Editor's Introduction

The idea to publish this retrospective ("Greatest Hits") volume of the journal materialized during a WAC Task Force meeting in the Fall of 1996. The group felt that over the eight years of publishing an annual journal many fine pieces had been written that warranted reprinting, both to facilitate rereading by veteran faculty and to give newcomers an opportunity to read influential articles published years ago. The group also felt that it would be useful if authors shared how they now feel about the WAC ideas they published years ago, and thus the form of this volume was found.

Invitations to be a part of the retrospective issue were sent to all authors who are still at PSC, putting into motion, in the spirit of WAC, a process of self-selection that, as expected, resulted (with just occasional arm-twisting from the editor) in this collection of the most popular articles of the last eight years.

Enjoy the read!