

Lesser Is Greater: Thanks to the Outgoing Associate Editor and a Founding *TEEM* Member

This issue of *TEEM* is the first without Larry Lesser in a leadership role. Larry is one of the three founding editors of *TEEM*, along with Cynthia Anhalt and Miriam Leiva. Larry served as Editor for the first five issues, between 2009 and 2013; and was the Associate Editor for all subsequent issues, a total of 20. He also named the journal!

Larry's dedication to *TEEM* has been unwavering. He has championed the journal widely and has run many information sessions for prospective authors and reviewers to demystify *TEEM*'s submission and review process. His insistence on including DARE pre- and post-reading questions in articles makes them more applicable and centers practitioners as readers of *TEEM*. His, and other founding editors', vision for the journal as a space for practitioners and researchers, teachers and academics, families and communities, to highlight high quality mathematics experiences for all learners, especially Latina/o/x, has been an inspiration for all who have worked with him on *TEEM*.

Larry's skill with language and proofreading abilities are legendary. It is unlikely that anyone will be able to read articles so deeply and incisively as he has. He is the master of catching typos, incorrect use of the APA format, and awkward sentence structure. His deep reading often results in many questions for authors, who may not always want to do another round of revisions, but who produce a better and clearer publication as a reward, thanks to Larry's efforts.

Susie W. Håkansson, past TODOS president and long-time Layout Editor for *TEEM* says the following about Larry's service to the journal:

"Larry was the Proofreader for *TEEM* when I became its Layout Editor in 2015. He had an astute eye and knowledge for maintaining consistency within an article and for following APA Style Guidelines. Drafts sent to him to proofread were returned within a day, sometimes within an hour. He was very passionate about promoting *TEEM* and had the belief that *TEEM* could become a highly respected mathematics education journal among scholars.

I became a better layout editor because of Larry, often consulting with him about questions related to formatting or style. He always had an answer and sometimes, he would leave the final decisions to me. *TEEM* was fortunate to have had Larry Lesser as one of the Founding Editors."

We will miss Larry, but are glad to have him as a contributor in this issue and hopefully in issues to come. We are grateful for his vision for *TEEM* and will honor that vision in our future work.



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