

Editor's Note

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Many of you will be reading this issue of *Democratic Communiqué* for the first time while following stay-at-home orders and adjusting to remote working arrangements as the coronavirus pandemic sweeps across the globe. Although, the articles in this issue (Vol. 29, No. 1, Spring 2020) were written prior to the coronavirus outbreak, the issues they address –including fake news, telecommunication infrastructure, the gig economy and popular politics – have featured prominently in how our work lives, social relationships and political discourses are shaped during viral outbreaks. While our next issue of *Democratic Communiqué* (Vol. 29, No. 2, Fall 2020) will not be a theme issue – submissions on any topic relevant to the journal are welcome – I would like to especially encourage political economic analyses of telecommunication infrastructure, remote education, news coverage, journalism, social media, as well as other aspects of media during times of crisis, such as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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Finally, I want to extend a special thank you and bid farewell to Maggie Heathe-Bourne, who is stepping down as associate editor after the publication of this issue, as she has completed her master's degree in communication at the University of Cincinnati.