

My team and I are nearing the end of our four-year term as active editors of the journal. We will receive new submissions until the end of May. Beginning on June 1, new submissions will go to the new Editor, Rebecca Adams. (Her contact information is included in the article that follows this one.) Our team will continue to handle the resubmissions of manuscripts initially submitted during our term and will fill issues at least through 2006, and possibly into 2007.

We have had a four great years serving as the *PR* active editorial team. We have enjoyed working with authors, the editorial boards, new scholar reviewers, ad-hoc reviewers, Blackwell publishers, and IARR officers and the Board of Directors. We know that the journal will be in good hands with Rebecca Adams as the next Senior Editor. We plan to work with her so that the transition goes very smoothly.

The number of general submissions each year to *PR* is hovering around 100, which is about 20 more than when we began our term. There were 108 submissions in 2003 and 102 submissions in 2002 (this is excluding the submissions to the special issues). At the time this is being written (late March), we have had 22 submissions thus far in 2005. The lag time between final acceptance of a manuscript and its publication is running around 9-12 months. We estimate that the acceptance rate is around 20%.

Blackwell publishers continue to be pleased with the health and growth of the journal, and we are generally pleased with them as our publishers.

I want to thank the seven associate editors with whom I have worked over part or all of the past four years: Walid Afifi, Graham Allan, Ximena Arriaga, Julie Fitness, Leanne Lamke, Dan Perlman, and Steve Wilson. Associate Editors often don't get as much attention as the Senior Editor, but they do nearly as much work.

The contents for the June and September issues of the journal can be found later in this newsletter. If you have any questions about the

journal, do not hesitate to contact me at: sprecher@ilstu.edu

The Future of *Personal Relationships*

**Rebecca G. Adams
Editor-Elect,**

As of June 1, I will begin a three-year term as Editor of *Personal Relationships*. I am honoured to have been appointed and am looking forward to a productive term building on the fine work of Sue Sprecher, her team, and their predecessors. Sue and I have already begun to work on the transition, and I am confident it will go smoothly.

During my tenure as Editor, I will work towards many of the same goals as my predecessors, striving to maintain high standards in terms of both product and process, to increase the international diversity of authors and populations studied, to process manuscripts in a timely way, to involve new scholars in the review process, to improve the journal's impact rating by publishing stellar articles and by making sure they are accessible, and to increase subscriptions to the journal. I also hope to broaden the audience for *PR* by encouraging the submission of theoretical syntheses, meta-analyses, and critical assessments of the status of the field; increasing the variety of methodologies represented by finding new ways to encourage submissions from anthropologists, sociologists, and maybe even historians such as by actively soliciting articles in which comparative, historical, and contextual analyses are presented; and building on Sue Sprecher's efforts to bring personal relationship research to the public.

From my perspective, the editorial process should not only lead to the publication of the most carefully crafted, theoretically based, methodologically sound, and interesting manuscripts submitted, selected to advance the

field through replication, augmentation, or innovation, but should also provide all submitters with constructive criticism and encouragement. In other words, the editorial role not only involves delivering a product and shaping the field as a consequence, but also entails the mentoring of authors and helping them hone their skills.

So as of June 1, please send submissions to: Rebecca G. Adams, Editor of *Personal Relationships*, P.O. Box 26170, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170. I will eventually set up an email account dedicated to the *PR* and post it on the web page, but for now, please send electronic submissions to Rebecca_Adams@uncg.edu. If you are interested in serving as part of my editorial team as a reviewer or possibly as an associate editor, please send me your contact information, your areas of theoretical, substantive, and methodological expertise, and your curriculum vitae. Please note that new scholars, international scholars, and scholars from research areas underrepresented in the IARR membership are particularly encouraged to volunteer.



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