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Editor's Message: Shortly after our initial launch, the *Online Journal of Rural and Urban Research* was hacked. Fortunately, after much labor, it is operational again. The main focus of the Online Journal of Rural and Urban Research is to improve the quality of life through basic and applied research into problems, which plague urban and rural communities, and to make research results available to stakeholders. Housed at Mississippi Urban Research Center, Jackson State University, the journal's topics will be as diverse as the urban environment in which it resides.

The current issue has "Education" as its theme, featuring an editorial from Dr. Melvin Davis, Executive Director, Mississippi Urban Research Center, Jackson State University. We have the honor of showcasing original research and commentaries from educators throughout the country. It is our intent that the current issue will inspire academicians, students, and community to continue to cultivate environments of literary success.