Editor’s Remarks

The entire CJPE editorial team is pleased to note the quality and calibre of the submissions that we continue to receive from the evaluation community, and the papers included in this issue illustrate this quite well. The first four articles published in this issue focus on current topics that will be of interest to both researchers and practitioners, such as evaluation capacity building (LaMarre, D’Avernas, Riley, Raffoul, & Jain), modeling program outcomes (LaVelle & Dighe), program complexity and theory of change (Douthwaite, Ahmad, & Shah), and trends in the CES credentialing program (Lawson, Hunter, & McDavid). A fifth article, written by Dussault and Duquet, focuses on the lessons learned through an evaluation conducted in Quebec schools. Our four research and practice notes are also sure to generate thoughtful discussion in our community: Roy and Searle move our thinking about developmental evaluation further by discussing scope creep; McDavid, Shepherd, and Morin share their experience with inter-university collaboration in the area of evaluation education; Lahey and his collaborators present us with a description of how evaluation is conducted in provincial and territorial governments across Canada; and Gauthier discusses the professionalization of evaluation practice and its dimensions. Finally, we are pleased to present two book reviews, one by Gómez-Ramírez and one by Sellick, that provide us with a good sense of what new resources are available to us and how they might inform our practice and thinking.

One quick correction, my previous Editor’s Remarks misspelled the name of one of the special issue editors. My thanks to Katherine Graham and Rob Shepherd for their important contribution to the CJPE, and apologies to Katherine for the spelling oversight.

As always, please share your thoughts with us, and continue to submit your work to the CJPE. We have made great strides in reducing our publication wait times, thanks to the support of CES and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. We look forward to reading your papers soon!

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