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EDITOR’S CORNER

New Assistant Editor

I am pleased to announce that beginning with this issue of the Iowa Science Teachers Journal we have a new assistant editor for biology. He is Dr. Norris M. Durham of the University of Northern Iowa Department of Sociology and Anthropology. As you read the note he has penned to you below, you will see that his interests are in biological anthropology with a particular medical emphasis. His previous editorial experience will be an asset to ISTJ.

Most of you who are reading this are high school teachers, so I believe you will be interested to know that Norris was at one time a high school biology teacher in Philadelphia and at another time a high school biology teacher in Jericho, N.Y. At the present time he teaches such courses as Human Variability and Primate Behavior. With such a teaching background I’m quite certain that he will be able to readily ascertain which of the articles submitted will satisfy the varied interests of high school teachers and which will be of greatest help to you in changing the behavior of students. I am most pleased to welcome him aboard!

-C.W.B.

Assistant Editor for Biology for the Iowa Science Teachers Journal is an important academic position which I eagerly look forward to filling. I have been an associate editor and audio-visual media editor for the American Journal of Physical Anthropology for five years. Previously, I was film review editor for the Journal of Human Evolution published in Torino, Italy. My research interests are in animal behavior field studies, particularly nonhuman primates of South America, and the clinical diagnoses of human hereditary disorders using dermatoglyphic (finger-, hand-, and foot-prints) methods. Based on this, as you probably surmised, I am partial to fieldwork and data collection outside of the laboratory setting. Monkey studies have taken me to Peru, Bolivia, Western Brazil, Suriname and French Guiana. I have carried out dermatoglyphic studies of Alzheimer Dementia and Down Syndrome in Wisconsin, Iowa and Pennsylvania. Now, let’s hear from all of you biologists and teachers out there. This is your state journal and it is up to all of us to maintain its present integrity and quality. Hope to hear from you soon!

-N.M.D.