

New Column Summarizes Articles of Interest to Science Editors

Articles on science editing and allied topics appear in scientific journals, communication periodicals, and various other publications. Because the literature is so scattered, keeping up with it can be difficult.

To help readers meet this challenge, CBE Views is beginning a column that highlights articles on science editing and related topics. Titled "Views Afield", the column summarizes articles from various sources. It also profiles periodicals likely to interest those in science editing and related fields.

Lynn Dirk, a CBE member since 1983, developed the idea for the column and will be the columnist. Dirk brings to the task a suitably broad background. Now the institutional review board editor at the University of Florida, Gainesville, she was previously managing editor in the anesthesiology department there. In addition to holding a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in mass communication with specialization in scientific communication, she is pursuing graduate study in the history of science. She has pub-

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The first "Views Afield" column appears on page 124 of this issue. If you have suggestions of articles to summarize or periodicals to profile in future issues, please tell Lynn Dirk (Box 100173, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32610-0173; telephone 352-846-1494; fax 352-846-1497; ldirk@vpha.health.ufl.edu).