

*Editorial***LETTER FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR**

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Greetings from the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) here at The University of Alabama. It has been my honor to contribute to the creation and ongoing management of the Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care as the managing editor since its inception. As a faculty member at SLIS, I teach a variety of courses, including those in health information and librarianship. My research has been focused in the area of clinical digital libraries. Our research group is responsible for the creation and ongoing maintenance of the RNO Digital Library, which is linked to from the homepage of the RNO website. You may also use the following URL: <http://ruralnurseorganization-dl.slis.ua.edu/>. This work is in conjunction with Dr. Ana D. Cleveland at the School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of North Texas.

The purpose of this column twofold: to announce a significant milestone for the Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care and to solicit feedback concerning the features of the Journal.

First, the milestone: since our last issue of the Journal in Spring 2004 (Volume 4, No. 1), we have been accepted for inclusion into the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL). CINAHL, which is the premier database covering nursing and allied health, currently indexes more than 1700 journals, of which 536 are classified as [nursing journals](#). The availability of our articles through this highly used bibliographic tool will enhance the visibility of our authors' work. Our next step will be to examine possibilities for other bibliographic databases.

Second, I would like to personally invite emails from the readership of the Online Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care concerning its features. We have made an attempt to provide a high quality product, including providing convenient access to article abstracts and links to MEDLINE abstracts in the bibliographies of each article. We are constantly seeking to provide a better reading environment, so all suggestions are welcome! My e-mail is smaccall@bama.ua.edu.