

## Editor's Commentary

According to Confucius, “by three methods we may learn wisdom: first, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.” As anyone who has written or has thought about writing a research article for submission to a peer reviewed journal knows original work is tough to do and comes with the highest personal risk. Putting your work out in the open for a variety of peers to evaluate takes a special drive – one that pushes from within – prompting the desire to share new knowledge with others. There is no magic formula nor do you have to be a skilled wordsmith to become published – you simply must have the ambition to do so.

Although the final product only has two articles, the acceptance rate of this edition of the *CAR* was 40%. This is still higher than most peer-reviewed journal acceptance rates. As the research within our discipline matures, the quality continues to get better. Our reviewers are doing an outstanding job at holding the bar high. Thanks goes out to each UAA member who has taken the time and dedication to review articles. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

I encourage all faculty to consider writing for the *CAR*. One area in which you may consider to explore is a paper on research methodology. There is a wide, varied range of methods available for aviation researchers to use yet the methods in use among recent articles has been limited. Help enlighten all of us on best practices in methodologies or provide cases as models for unique or versatile designs. We need more tools in our tool boxes. Let's work together to make this happen.

The editors of the journal and the UAA publications committee encourage all types of research – quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods, and methodology articles. There truly is no preference. All that is required is a sound research design, clear methodology, and succinctly reported results. I want to challenge you to produce a journal article to submit for the next edition of the *CAR*. Only through your work can aviation research continue to expand and improve.

Sincerely,

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