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Since NAI was formed in 1988 out of its parent organizations (Association for Interpretive Naturalists and Western Interpreters Association), both the science and the art of interpretation have come a long way. The variety and breadth of the printed material in this bibliography is proof that, as interpreters, we continue to raise our professional standards while giving back to the profession through presentations at national workshops, papers published in NAI’s publications, Legacy magazine, the Journal of Interpretation Research, sourcebooks from workshops, and several new books on interpretation, including new titles from our publishing department, InterpPress.

This is an update of the first bibliography, published in 1998, which shows how much we are accomplishing in this relatively young field. This is an invaluable resource to the body of knowledge that our profession is building upon. With the advances NAI is making in professional training, publishing, and expanding its membership nationally and internationally, I look forward to seeing NAI’s bibliography of interpretive resources continue to mirror the growth of interpretation as we strive to fulfill NAI’s mission to “inspire leadership and excellence to advance natural and cultural interpretation as a profession.”

Sarah D. Blodgett
President
National Association for Interpretation
As a service to those conducting research activities, this special issue of the *Journal of Interpretation Research* offers a listing of the growing literature and research in the field of heritage interpretation. We are very grateful to Andrea Brown for gathering the information contained in this issue.

This issue of the *Journal* also marks a transition to a new editor. Dr. Carolyn Ward from Humboldt State University in California will become the new editor of the *Journal of Interpretation Research*. Dr. Ward has served as an associate editor and has been a contributor to the *Journal*. I am elated at her willingness to become the new editor as I look for wonderful changes and advances to the *Journal* under her leadership.

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