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## **The *Michigan Journal of Public Health*: A Celebration of the First Decade**

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With the 2016 volume, the *Michigan Journal of Public Health* celebrates its tenth anniversary, and a return to the Editor of origin, Dr. Gregory Cline, who, along with the Michigan Public Health Association, founded the *Journal* in 2006. It has been an honor to work with the Editorial Board for five years.

In that first volume, we received kudos for our inaugural issue from the President of the American Public Health Association (APHA), Dr. Patricia Mail, and those congratulations are still in order, as I believe we remain the only peer-reviewed, electronic, voluntary, public health-affiliated journal in the United States. Dr. Mail encouraged us to invite international discussion with our Canadian neighbors and encourage students in public health to publish. Our tribute to John B. Waller, Jr, DrPH, a Vice-Chair of APHA, Public Health Director for the City of Detroit, and Chair of the Wayne State University Department of Community Medicine, highlighted his leadership in population-based epidemiology. The *Journal* also addressed public health issues that are still relevant, i.e., Medicaid and healthcare access.

The current volume reflects that public health breadth, with articles ranging from challenges in maternal and child health to certification of peer support specialists as mental health professionals. Peer-reviewed presentation abstracts from the 2015 Michigan Epidemiology Conference and 2016 Wayne State University Department of Family Medicine & Public Health Sciences Annual Research Day provide public health professionals, as well as students and their mentors, the opportunity to publish results on research and practice ranging from health disparities to communication and motivational interviewing.

I look forward to returning to writing about public and global health - specifically on progress towards health equity for persons infected and affected by HIV and HCV - and engagement of our community, clinical and academic partners.