

Editorial

It is with great humility that I submit this edition of the *Person-Centered Journal* to the readership. The transition of editorship has been accented with much self-doubt and questioning as to the responsibility of such an honor. However, I am very proud to have been a more integral part of this edition, without which would not have occurred had it not been for the encouragement and support of my colleagues and friends.

John K. Wood's poem "Harmony" became the "centering" point for me during this transition. I have chosen to include this poem as the introductory work, proposing it as a leading theme for this edition as well as others. This edition is an attempt to begin to answer the question John poses for me and perhaps for the Person-Centered Approach/Client-Centered Therapy community: "By what means might harmony be found?" Perhaps, we might as a community harmonize in a discordant world while retaining our own individual rhythm. That is my wish for any contribution that this journal may have to the readership.

André Gide stated, "One does not discover new lands without first consenting to lose sight of the shore." The changes in editorship and concurrent additions as a result have for me been experienced as "losing sight of the shore," but have been ripe in discovering "new lands." It is with intense gratitude that I thank Jerold Bozarth for his guidance and friendship during this year of transition. I regret that he has chosen to no longer officially act as Associate Editor, but can assure the readership that he is constantly barraged with questions and pleas for support, regardless, and will remain an inspirational guiding force of the journal. Additionally, two Associate Editors have been added to the existing associate editorship, therefore, completing the list of editorships as follows: Barry Grant, Marge Witty, and Jo Cohen. These additions occurred spontaneously and filled a void that in the future will greatly contribute to the development of the journal. One of the greatest voyages that I am experiencing along this journey of "discovering new lands" is the invaluable aid of Tim Tribiano, a graduate student at the State University of West Georgia. I hope that you will enjoy his contributions of work and energy to the journal, as well.

Additions to the format of the journal will be editorial assistant statements and a continued and expanded invitation in the Special Section. The inclusion of transcripts in each edition has not yet elicited many responses. However, we are hoping that the readership will take the opportunity to use the Special Section to respond to these transcripts as well as use the section as an interactive medium for scholarly and creative exchange about the Person-Centered Approach/Client-Centered Therapy.

Finally, as your new editor I leave you with a quote from a book entitled *Falling for a Dolphin* by Heathcote Williams (1990). Williams's words best express my experience of "falling for a journal,"

The dolphin descends, . . .
And you pursue it again . . .
It whirls and coils, . . .
Again, you are lost for a reply,
Immersed in this its element,
Knowing less than nothing.
Above the entrance
Of the oracle of its namesake, Delphi,
Was written the salutary phrase *Gnothi seauton* - Know
thyself . . .

This edition has been ripe with whirls and coils, lost replies, knowing less than nothing, and seeming at times to have had its own "elemental direction." Yet, for me and I hope for you, the readers, it will stimulate your journey toward "losing sight of familiar lands while discovering new lands along the path of "knowing thyself."

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