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Welcome to Volume 24 of the *Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies* (AJES). This is our first wholly online issue, a format which we have adopted in order to make our content available to readers more promptly and more frequently. We hope to move back to our earlier format of two numbers per year. The mission of the Journal remains as it was stated way back in 1994 by our first editors, Gary Chilson and David Vinopal. They wrote:

... AJES is designed to create a tone somewhere between a magazine and a journal; the targeted readership is educated though not necessarily academic people who are concerned about the region; contributing authors will cover a wide variety of disciplines and perspectives, and among them will be representatives from industry, from colleges and universities, from local and state government, from the natural and social sciences, and from the environmental and property rights movements, to mention but a few.¹

We intend to include information both about and of interest to the Adirondacks. To that end, we welcome submissions in several different categories. As Chilson and Vinopal noted, we certainly look for scholarly studies, and we will also have sections for Commentaries (essays and views), student work, and announcements of general interest.

With this issue, we launch a new feature of AJES which we call Spotlight on Adirondack Archives. In this section we invite museums and libraries with collections or archives of Adirondack materials (of which there are many) to feature one or more of their holdings. The Kelly Adirondack Center maintains a list of over 80 such organizations.² The objective of this feature will be to attract more use of these archives by researchers—whether from schools, government offices, industry, or the general public. The first entry in this section O.D. Putnam photograph collection, newly acquired by the Kelly Adirondack Center of Union College. We hope to highlight other archives from the Adirondack Region in future issues.

We welcome submissions in any of these categories on a rolling basis. Direct any questions to Doug Klein (kellycenter@union.edu) or Dan Fitts (adkresearchconsortium@gmail.com).

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