Report from the Masthead
Editor of
Personal Relationships

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As you know, my editorial team and I stopped receiving new submissions last June when Lorne Campbell became the new Editor of Personal Relationships, but we have continued to process the manuscripts we had already received and to serve as the Masthead Editorial team. We are now almost finished with our work. The March issue of Personal Relationships (Volume 16, Number 1) has already been mailed to subscribers and the June issue (Number 2) is in press (though I have not as yet written the Preface). My editorial team and I will continue to accept revised and resubmitted papers as they are recommended for publication by our reviewers until we have filled our remaining two issues. I suspect we will reach this point sometime in July, so this makes it extremely important for any author who has received an invitation to revise and resubmit a paper to do so in a timely way. Similarly, any author who is not planning to accept our invitation to revise and resubmit his or her manuscript should let me know immediately so we can plan accordingly (Personal_Relationships@uncg.edu).

In addition to 9 articles that have already been recommended for publication (but still need minor editorial revisions) and a distinguished scholar article authored by Ted Huston (now scheduled to be published in the September issue), we have approximately 20 manuscripts still active in our queue. After my team has filled our issues, Lorne and I will decide how to handle each outstanding manuscript on a case-by-case basis. At this point, however, it looks like our term will finish pretty neatly, with no extra manuscripts from our term for Lorne to publish in Volume 17 and no room left in Volume 16 for manuscripts Lorne has accepted. Time will tell. I intend to publish detailed submission statistics for our entire term when we have submitted our last issue.

Since the fall issue of RRN was published, Wiley-Blackwell has prepared two press releases for Personal Relationships articles. Last fall, they prepared a press release for Jeffrey K. Snyder, Lee A. Kirkpatrick, and H. Clark Barrett’s article, “The Dominance Dilemma: Do Women Really Prefer Dominant Mates?” (Volume 15, Number 4). This spring, a press release focused on Lauren M. Papp, Chrystyna D. Kouros, and E. Mark Cummings’ piece titled “Demand-Withdraw Patterns in Marital Conflict in the Home” (Volume 16, Number 2). They will prepare two more press releases this year, increasing the number by one for the second year in a row. How extensively the authors discuss the practical implications of their findings is an important consideration in the selection process.

It has been a delight to work with IARR President Frank Fincham, the IARR Board, Treasurer Michael Cunningham, Publications Chair Susan Sprecher, the Editorial Board, the reviewers, and the authors. I would also like to give special thanks to the Associate Editors and Editorial Assistant Sarah Hosman for their exceptional work.

Editor’s Report on Personal Relationships

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To begin my first journal report for Relationship Research News, I want to express that it is a tremendous honor to serve as the editor of Personal Relationships. I want to thank Rebecca Adams for her invaluable assistance during the transition of editorial teams. I also want to thank Sue Sprecher and Jeffry Simpson, past editors of PR, for providing advice on