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## **Abstract**

A letter to the readers from the President of Claremont Graduate University, President Deborah Freund, welcoming the inaugural issue of 'The STEAM Journal'.

## **Author/Artist Bio**

Deborah A. Freund was appointed President of Claremont Graduate University on November 15, 2010. Prior to moving to CGU she was a Distinguished Professor of Public Administration and Economics at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University and an Adjunct Professor of Orthopedics and Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University. She served as Vice Chancellor and Provost at Syracuse University (1999-2006), and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties at Indiana University-Bloomington (IU) (from 1994-99), where she was also a Professor of Public Affairs, Economics and Family Medicine. She was also assistant and associate professor of health economics at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received an A.B. in Classics from Washington University in St. Louis (1973), an M.P.H. in Medical Care Administration (1975), a M.A. in Applied Economics (1975), and a Ph.D. in Economics (1980) from the University of Michigan. Dr. Freund is an internationally-recognized health economist, known in particular for her research in the areas of Medicaid, health care outcomes and PharmacoEconomics, a field she is credited with founding. Most recently she led a project to recreate a new database that will be used by health insurers to pay out of network claims.

## **Keywords**

STEAM, Claremont Graduate University, Art, Twenty-first Century skills

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Office of the President

November 1, 2012

Dear *STEAM Journal* readers,

In many ways Claremont Graduate University is the institutional embodiment of a single question: How do we best tackle the twenty-first century's most complex and vexing challenges? It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome *The STEAM Journal* to participate in what I view as the great conversation of our time.

These twenty-first century challenges cut across all disciplines, so why shouldn't our responses to them do the same? This is why we at CGU are dedicated to see how our research in the field, in the lab, and in libraries that might evolve into new solutions for the world. We are driven to better understand the nature of these great problems, the contexts that perpetuate them, and how to best address them, and we are energized to take them on with open minds and open hearts.

That's why we care so much about collaborative research and teaching that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries and I am so pleased to know that *The STEAM Journal* will comprise yet another vital space for this conversation to rage.

I am also pleased to note that "art" will be included in the conversations *The STEAM Journal* facilitates. Innovation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics thrives on the very imaginative skills that are cultivated in the arts.

I wish *The STEAM Journal* well on this issue and many, many others to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah A. Freund", written in a cursive style.

Deborah A. Freund  
President