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**Letter from the Editor**

Welcome to the Fall 2023 issue of *South Carolina Libraries*. In this issue, you will find experiences from the 2022 SCLA conference that we could not fit into the spring issue; book reviews that spotlight South Carolinian authors and stories; and narratives of the hard work happening every day in South Carolina libraries.

For this fall issue, the editorial board is excited to feature one article by Dylan McElroy on rejection. Dylan's experiences may sound familiar to readers with similar experiences navigating careers in galleries, libraries, archives, and museums. Because these feelings of rejection can be so isolating, this story is a welcome reminder that we do not face our struggles alone. We hope that you will find encouragement in Dylan's honest and vulnerable reflection.

I am thrilled to write to the readership as the new Editor of the journal. It has been a rewarding experience serving on the editorial board since October 2020 and I look forward to serving in this new role. I want to extend my sincere thanks to my predecessors, April Akins and Megan Palmer, for their years of service and mentorship. I would also be remiss

if I did not acknowledge our Technical Advisor extraordinaire, Amie Freeman, who has been an incredible help during this transition period. I would like to welcome our two newest additions to the editorial board, Valerie Vera and Ron Stafford, and thank them both for their willingness to hit the ground running. And, finally, heartfelt congratulations to our former SLIS Student Representative, Gracen Cabiness, on her graduation. I am fortunate to have such brilliant and kind colleagues.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to reach out if you are interested in becoming more involved with the journal. We are always looking for book reviewers, peer reviewers, and authors. Students are also encouraged to submit work that aligns with the journal's scope. Book reviews are a wonderful way to start. Please ask questions or feedback for the journal as we take our next steps forward. Thank you!

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