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## Introduction

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Cleveland State University commemorated the 400 years since 20 Africans were brought by ship to Virginia, in late August of 1619. The *Project 400: Our Lived Experience* conference took place from September 27-28, 2019 with the participation of many members of the community and presenters from different parts of the country. The first section of this volume includes an introduction by Guest Editor Ronnie A. Dunn and articles from three of the speakers who presented their work during the conference. Section two of this volume includes one article originally presented during our 8<sup>th</sup> Crossing Over Symposium from October 4-5, 2019.

We remain committed to bringing you scholarly work with an interdisciplinary perspective. The main focus of this journal continues to be the analysis of borderlands (physical and metaphorical)—the encounters, conflicts, and resolutions between different groups in our society. Due to Covid-19, we are still uncertain about the date for our 9<sup>th</sup> Crossing Over Symposium. In the meantime, we encourage submissions for the journal. We wish our colleagues and readers enduring good health.