

## Editorial

The Council of Writing Program Administrators is pleased to honor Kenneth A. Bruffee, the founding editor of *WPA*, with this collection of essays on collaborative learning. As one of the co-founders of the Council of Writing Program Administrators and its first eloquent voice, Ken began talking with us about writing program administration at the MLA in 1976, and later shared his ideas and conversations through his editorials in the *WPA Newsletter* and eventually in the refereed *WPA Journal*. During his six years as editor, he created a national forum where experienced and inexperienced WPAs could discuss administrative issues, learn from others' successes and failures, and most importantly view themselves as professional teacher/administrators who labored in a context larger than that of their home institutions.

For more than a decade Ken has encouraged us to learn from one another, to join in the conversation of mankind. The authors in this issue join the conversation Ken began in 1976 and offer their views on the importance of collaboration to the successful writer, teacher, and administrator.

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