Preface

Inspiring and Transforming Literacy

The third annual conference for the Texas Association for Literacy Education (TALE) convened at the Sam Houston State University Woodlands campus in The Woodlands, Texas. We had a wonderful mix of educators and preservice teachers from across the state of Texas and beyond. Our annual conference is a time for colleagues to collaborate and share ideas and experiences. This year's conference theme was *Inspiring and Transforming Literacy*. The keynote speakers, Donalyn Miller and Steven Layne, provided inspiration and shared their transformational narratives. In addition, we held over 50 sessions where members shared their research, best practice strategies, and literacy ideas.

Volume 3 of the TALE Yearbook continues the conference theme of *Inspiring and Transforming Literacy* by sharing a sampling of articles from our presenters and conference attendees. The first section contains a diverse group of articles, which tie together through the connection to student learning. The second section shares the voices of several preservice teachers.

As we prepare for our 2016 conference, February 12-13, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas, we hope this yearbook provides readers a time for reflection, remembrance, and inspiration. Additionally, we encourage you to share your stories, learning, and research from the upcoming conference in the next TALE Yearbook.

Enjoy!

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