

Sharabany, Laura Stafford), those who have recently stepped down as Associate Editors (Kory Floyd, Stan Gaines, and Valerie Manusov), my Editorial Assistant here at ASU, Kristin Davis, the fine people that I work with at SAGE (particularly Danielle Ray and Kerry Barner) and the Advisory Board members, ad-hoc reviews, and, of course, the authors of the scholarship that we publish. Without this team effort, it would not be possible to produce a new issue of the journal every two months.

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP? IARR members can help in a variety of ways. First, you can volunteer to be an ad-hoc reviewer. You can send me your contact information and scholarly interests to me at JSPR@ASU.edu. We at JSPR are always trying to assist in the development of new scholars (i.e., graduate students and new Ph.D.'s), so we would be particularly interested in getting new scholars involved in the reviewing process.

The second thing that you can do is to cite work published in *JSPR* and *Personal Relationships* where it is appropriate to do so. Citing recent JSPR and PR articles in your published work can increase these journal's impact ratings. The 2005 JSPR ratings (to be released next year) will count the number of times that 2003 and 2004 JSPR articles are cited in the journals that they cover. The impact rating, then, is the ratio of the number of citations of 2003 and 2004 JSPR articles divided by the number of articles published in JSPR during 2005. The same is true, of course, for pieces cited from, and published in, *Personal Relationships*.

Report on *Personal Relationships*: Part 1

by Susan Sprecher,
Out-Going Editor

*F*our years just slipped by, and I am now the "out-going" editor of *Personal Relationships*. Beginning on June 1, new submissions were sent

to the new Editor, Rebecca Adams. (See her column below.) However, our team will continue to handle the manuscripts initially submitted during our term and will fill issues at least through 2006. I know that the journal has been passed on to a great new editorial team, led by Rebecca.

I personally want to thank (again) the Associate Editors who worked with me for part or all of the past four years: Walid Afifi, Graham Allan, Ximena Arriaga, Julie Fitness, Leanne Lamke, Dan Perlman, and Steve Wilson. They were wonderful to work with.

Below you will find the contents for December issue of the journal. If you have any questions about the journal, do not hesitate to contact me at sprecher@ilstu.edu

A Report on *Personal Relationships*: Part 2

by Rebecca G. Adams,
Editor

*S*ince June 1, I have been serving as Editor of *Personal Relationships*, supported by an amazing, but still incomplete, team of Associate Editors: Susan Boon (Psychology, University of Calgary, Canada), Mario Mikulincer (Psychology, Bar-Ilan University, Israel), and Denise Solomon (Communications Studies, Pennsylvania State University, United States). I received and began to process a record number of submissions (43) during June, July, and August. Catrin Finkenauer (Psychology, Vrije Universiteit, The Netherlands) will join us as an Associate Editor beginning January 1. In the meantime, I will be inviting one or two more scholars to join our team as Associate Editors.

We will usually ask three scholars, at least one who is a member of the Editorial Board, to review each manuscript. Because the International Association for Relationship Research is committed to the mentoring and education of new scholars who are choosing to

study relationship issues, we will often ask a graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or non-tenure track faculty member to serve as a fourth reviewer. Continuing the practice of previous editorial teams and reflecting the interdisciplinary and international foci of the journal, the Editor and Associate Editors will typically strive to have manuscripts reviewed by scholars representing at least two different disciplines and at least two different countries. We will generally make editorial decisions within three months of receiving a manuscript, but please be patient with us until our editorial team is complete.

Although some scholars have already agreed to join our editorial board, we have not yet sent out formal invitations. We are very grateful to the members of Sue Sprecher's Editorial Board who have continued to review manuscripts on a routine basis during the past few months. Now that we have a better idea of what areas of expertise we need to have represented on the Editorial Board, we will begin a systematic process to identify potential members. We are also interested in adding names to our *ad hoc* and new scholar reviewer databases. **If you are interested in reviewing manuscripts for Personal Relationships, whether you are an established scholar who is willing to serve as an *ad hoc* reviewer or a new scholar who is willing to learn through experience, please contact me by e-mail at Personal_Relationships@uncg.edu.** Editorial Assistant, Brandi McCullough (predasst@uncg.edu), will then contact you for some information about your areas of expertise.

Unless otherwise requested, we will now handle all submissions via email. Reviewers will notice that we have created new reviewer rating forms to accommodate this change. We have also changed the guidelines for the required content of a submission to reflect this change in process. Please send submissions by email to Rebecca Adams at the following address: Personal_Relationships@uncg.edu (note there is an underscore between "Personal" and "Relationships"). Include two attachments, preferably in MS-Word format: (1) Title page and abstract, with authors' names, a short

running head, contact information, and any other information (e.g., acknowledgements, credits, grant support), and (2) the complete manuscript, prepared for anonymous review (i.e., any text that identifies the authors should be deleted or rewritten). Graduate students, other new scholars to the personal relationships field, scholars from outside the world's major research-intensive, English language universities, and scholars from disciplines (e.g., sociology, anthropology) that have been underrepresented in prior issues of this journal are especially encouraged to submit. After receiving a submission, the Editor will inform the author whether she or one of the Associate Editors will serve as action editor for the manuscript.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Sprecher for her support during this transitional period. She continues to send me helpful emails about stages of the process I have not yet undergone, to advise me on how to handle unusual or new situations, and to forward submissions to me in addition to continuing to process manuscripts that were submitted initially during her active term. When Patricia Noller, the Editor who preceded Sue, recently forwarded a submission to me, I realized that I would be in close communication with Sue throughout my term.

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