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Letter From the Editor

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I am pleased to present to you the May 2019 issue of *Expanding Horizons*. This issue is quite interesting in that we have an interview with Professor David Wilkie, an award-winning researcher and a pioneer of the use of stochastic investment models in actuarial practice.

In addition, we welcome Jay Vadiveloo's thought-provoking submission to the "The Art of Actuarial Practice" series. I met Jay at last year's Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) in London, Ontario, and we had an invigorating conversation spanning many topics. I was impressed by what Jay is doing at the Goldenson Center for Actuarial Science at the University of Connecticut and invited him to write this article. My hope is that Jay's innovative approach to actuarial education and research will provoke further discussion on the nature of research and creativity in our field.

There are also reviews of two nontraditional actuarial science books. Anthony Asher's review of *Loss Coverage: Why Insurance Works Better With Some Adverse Selection*, by Guy Thomas, and Brandon Horwitz's review of *Working Ethically in Finance: Clarifying Our Vocation*, by Anthony Asher. These books are quite unlike what we usually encounter in actuarial research and education. They are nontechnical and thought-provoking, and they grapple with some of the fundamental issues inherent in our profession. I invite you to read these books.

Of course, in August 2019 we have the 54th Actuarial Research Conference (ARC), and Jeff Beckley provides us with an enticing article on what we can expect in Indianapolis.

As you peruse this issue, I encourage you to send us your feedback on specific articles or on others that have appeared in recently published issues. You are also invited to send us articles on any aspect of actuarial education and/or actuarial research. Although *Expanding Horizons* is not a peer-reviewed scholarly publication, all articles are screened for relevance to the section's membership. ■



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