

## *Preface and Acknowledgements*

The Teaching Assistant Development Project Committee was established by then-Graduate Dean David Wheeler in 1994 to explore ways in which we might prepare the next generation of college teachers. The committee's charge was to bring the expertise and the resources available at Ball State University to students so that they could gain instruction in teaching techniques for the college classroom. Moreover, the goal was to provide graduate assistants with the practical experience they need to enhance their competencies for positions inside the academy or out. *Traditions and Innovations: Teaching at Ball State University* was written as an important means for bridging the sometimes considerable gap that exists between graduate students and their first teaching assignment. This handbook is intended to be an indispensable guide for beginning college teachers, but it also contains much information that experienced teachers will find useful either to remind them of successful techniques or to confirm established practices. We are pleased to provide the Second Edition of this volume, which includes revised chapters from the First Edition as well as new chapters addressing up-to-date issues in pedagogy.

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