

# PERSPECTIVES ON *APPLIED RESEARCH IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*

“The doomed issue.” That’s what Nell Cohen, the graduate student assistant for *ARED*, termed it. Not only is this our biggest issue to date, but it also has been the issue with the greatest number of complications, setbacks, illnesses, and computer crashes.

Readers and contributors, please accept my apologies. This is the first issue of *ARED* under my editorship to come out late. I’d like to think it will be the last, but why kid myself? After all, one’s reach should exceed one’s grasp on occasion—or what’s the fun of an aspiring journal, or a challenging profession, like E.D.?

The theme of the issue—fittingly enough—is tourism-based development. By many measures, the tourism industry is now the largest industry in the world, and the greatest source of jobs and revenue for many countries and communities. Also, as I frequently tell my students, tourism is surely one of the world’s strangest, most fascinating, and most challenging industries—an industry that is driven, almost by definition, by constant innovation, trends, fads, whims of weather, and other transformations.

The topics for this issue range across North America and around the world. Authors, as usual, range from distinguished academic scholars to accomplished professional practitioners to promising graduate students of E.D.

Please take this special tourism issue with you to the mountains, the beach, or a nice sidewalk café—then relax, read, and enjoy.

- **Mark M. Miller**, editor

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**Erratum.** The review of “A Future of Good Jobs?”—published by the W.E. Upjohn Institute—quoted a price of \$62.50. The correct price is \$40.00 for cloth and \$20 for paper: a bargain for such a fine and useful book.