by Murray State University, a tech-savvy member of the library staff [AJ Boston, MLS] who is local and can help with the software and has migrated the journal from Minot State University's server to its new home [a much more complicated and time consuming process than I had imagined], and a copy editor [Erin Stinchcomb, MA] through the Department of Community Leadership and Human Services in the College of Education and Human Services. Already, we owe A.J. Boston and Erin Stinchcomb our hearty thanks for their unstinting effort and cheerful "can do" "I've got this" attitude and service to the journal.

We will roll out the new website and the journal at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in the Rural Environment during our July 18 – 20, 2018 annual meeting in Murray, Kentucky.  
[https://www.murraystate.edu/academics/CollegesDepartments/CollegeOfEducationandHumanServices/coehsacademicunits/CLHS/SocialWork/crsw\\_journal.aspx](https://www.murraystate.edu/academics/CollegesDepartments/CollegeOfEducationandHumanServices/coehsacademicunits/CLHS/SocialWork/crsw_journal.aspx) is the link to the new website. Our new software requires everyone to input a new log-in and information. We think you will find this new software and website much easier to navigate. Our present reviewers should already be in the system. Peter Kindle kindly agreed to continue as book review editor, Mike Daley is the Associate Editor, and I continue as Editor. Thanks to the generosity of Murray State University, the technical aspects of getting out the journal have been made much easier.

We anticipate being back on schedule for publication for the 2018 issue of the journal, and are accepting manuscripts for the journal at the link above. Remember, we publish articles related to rural practice and education and both agency and social work education administration in rural areas that may be historical, conceptual or empirical. We also publish shorter articles as teaching or administrative notes or field practice notes. As long as your work relates to rural social work or practice we are interested in reviewing it for publication.

Although we are beginning a new era for the *Journal of Contemporary Rural Social Work*, we are paying homage to the history of the National Rural Social Work Caucus as we dedicate this issue to the memory of Barry Locke, 1943 – 2018.

--peg munke