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I am honored and excited to be named the incoming Editor-in-Chief of *Case Studies in the Environment*, published by University of California Press. My editorship will officially begin September 1, 2022, and this upcoming summer will be one of transition. First, I want to thank Wil Burns, out-going Editor-in-Chief of the journal, for seeing and filling a much-needed gap in the broader suite of environmental publications. I also want to thank David Famiano, Journals Publisher, and Liba Hladik, Managing Editor, at UC Press for their support, assistance, and guidance.

Case Studies in the Environment employs case studies as a teaching tool, often illustrating how environmental theory manifests “on the ground”. Case studies show that environmental phenomenon are where ecology, economics, politics, and culture intersect across time and space. Oftentimes, real-world cases do not conform to our pre-established expectations, which is when a case study can be a cautionary tale. Also, given the way in which environmental problem solving is inherently interdisciplinary, they require a suite of interdisciplinary methods. The case studies published in the journal are concise, clear, and accompanied by teaching materials. This is a formula for developing real-world problem solvers who are cognizant of issues that may arise when theory is put into practice, and who have the skill sets to address them. I would like to continue on this tradition of excellent scholarship, clear and concise communication, and bridging the gap between theoretical and applied knowledge.

With respect to the future, I hope to better represent voices and cases from regions traditionally under-represented in academia. Given the global scope of environmental problems, understanding how different case studies unfold in different regions is key in understanding and engaging in these processes. I would like to continue the journal’s reputation as being a welcoming place to publish with a reasonable turnaround time and helpful editors. Special collections provide a great opportunity for subject matter experts or members of an organization to highlight a narrower scope of work, and I would like to see more of them in the future. Finally, I hope to build upon the sense of community already established at the journal. This may take the form of webinars, Q&A sessions, roundtable discussions, and other forms of engagement. I truly want all involved with the journal to feel a sense of ownership.

I am always available to discuss concepts for journal articles, so please don’t hesitate to be in touch. You may reach me at cse.editor@ucpress.edu

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