



What's Old is New Again: An Introduction to the Journal's Editorial Staff

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What is old is new again. In March 1992, Dr. Nirbhay N. Singh, founder and inaugural editor of the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, established the journal as a “single-source periodical that focuses on research, practice, evaluation, and policy issues dealing with children and adolescents, as well as their families” (Singh 1992, pp. 1). The initial call for the journal noted a changing world and called for a scholarly response to a range of challenges: “Among other factors, the worsening world and local economies, decline in literacy, increase in homelessness, breakup of the nuclear family, greater awareness as well as intolerance of gender and racial differences, continuing cutbacks in social services, and cultural bigotry have all contributed to the increasing mental health problems of children and their families” (Singh 1992, pp. 1). Nearly three decades later, these truths remain. Perhaps Dr. Singh was prescient in foreseeing the era of accountability as well as the need for a journal focused on the interactive nature of complex systems affecting families and children. Today, the *Journal of Child and Family Studies* remains committed to publishing high quality research that informs positive change at the child, family, neighborhood, community, and socio-political levels of the ecology. We owe the field—and our children—no less.

Since its inception, the *Journal of Child and Family Studies* has published 174 issues and 3221 articles broadly pertaining to the behavioral health and well-being of children, adolescents, and their families. Under the previous editorial team, led by Dr. Singh, the journal became one of the most prolific and influential outlets for scholarship in the areas of lifespan and lifecourse studies and developmental

and educational psychology. The journal has evidenced an upward trajectory on measures of scholarly impact. We thank Dr. Singh for his vision, his excellent stewardship of this journal for so many years, and his generous support throughout this editorial transition.

Our editorial team began receiving and acting on new manuscripts as of August, 2019, a year in which the journal received close to 1200 new article submissions. Managing the journal is a significant operation, made possible only due to the service of many outstanding individuals. We are very fortunate to continue to work with a team of associate editors whose substantive and methodological expertise lends rigor to the peer review process. Associate editors play a critical role in the review procedure by shepherding manuscripts through the peer review process, summarizing the key points in the reviews, and making an initial determination on a manuscript's status. In order to be successful, associate editors rely on the service of hundreds of ad hoc reviewers who play an integral role in our ability to publish high-quality research. Reviewers provide a highly valued service by completing informed and constructive critiques of submitted manuscripts. As we move forward, our editorial team will continue to rely on the service of these dedicated individuals and look to the editorial board for guidance as we shape the future of the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

In this Editorial, we would like to share with you (1) the journal's revised aims and scope, (2) a brief introduction to the new editorial team, (3) and an invitation to contribute to the continued success of the journal.

Journal of Child and Family Studies: Aims and Scope

In line with Dr. Singh's original aim to respond to the information needs of “researchers, clinicians, and case managers, administrators, advocates, and policy makers” (Singh 1992, pp. 1) the journal's revised aims and scope

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