

From the Editor

Dear readers of intWOJDE

We present our Volume: 12, Number: 1 issue to our valuable readers.

In this issue, there are four articles. We thank our authors for their valuable contributions to our journal.

The first article prepared by Nandana PRASAD and Dr. Norine WARK and entitled "Mitigating The Matilda Effect on Gila Kurtz: A Journey in Exploring Progressive, Pragmatic, and Promising Solutions for Online Learners". The aim of this article is to mitigate the Matilda effect on one exceptional female academic in online distance learning. This paper serves as a launch pad to enhance one female's poignant academic background and blended research interests. Gila Kurtz's accomplishments are recognized herein through a recounting of her academic background, research questions, and contributions to the field of education.

The second article entitled is "A Journey in Pursuit of The Brass Tacks: Ada Lovelace and Susan Herring, Computer Science Visionaries" written by Michelle KULYK and Dr. Susan BAINBRIDGE. The mainspring of this comparative inquiry is to examine two female pioneers who significantly impacted the agency of distance learning as it advanced within computer delivery: Susan Herring and Ada Lovelace.

The third article entitled is "Li Chen: Intersectionality Between The Matilda Effect and Anglo-Dominated Knowledge Production" written by Jen PORTER and Dr. Norine WARK. The purpose of this paper is to highlight the work of Li Chen and emphasize the depth and breadth of Chen's contributions to the distance education narrative. Li Chen is a visionary in distance education research and an influential advocate for the modernization of China's higher education system.

The fourth article prepared by Carolyn ANDERSON "Mitigating The Matilda Effect on Charlotte (Lani) Nirmalani Gunawardena: Bridging The Distance in Learning Environments". The purpose of this paper is to bring voice to the work of Charlotte (Lani) Nirmalani Gunawardena, an underrepresented female trailblazer who has greatly contributed to the field of distance education and online distance learning throughout her career.

We would be very happy to publish your studies on women and distance education in our journal. We hope to stay in touch and wish to meet in our next Issue, on October 2023.

Cordially,

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