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EDITOR'S NOTE

We are pleased to present an IFAMR special issue on, *The Scientific Pluralism of Agribusiness*. Co-Editors Wes Harrison and Desmond Ng have worked hard to pull together a rich set of articles helping the community of agribusiness scholars, and industry and peer stakeholders better understand the field of agribusiness. Their concept of scientific pluralism provides a valuable paradigm by which we might frame the work in the field.

Two years ago, Drs. Ng and Harrison, along with other members from the Western Education/Extension and Research Activities Committee on Agribusiness discussed that the time was right to provide greater definition to the field of agribusiness. The Committee felt guidance was needed for curriculum development at the undergraduate and graduate levels. More structure would help clarify how economics and other disciplines interrelate when studying agribusiness phenomena. Young scholars too needed help anticipating the expectations of the promotion and tenure process. Departments and administrators clearly understand the growth and interest in the field by students and stakeholders, but still struggle defining the structure and elements of agribusiness scholarship. The need to fill these voids gave birth to the idea of producing a special issue of the IFAMR. We are pleased to be able to help give Dr. Harrison and Dr. Ng a voice to realize their ambitious task. Congratulations to the authors, well done. We hope you enjoy the various contributions, and trust the issue will serve as an important reference for years to come.

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