

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic

All of us at *JHL* have been affected by the pandemic, just as you most likely have been too. As a result, we have had to make several modifications to our usual and expected review and publication processes. First, we had planned to have this issue be our annual *State of the Science* issue, but a number of the authors who wanted to submit *State of the Science* manuscripts have had life events that require a delay in their submissions. Most are able to get these papers submitted in time for our next issue in November. Therefore, we decided to move our Special *State of the Science* to November. One positive thing that has occurred during the stay at home orders has been the increase in manuscripts submitted. However, finding reviewers has been much more difficult, as our reviewers' lives have been affected in so many ways. This situation has affected how fast we can process manuscript; creating a longer wait time for authors. We are doing our best to minimize this issue and appreciate your understanding.

2020 JHL Award Winners

JHL Best Research Article with a Practice Focus winner is

Rukhsana Haider, MBBS, MSc, PhD, and **Virginia Thorley**, PhD, IBCLC, FILCA article *Supporting Female Factory Workers and Their Unemployed Neighbors to Breastfeed Exclusively: Report from a Peer Counseling Project in Bangladesh*, published in this issue.

The *JHL Best Research Article with a Practice Focus* is chosen from all articles published in *JHL* during the previous calendar year having a practice focus based on the quality of the science and the contribution to the field of lactation. The *JHL* Editorial Review Board, as experts in our field, chooses the award winner by a simple majority vote.

The *Miriam Lobbok New Investigator Award* winner is

Shujuan Li, MD for her team's (Lan Zhang, MD, Qi Zhou, PhD, Siyuan Jiang, PhD, Yi Yang, PhD, and Yun Cao, MD PhD) paper *Characterization of stem cells and*

immune cells in preterm and term mother's milk published in *JHL* 35(3) 528–534.

The *Miriam Lobbok New Investigator Award* is given to a novice researcher whose *JHL* published research has made a significant contribution to the body of lactation knowledge. Articles published during the previous calendar year by new investigators (students) are considered for the annual award. A panel of research experts will rate these manuscripts on the preestablished evaluation criteria.

Patricia Martin Annual Award for Excellence in Breastfeeding Research awardee is

Caroline Chantry, MD for her significant research contributions to our evidence-base concerning early breastfeeding patterns, the influence of maternal nutrition on breastfeeding outcomes, and infants' physiological responses to human milk feedings. Additionally, she worked in Africa during the HIV epidemic, publishing a body of research about the nature and relationships between HIV and infant feeding. (This award is given to a senior researcher with a history of excellence in breastfeeding research. The Editorial Review Board and the Editors choose the award winner by majority vote.)

Submit your Photos for our 2021 JHL Cover (by August 30th)

For our cover photos for next year, we are asking you to send us photos that illustrate the teaching/learning process (send to: jhlmanagingeditor@gmail.com). These could be IBCLCs teaching a parent how to breastfeed, conducting a staff development class for others, or classes that prepare IBCLCs. Most important is that the picture demonstrates the process of conveying information to others who want to learn. There are specific requirements for the quality of the photo (300x300 dpi), so that it will print well during publishing. We will be sending each of the winners a lactation text. (Additional information on our Facebook page)

New Associate Editor

We are delighted to have one of our newest Editorial Review Board members join our Editorial team as an

Associate Editor, Dr. Ellen Chetwynd, whom we introduced to our readership in the last issue. Ellen is a researcher, writer, speaker, and public health advocate. Her research focuses on the craft of lactation consulting—from clinical aspects to practice integration and research methods. She begins her new role with our next issue.

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