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In this issue authors are from **Australia, Canada, Fiji, Ireland, Korea, New Zealand, United Kingdom**, and the **United States**. Authors from various parts of the world are encouraged to send their work to IJ-SoTL so that it becomes increasingly international in scope.

I also want to thank all the authors who submitted manuscripts that were not accepted for publication. I hope the review process and the reviewers' comments have been of benefit to their SoTL work. Those submissions came from **Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Cyprus, Hungary, Iran, New Zealand, Nigeria, Qatar, South Africa, Singapore, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, and Uzbekistan**.

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- 4) **4 Personal Reflections**,
- 5) **1 Book Review**, and
- 6) ways for readers to **join the reflections and conversations about SoTL**.

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Thank you for reading this issue of IJ-SoTL.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan', is positioned above the editor's name.

Alan Altany, Editor