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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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Alan Altany, Editor