

## Editor's Column

Please join the TAS Executive Committee and the *Journal* Managing Editor in welcoming our new Assistant Editor, Amy Thompson. Amy is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at Austin Peay State University, where she teaches cellular and molecular biology and anatomy and physiology. She is also faculty advisor for APSU's Eta Pi Chapter of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky in Molecular and Biomedical Pharmacology in 2005 with an additional Preparing Future Faculty Certification in College Teaching and Learning and her B.S. from Austin Peay State University in Medical Technology in 1999. In 2014, she was named one of the American Society for Clinical Pathology's 40 Under 40. Her research focuses on brown recluse spiders and the cellular damage caused by their venom; she has also recently become interested in gluten quantification to identify the benefits and limitations of current testing and labeling practices. In 2015, she co-edited (with historian and husband, Dr. Antonio Thompson) a collection of essays focused on the role of various professionals in disaster response. This book is titled *...But if a Zombie Apocalypse Did Occur: Essays on Medical, Military, Governmental, Ethical, Economic and Other Implications*. We are glad to have her on board at *JTAS*.

Highlighted in this issue is a manuscript detailing flora at the biologically-rich Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. The *Journal* has a rich history of publishing studies relevant to Tennessee. One of our earliest issues

provides known details regarding cave animals of Tennessee (Ives, 1930); authors have contributed reports of herpetofauna in specific regions of the state (Norton and Harvey, 1975) and groundwater chemical analyses (Wilson et al., 1992). We welcome submissions of these types of studies. Additionally, the *Journal* will consider manuscripts in any of the sciences, mathematics, scholarship of teaching, or undergraduate research. In order to continue the success of this publication, we are always looking for manuscript reviewers. Please reach out to the Managing Editor or a Section Editor to offer your services. The *Journal* is specifically seeking a Section Editor for the History of Science position. Submit inquiries to the Managing Editor.

The Managing Editor would like to thank all of the Section Editors and Reviewers who make publication of the *Journal* possible. Thanks for another great year.

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