

The Industrial Geographer: An Editorial Transition

When the first issue of *The Industrial Geographer* was published in September 2003, the editors (Neil Reid and Jay Gatrell) sought to provide a venue for theoretically-driven, empirically-based research in economic geography. Since this first issue, the open-access journal has published dozens of innovative papers examining nearly every aspect of economic geography. The success of the first open-access journal focused on economic geography is due to the labors of Drs. Reid and Gatrell. As the new editors of the journal, Ron Kalafsky and I hope to continue to shepherd the journal and strive to increase the visibility of papers published in it.

As part of our effort to maintain the topical diversity cultivated by the founding editors, we encourage manuscript submissions from any aspect of economic geography as long as they are structured as empirically-oriented papers. We would particularly like to encourage manuscripts that take either industry-specific, place-based or policy-oriented approaches. The definition of 'industry' can extend beyond the term's traditional links with manufacturing. Case studies with a spatial focus are also highly encouraged. We welcome both established and emerging scholars the opportunity to assemble special issues – contact an editor if you would like to more information on this opportunity.

In addition to maintaining the quality and visibility of *The Industrial Geographer*, as editors we will strive to offer authors:

- Quick turnaround of manuscripts (in most cases in less than six weeks). Publication will generally follow within six months of receipt of final drafts.
- Retained authorship rights (no need to surrender copyright to a publisher).
- A high degree of multi-disciplinary visibility – this open access, web-based journal is featured prominently in targeted web searches.
- Flexibility in publication format (color, unusual page sizes, active links etc.).

In closing, we would like to thank the previous editors and editorial board for building *The Industrial Geographer* into a successful and innovative outlet for research in all aspects of economic geography. We hope, with the help of a renewed editorial board, to build on this reputation. If you have any questions or comments about the journal, please contact either Ron Kalafsky (kalafsky@utk.edu) or William Graves (bgraves@email.uncc.edu)

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