

# Editorial

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As the table of contents indicates, this double issue is divided into several sections. The first has two views of Rogers in dialogue: one with a famous theologian, and the second with a well-known philosopher. The second section contains two eulogies to the late Barbara Brodley, one of the most influential of the classical client-centered writers, as well as a content analysis system for therapist responses she co-authored. The next section deals with one of the seminal questions faced by the person-centered practitioner: Exactly what does it mean to be empathically nondirective? Finally, there is an article advocating for solidarity among person-centered organizations, a comprehensive index of *The Person-Centered Journal*, and reviews of two books that deal with client-centered practice.

Charles Merrill examines a 1957 dialogue between Rogers and Martin Buber. Merrill sees both conceptual similarities and differences between them. He also explores some of these concepts in the context of everyday experience, including his own. Grigoris Mouladoudis examines a 1965 discussion between Rogers and Paul Tillich. He looks at both the content of their encounter, their agreements and their disagreements, as well as its process, that is, how each related to the other.

The person-centered community lost one of our luminaries this past year when Barbara T. Brodley died. A second-generation client-centered scholar, she was a fierce and fair advocate of what has been called the classical or “Chicago School” of client-centered therapy, one that emphasized nondirectiveness. Marjorie Witty and Barry Grant spoke at her memorial service, and their remarks are published here.

Next follows a system of therapist content analysis that looks at nondirectiveness, which she co-authored with Jerome Wilczynski and Anne Brody. It is unique in that it examines therapist intentions rather than behavior alone.

The relative importance of intentions and behavior to the nondirective attitude is the subject of the next set of papers by Marvin Frankel, Lisbeth Sommerbeck, Art Bohart and Jerold Bozarth. To oversimplify, Frankel and Sommerbeck write that to look at therapist intention rather than concrete verbal behavior—specifically empathic reflections of feeling—leads to a slippery slope where any response can be classified as nondirective or empathic. The other authors, in varying ways, argue that reflections of feeling are but one way to be empathically nondirective; the client is able to discriminate many kinds of responses that are not empathic reflections of feeling as being empathic, depending upon context.

Finally, there is a short article by Andrea Uphoff and Jef Cornelius-White, introducing some person-centered organizations and advocating for organizational initiatives and cooperation for political and developmental reasons. This double issue then concludes with two book reviews, an index of the entire 16-year history of *The Person-Centered Journal*, and advertisements for ADPCA's 2009 Annual Conference in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, and PCCS Books. A quick skim of the index will review a few classics, many well-known authors, and several works and topics you may have not yet explored. You can find some of these articles in select back issues available electronically for free at <http://www.adpca.org/Journal/journalindex.htm>, by purchasing an inexpensive complete set of back issues or specific back issues in print by contacting Jef Cornelius-White at [jcornelius-white@missouristate.edu](mailto:jcornelius-white@missouristate.edu), or by finding them through interlibrary loan.

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It's easy when reading to forget that a publication like this only functions because of its organizational backing, especially the support of The Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach, its sponsor; and Missouri State University, its printer. Likewise, the journal depends on its editorial team, board of advisors, and especially its reviewers and contributing authors. We'd like to especially thank Dean Dennis Kear at Missouri State for the support of the College of Education. Also, we invite any readers with training and/or experience in scholarly reviewing who would like help as reviewers to contact us. The larger our pool of talent, the better this publication will be. As always, we welcome questions and manuscripts too!