

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Welcome to Volume 36 of *BEADS: Journal of the Society of Bead Researchers*! This is our first fully digital journal issue and my first as editor. The first issue of *BEADS* appeared in 1989 and was helmed until 2023 (Volume 35) by Karlis Karklins, who is now editor emeritus. I am grateful to Karlis for his mentorship and assistance as I move into the editor position. I hope I can continue his legacy of promoting and publishing scholarship on beads and bead research.

My own interest in beads began in high school when I took a part-time job in a bead store. This continued through college where I worked in a second bead store and began undertaking scholarly research on beads. This led me to PhD research on beads, studying with noted bead scholar, Mark Kenoyer, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a dissertation on stone and glass beads in Iron Age Southeast Asia. As a student embarking on this work, I remember being thrilled to discover the community of scholars within the Society of Bead Researchers and the *BEADS* journal. As editor, I hope to continue the growth of the SBR community and to bring exciting new research on beads to our membership.

With Volume 36 we are moving away from our print publication to a new online journal system that will streamline submissions and make our journal more widely available to scholars around the world. The new journal website will allow for easier access to appendices and datasets in addition to the article text. Articles will also have a DOI (digital object identifier) that will give each article a unique identifier and web address. We are currently in the process of transitioning our archives to this system and we look forward to adding *The Bead Forum* as well. For those who wish to have a hard copy of the journal, we are also working on making a print on demand option available. In this time of transition, we appreciate your patience as we work to make these changes.

This volume of *BEADS* continues to show the diversity of bead research from Larsson's work on tooth pendants from Mesolithic societies in Europe to Hoferitza's research on 19-20th century CE Prosser molded beads. I hope you enjoy this issue!

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