

Journal News – 2020

JALL has had a solid year in 2020, with an expected six articles to be published in the regular issue. In addition, the 2019 conference special issue is due to be published late November, with around 13 papers expected in that issue.

The journal had a big change early in the year, moving to a new host and receiving a major software upgrade which led to a fresh new look. JALL uses the Open Journal Systems software package to run its operations, which is developed by the [Public Knowledge Project \(PKP\)](#) consortium based at Simon Fraser University Library in Canada. JALL is now hosted on PKP servers. From an external perspective, the move went smoothly, though in the background there were a few hiccups and some teething issues with getting all the settings just how we wanted them, and it has taken awhile to fully master driving the new system!

The 2019 AALL Biennial Conference special issue is being guest edited by Maggie McAlinden and Meriel Griffiths, and I would like to give them both a big thank you for taking on this big job of finding reviewers, assessing their feedback, and corresponding with authors. I am sure they will both breathe a big sigh of relief when the issue is finalised.

In the second half of the year, one of the founding editorial team members, Claire Aitchison, decided to stand down as her career was no longer focused on ALL work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Claire for her many contributions to the journal during her tenure, not only basic editorial work, but also for her insightful contributions to policy decisions, and for being the driving force behind some conference professional development workshops aimed at helping inexperienced reviewers understand the expectations of reviewers, and how to frame their reviews.

Once again, a big thank you to all the reviewers and the rest of the regular editorial team, Kate Chanock, Cally Guerin, Tim Moore and Andrew Johnson, who have all volunteered considerable amounts of their time and expertise to ensure JALL continues to publish high quality work of value to the academic language and learning community. Early next year we will look to add new members to the team.

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