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EDITORIAL

This issue is the inaugural issue of the journal following the demise of the older state associations and the creation of the Great Plains Sociological Association. With the creation of a regional focus for the GPSA, the journal will also expand its focus to represent the whole range of sociological interest and research. The present issue covers some areas of regional interest and others that exceed regional interest. In terms of methodology, some articles are qualitative and others quantitative. The articles represent nearly all of the paradigms presently being utilized in the discipline. The intent of the journal is to continue to present this broad forum as well as continuing to stress intellectually stimulating articles as the number one priority for publication.

Space in the journal is limited, so we would appreciate receiving manuscripts that cogently cover their topics in the range of fifteen to twenty-five pages, all inclusive. Exceptions may warrant longer manuscripts, but most writers, sociologists included, actually improve the quality of their work when Occum's Razor is applied.

The journal needs more individuals willing to serve as reviewers. This is an opportunity to get professionally involved with your discipline while aiding the GPSA and helping yourself. You will be situating yourself to be exposed to the newest research being done by your colleagues in the region. If you are able to serve in this capacity, take advantage. Please notify me:

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