

**Thank you Dr. Robison and hello from Dr. Bridges; JAID is ALIVE!**

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The *Journal of Applied Instructional Design* (JAID) is now up and running albeit slowly. During 2019, Dr. Don Robison transitioned out of the role of senior editor for JAID and I have the honor of trying to fill some large shoes in his place. Don is doing much better these days by attending to his health, and still doing his amazing work with Eastern Virginia Medical School's community engaged learning. He and I work at the same institution and regularly confer about JAID and the importance the journal has as a voice of instructional design practitioners.

It is an honor to publish the last collection of articles completed under Dr. Robison's editorship in the first issue of 2019. Our mission is to bridge the gap between theory and practice and publish your hard work. I should be terrified by the amount of work coming my way, but I choose to focus on the positive, knowing that goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. I will work hard to publish the backlog of articles you have submitted and vow to remain in constant and humble communication with you throughout 2020 as our all-volunteer staff works to catch up. I must add a very special thank you to Christine Moore, doctoral candidate from Virginia Commonwealth University for all her help with copy editing for Issue 1 and 2.

I look forward to several special issues during 2020 and your continued submissions to JAID.

Yours Truly,

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