## **Editor's Comments**

The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) is a professional and scientific organization founded in 1992. Its mission is to promote and ensure a fair reading and responsible reporting of scientific research about the factors that contribute to and/or co-occur with homosexuality and that allow psychological care to be effective for those with unwanted homosexuality. NARTH upholds the rights of individuals with unwanted homosexual attractions to receive competent professional mental health care and the rights of professionals to offer that care.

In 2009, NARTH launched the *Journal of Human Sexuality (JHS)* in service of its mission and as a way of presenting, encouraging, and producing quality clinical and scientific scholarship on these topics. (A summary of volume 1 may be viewed online at http://www.narth.com/docs/journalsummary.html.) The second volume of *JHS* (http://narth.com/2011/02/volume-2-of-human-sexuality/) adopted a more traditional journal format and included peer-reviewed papers from a variety of authors as well as several book reviews. Like volume 2, the third volume of the *Journal of Human Sexuality* includes peer-reviewed articles and book reviews.

In addition, volume 3 contains a new section, "Official Statements of NARTH." This section documents attempts by NARTH to respond to initiatives regarding the right to receive and to offer professional care for unwanted same-sex attractions. These initiatives include those from state (California Association for Marriage and Family Therapists) and national (American Psychological Association) mental healthcare professional associations and from the British Medical Association.

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