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New England Journal of Entrepreneurship

Dear Readers,

Included in this issue are five distinct pieces.

We kick off the issue with “The Influence of Social Identity on Rural Consumers’ Intent to Shop Locally.”

The second paper is “Small Business Owner Satisfaction with Financial Performance: A Longitudinal Study.” I have been particularly happy that we have had an increase in submissions in the past few years centered on small business owners.

The third and fourth papers were selected as part of a “special issue” section, and were chosen by the reviewers as the best papers from recent AIBNE conferences. The third article is “The Impacts of Trust and Feelings on Knowledge Sharing among Chinese Employees.” The fourth paper is titled “The Alien Tort Statute of 1789 and International Human Rights Violations: *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.*” I would like to note that a critically important decision was made public just as we were going to print. The author would like to alert the readers that this update can be found at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2014/09/04/10-56739.pdf>.

The final piece, titled “Framebuilder Entrepreneurship,” is a short “primer” on an intriguing development in entrepreneurship.

This is my last issue as the Editor of the journal, and as such, I would like to spend the bulk of my space here to thank the many people who have made this such an exciting run.

First of all, I would like to thank the many Deans—past and present—who have supported the journal and our efforts. Without their financial support, we simply could not do this. Our “ace in the hole” is our editorial consultant team, led by Angela Miccinello. Angie and her colleagues at Miccinello Associates are first class in terms of accuracy, layout, and (most importantly) buttoning up the loose ends with our accepted authors. It has truly been a pleasure working with them, and specifically Angie for over a decade.

I would also like to thank my predecessor (and prior editors), Dr. Lorry Weinstein and Dr. Herbert Sherman. Both were great mentors and I appreciate all they had me do over the years. We transitioned a small, local and unknown publication into a respected, peer-reviewed journal that is now found in the journal rankings. Academic journals are a crowded market, so I am very proud of the rigor I helped to infuse into the journal, and the fact that we are now recognized from the outside.

I also would like to thank Dr. Khawaja Mamun, who acted as the Editor for the “special issue” portion of this issue (i.e., the AIBNE submissions). He did a wonderful and thorough job, and I am very appreciative.

In addition, I would like to thank Dr. Grace Guo, who we welcomed aboard as an Associate Editor for this issue. She brings great passion and competence to this venture and I wish her luck going forward, as she takes over as the new Editor for *NEJE*. I have great confidence that she will do an excellent job.

And lastly, I would like to thank our readers, our revolving cast of reviewers, past and present associate editors, and researchers who continue to consider *NEJE* as an outlet for their research. I appreciate the patience exhibited by this issue’s accepted authors, and hope you enjoy reading their work.

Thank you all for a fantastic and stimulating ride for the past 10 years. It is so encouraging to see the field of entrepreneurship grow over this time. And, it has been a pleasure interacting with so many of you over email and at conferences.

Best regards,

Dr. Joshua A. Shuart, Ph.D.

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