



Dear Colleagues,

The fourth issue of the International Journal of gaming, hospitality and tourism is a combined issue that includes articles from industry academics, graduate and undergraduate students around the globe. I believe you will be impressed by the range of topics spanning restaurant operations, hotel management and tourism motivations, and the fresh perspectives brought by our student contributors.

As in past issues, the call for papers for this issue was open-ended to encourage representation of various elements of the gaming, hospitality and tourism industry. Two articles discuss the impact of market challenges on the future of restaurant operations. Another focuses on social intelligence in the hotel industry. One article delves into the motivation dynamics of Dark Tourism, while another focuses on the perception and use of sustainability practices in farm markets.

I hope our readers enjoy the insightful articles in this issue and the perspectives of both experienced and emerging industry professionals. Special thanks to all contributing authors; the professors who encouraged students to submit their work; the editorial board; the section editors, Noel Criscione-Naylor, George De Feis, Jennifer Forney, and Theresa Lind; copy editor Dan Grote; and especially our managing editor Sarah Grady for stewarding this issue to publication.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Jane Bokunewicz'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jane Bokunewicz
Founding Editor