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Despite the dual grave challenges of the 2019-2020 academic year (that is Hurricane Dorian and the still ongoing Covid-19 pandemic), University of Bahamas faculty are rising to the challenge, continuing to build their research output. Indeed, the 26th volume of the *International Journal of Bahamian Studies* is one of the largest ever, consisting of 11 different articles—making the issue approximately twice as long as the usual issue. In addition to the typical high-quality work from University of Bahamas faculty, we are pleased that this year's edition of the journal includes three articles by scholars studying The Bahamas from beyond our shores. Those are: Andrew Jones of Kennesaw State University; Charmane M. Perry of the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and Raquel Chavarria and Javier Francisco-Ortega of Florida International University, along with their co-authors.

As always, this year's edition of the journal would not have been possible without the help of the many individuals, including: international and local peer reviewers; the copyediting team; and, finally, Ms. Virginia Ballance, Nursing & Health Sciences Librarian and former Managing Editor of *IJBS*. Ms. Ballance's keen critical eye for editing continues to be foundational to the journal's tradition of excellence.

IJBS is looking forward to an eventful 2021. In addition to the regular fall issue, *IJBS* will be releasing a special issue of the journal in Spring 2021 which will focus on the effects and aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. That issue will be guest edited by Drs. Saskia Fürst, Dustin Hellberg, and Ian Bethell-Bennett, all from English Studies. I look forward to working with them as the issue proceeds to publication.

Sincerely,

Dr. Raymond Oenbring

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