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This volume is the result of many years of work by members of the Basic Course Committee of the Speech Communication Association. Individually, there are too many people to thank, but I would like to recognize the efforts and support of two people. The first person I would like to thank is Norm Watson, the former Chair of the Basic Course Committee, who supported my efforts to secure a publisher and proceed with developing this outlet dedicated to the research and scholarship of individuals concerned with the basic course in speech communication. The second person I want to thank is Malcolm Fox, Editor for Academic Library, for having enough confidence in our work to publish this and future annuals reporting research in the basic communication course.

I am excited about this inaugural *Basic Course Annual*. The essays published in this volume are exciting and form a solid foundation upon which future editions of *The Annual* will rest. There are a variety of essays included — some related to the history of the basic course, others offering insights into basic course pedagogy, and others discussing the administration of multi-sectioned basic communication courses.

Finally, the work of the manuscript reviewers cannot go unmentioned. Each of them worked diligently to complete reviews on time and offer valuable insights into each submission. I am certain everyone who received reviews would testify to their thoroughness and appreciates the assistance offered by each reviewer. With such a competent set of reviewers, the selection of essays, although a difficult task, was easier than I had anticipated.

I hope each of you enjoy reading this volume as much as I enjoyed working on it.

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