# 2023 Plant Science Bulletin Editor's Report

## 1. General Information about Plant Science Bulletin

The *Plant Science Bulletin* continues to publish three times a year. Now in its 69th volume, the PSB continues to serve as the voice of the BSA and one of its strongest historical records.

All issues are available in print and both PDF and online flip-book digital formats. The current issue, the archive of nearly all previous issues, and the list of books available for review are available at <a href="https://cms.botany.org/home/publications/plant-science-bulletin.html">https://cms.botany.org/home/publications/plant-science-bulletin.html</a>. You can also reach the PSB website via a link on the BSA publications hub at <a href="https://bsapubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/">https://bsapubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/</a>.

Electronic manuscript submissions may be made to the Editor at <u>psb@botany.org</u> or, preferably, at <u>mackenzietaylor@creighton.edu</u>

#### 2. Editorial Support and Regular Contributors

I want to especially recognize Rich Hund and Johanne Stogran for their significant contributions to each issue of *PSB*. I also thank Amy McPherson, Rob Brandt, and the rest of the BSA staff for editorial and website support. Finally, I thank the authors, peer reviewers, and book reviewers who contributed over the past year, especially Education Director Catrina Adams and student representatives Ioana Anghel and Eli Hartung, as well as Tanisha Williams and Krissa Skogen for policy contributions.

#### 3. Highlights from 2022-2023

- Since the last report, three issues have been published. These four issues include:
  - four peer-reviewed articles
  - three editor-reviewed articles
  - eight in-memoriam articles
  - numerous contributions to our society news, education, policy, student, and announcements sections.
  - 27 book reviews representing the work of 11 different reviewers, including one review coauthored by undergraduates.
- 22 books were sent out for review or requested from publishers between 7/2022 and 6/2023
- Articles and other contributions have covered a diverse array of topics, including the contributions of John Henry Reisner, a case study of botany at Emporia State University, advice for botanists preparing to work at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions, and a description of a travel course to Tanzania. We have featured profiles of several award winners and other society members, as well as an article based on the Botany 2022 address by Dr. Negrón-Ortiz on plants and the Endangered Species Act.
- Our issues have included recaps of Botany360 workshops on developing self-and communitycare, trauma awareness, and how to be a successful student representative. This increases the reach of these events to those unable to participate and provides a written resource for our community.

## 4. Upcoming Features and Goals

• We have an upcoming series exploring the intersections of Botany and Art, guest edited by the incredible team of Patty Chan, Rosy Glos, Ashley Hamersma, Kasey Pham and Nicolette

Sipperl. The call for articles for this topic was extremely well received, with at least 55 submitted proposals. Look for these articles in our Fall 2023 through Summer 2024 issues!

- We continue to strive to spotlight BSA members and society programs, especially regarding activities related to outreach, teaching, and shaping public policy, as well as interdisciplinary approaches to teaching, communicating, and researching plant science.
- Starting in 2023, subscription to the print edition of PSB is no longer the default option for BSA members. We now encourage members to read PSB online rather than subscribe to the print version to save costs of printing and mailing. Moving forward, our goal is to increase promotion of our digital version to attract and retain readers.
- We will address the fact that ISSUU, the platform for our digital flipbook, now charges for publications larger than 50 pages. Our last three issues were 79, 62, and 93 pages long. We have upgraded to a paid subscription for this year (\$114) but are considering several options for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mackenzie L. Taylor, Editor