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In recent years, ‘resilience’ has become a popular term for describing areas of inquiry ranging from biosecurity to sustainability, human health, child development, private housing, public infrastructure, and other timely topics. The term covers some of the territory once dominated by ‘adaptation’ and ‘adaptability,’ but with a heightened (and in some ways suspicious) sense of vulnerability and responsibility more than opportunity.

POROI 15.1 is devoted to the affective and effective implication of resilience rhetorics.

Guest edited with an informative introduction by Kenneth Walker, University of Texas at San Antonio, and Lauren E. Cagle, University of Kentucky, the issue makes available revised versions of nine papers, many co-authored, and responses to them presented at the 2018 Preconference of the Association for Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine (ARSTM), held in Minneapolis in conjunction with the Rhetoric Society of America’s (RSA) biannual meeting.

The editors are grateful to the authors—some twenty in all—as well as to Professors Walker and Cagle, and POROI’s Editorial Associate, Amanda Axley, for making the fruits of this concerted inquiry available to POROI’s worldwide audience.

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