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From the Editor

This special issue of *Teaching and Learning* is supported in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Bilingual and Minority Language Affairs.

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Visit in a Kurdish Home was contributed by KEITH RADKE, who began his teaching career with the Fargo School District's ESL-Title VII program. His students were from Bosnia, Haiti, and Vietnam. Prior to completing the requirements for teacher certification in North Dakota, Mr. Radke studied German for 14 years and taught at the Copenhagen International School in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he taught German to students from Europe and Asia.

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Visualizing the Possibilities and *Ongoing Inquiry Project* were written by LOUISA CRUZ, a bilingual teacher of 5/6 year olds and a founding teacher of the Muscota New School CSD #6, Washington Heights/Inwood, a member school of the Center for Collaborative Education (CCE) and The Coalition of Essential Schools (CLS). Ms. Cruz has published in *School Voices*, a New York City publication focused on the writings of teachers, parents, and students of the New York City Public Schools and PATHWAYS, the publication of the North Dakota Study Group.

A Picture and a Thousand Words was co-authored by CORINA MORANO-ENDER and MORTEN G. ENDER. Corina Morano-Ender has a double B.A. in both German Language and Literature and Anthropology and a graduate Secondary Teaching Credential Certification from Sonoma State University, California. She's been teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at the secondary level and has been coaching varsity soccer for five years. She is currently on a leave of absence from classroom teaching and living in North Dakota teaching her first baby both English and German. Morten G. Ender is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of North Dakota, in Grand Forks, where he teaches a variety of courses including social psychology, death and dying, research methods, and military sociology. He is currently working on a study exploring the social psychological implications of growing up in military and other organizational-type families.

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