

PREFACE

Welcome to Volume 9 of *Advances in Global Leadership (AGL)*. We bid a reluctant farewell to co-editor Ying Wang of the University of Western Australia in Perth in 2014. Ying co-edited Volumes 5–8 with founding senior editor Bill Mobley, an enormous contribution. She played an integral role in making Volume 8 one of four finalists for the University of San Diego’s 2014 Outstanding Leadership Book, winning honorable mention for “scholarly rigor and critical thinking.” Lily (Ming) and I greatly missed Ying’s good cheer and expertise while preparing this volume. We were pleased, however, to welcome aboard Mark Mendenhall of the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. As one of the most prolific and profound global leadership scholars, Mark’s research has truly advanced the field. We suspected that his strategic eye for seeing where the field needs to expand next would come in handy on the editorial team – and so it has.

AGL continues to be a unique outlet for scholars. In addition to high-quality empirical research, it also welcomes well-crafted essays and innovative conceptual work and research. Given its designation as both a book and a journal, authors have the luxury of space to fully present their thinking and results without the page constraints found in most journals.

The goal of the series is captured in its title: specifically, to advance the definition, conceptualization, and understanding of global leadership processes, and the development of global leaders. If you are a long-time reader, you know that the series previously defined global leadership in a broad fashion and solicited a wide variety of global topics related to various types of international, comparative, and global leadership. We gambled in Volume 8 that the field of global leadership had grown and matured to the point where we could focus the series a bit more narrowly on the emerging global leadership construct and closely related topics. To avoid confusion with the fields of comparative leadership and global management, we used these global leadership and global leader definitions in the call for contributions to Volumes 8 and 9.

The process of influencing the thinking, attitudes and behaviors of a global community to work together synergistically toward a common vision and common goals. (Adler, 2001; Festing, 2001)

People who inspire followers from multiple cultures to willingly pursue a positive vision in a context characterized by significant levels of complexity, flow and geographical presence. (Adapted from Mendenhall, Reiche, Bird, & Osland, 2012)

In addition to foundational research, we also called for research in this volume that examined synergies between the fields of traditional leadership and global leadership.

I'm happy to report that our gamble to narrow the global leadership scope of the series has paid off. The number of publications in the field of global leadership has grown exponentially in recent years, as you will see in the final chapter in this volume. We are very proud of the selections in this volume and hope that you find them as provocative and useful as we did.

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