

Editor's Preface: Middle Level Teacher Education

In this Fall 1997 issue of *Teacher Education Quarterly* guest editor Janet E. McDaniel of California State University San Marcos presents eight informative and provocative articles around the theme "Middle Level Teacher Education." As her introduction indicates, middle level teacher preparation is currently evolving as an educational discipline distinct from traditional elementary and secondary teacher education. This collection of articles presents both the developing scholarly base for the middle level field as well as practical discussion of preparation programs already in operation.

All of us at *Teacher Education Quarterly* appreciate the contributions of the 19 authors whose work is presented in this issue, and thank Janet for her leadership in assembling this collection. The 19 authors reside in 10 different states and teach at 13 different institutions of higher education, thus offering a solid national perspective on the middle level field. It is clear to me that our readers will come away from this issue with a new understanding and broadened perspective of middle level teacher education.

—Alan H. Jones, Editor and Publisher