Editorial
AJUR Starts its 8th Year
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This issue marks the start of AJUR’s eighth year of operation. We continue as we began: to promote undergraduate research written by undergraduates. Many of the disciplinary editors (pp. ii-iii) have been with us from the beginning, and I am happy to pay tribute to them: this journal could not function without their timely and selfless assistance. Thank you! In these hard financial times, volunteer professional service is important to our continuing success.

With this issue we have published 102 research articles by 149 undergraduate researchers since the first issue in June 2002.

Eighty-eight percent come from undergraduates in North America, with the remainder from Nigeria, India, Iran, Austria, and Russia. International submissions had been increasing up through spring 2008, but the last year has witnessed a dramatic decrease. Is this an artifact of the financial downturn? If so, we hope for a recovery to the trend of past years. AJUR publishes articles at no cost in part to make it accessible to international students.

Where have the 102 papers come from? Each dot below gives the answer. May 2009-2010 bring some representative papers from new areas of the world: Australia, east Asia, and South America.