

Editor's Comments

In 2009, the *Journal of Human Sexuality (JHS)* was founded as a way of presenting, encouraging, and producing quality clinical and scientific scholarship on topics related to various aspects of sexual minority issues and on human sexuality in general. Since that time issues of biological sex and gender identity have also become topics of interest for our editors, authors, and readers.

The journal is a publication of The Alliance for Therapeutic Choice and Scientific Integrity, a multi-disciplinary educational, professional, and scientific organization dedicated to preserving the right of individuals to obtain the services of a therapist who honors their values, advocating for integrity and objectivity in social science research, and ensuring that competent licensed, professional assistance is available for persons who experience unwanted homosexual attractions or biological sex dysphoria.

We express our sincere appreciation to Christopher Rosik, PhD, for his careful and dedicated stewardship as the Editor of Volume 13 of the *JHS*. This edition offers a lineup of papers, case studies, and literature reviews. All of these reflect our commitment to the responsible conduct, dissemination, and use of science by professionals, public policymakers, legislators, and other non-mental health professionals involved in promoting medical and mental health on both a personal and public level.

In an era where opinion-based experts are dominating professional societies, influential conferences, and mental health publications this monopoly of intellectual power centers by an ever-narrowing prospective must be challenged by evidence-based alternatives. The *Journal of Human Sexuality* aspires to provide a home for such scholarly options. We truly embrace our mission to champion scientific integrity.

Just as essential, the concept of therapeutic choice is foundational to the inherent dignity of the human person. For a civilization to thrive, social institutions must first recognize the importance of human agency and provide a community of understanding and trust. This fundamental concept of client self-determination must be rejuvenated in the mental health professions.

Authors of *JHS* articles and reviews are held to the criteria that what is written needs to be based on a fair reading and the responsible reporting of scientific data and demonstrable professional experience. Authors interested in submitting papers for future volumes should contact the editor at 1-385-296-1617 or via e-mail at contactus@therapeuticchoice.com.

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