

# Editorial

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I am glad to present the double issue Volume 14 and express my gratitude regarding developments of *The Person-Centered Journal*.

First, I welcome Bruce Allen as a Co-Editor beginning with Volume 15. Bruce has served as an Associate Editor for Volumes 13 and 14 and has been invaluable in helping with recently submitted manuscripts in the past three months. I thank the authors who have submitted and collaboratively revised manuscripts in the past months and years. I am pleased to report a healthier stream of contributions than I have ever witnessed with *The Person-Centered Journal*. As always, I am grateful for the expansion, refinement and efforts of our 30 member editorial review board, the board of advisors, and the staff of editors and editorial assistants. Your individual efforts and collective participation helps the *Journal* maintain a balance between scholarship and expressiveness in furthering the mission to develop, promote, and disseminate person-centered theory, research and practice.

I am grateful to Missouri State University for continuing to support the printing of the *The Person-Centered Journal*. Ronda Thompson-Beckman began this summer as a layout editor, following the efficient services of Teresa King during the first half of 2007, both working in a Graduate Assistant capacity. I appreciate the support of the Dean of the College of Education, David Hough, the former Head of the Department of Counseling, Chuck Barke, and the Acting Head of the newly reorganized Department of Counseling, Leadership and Special Education, Don Keck. I also thank Kaye Hendershott and her colleagues for their work in the Department of Printing and Postal Services.

We are thrilled that the British Association for the Person-Centered Approach (BAPCA) and the Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach (ADPCA) have agreed that BAPCA will receive volume 15 of *The Person-Centered Journal* in 2008 and hopefully will agree to receive successive volumes after

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that. I thank Tiane Graziottin, a Brazilian member of ADPCA and a Coordinating Group member of BAPCA, for her original suggestion and for successfully advocating with me in this endeavor. She and I will continue to work out the details so that it will have minimal cost and mutual benefits for BAPCA and ADPCA members. This should increase the *Journal's* subscriptions by near 800 next year.

Turning to the content of this volume, there are three articles on counselor and psychologist supervision. Kathryn Moon introduces a previously unpublished work by Nat Raskin, "Dilemmas of Being a Person-Centered Supervisor." The dilemmas center on the incongruence between the facilitative core conditions and the expectations of the supervisory situation, namely having simultaneous and conflicting evaluative and nondirective roles. Raskin discusses his own experiences and briefly addresses what he considers Patterson' and others' attempts to reconcile this incongruence. The two articles by Jo Cohen Hamilton and Kimberly Faust Williams explore a model and transcribed session of person-centered supervision as practiced by Cohen-Hamilton. These two articles were accepted under the consulting editorship of Barry Grant but supported by current staff members. I believe these three pieces on supervision are more likely to invite discussion than resolve issues. I look forward to the submission of additional manuscripts that further this dialogue.

Next, Chun-Chuan discusses research and theory on person-centered therapy with grieving people, including an intimate look at her work with a particular man in the context of recovery from losses associated with a natural disaster in Taiwan.

Ian Fallows reflects on his own struggles to grapple with the core hypothesis of the actualizing tendency, situating the struggle within a faith and personal life context rather than the conventional theory and research context. In a similar expressive vein, B. Junahli Hunter contributes a poem that affirms the interdependence of life in keeping with the foundational person-centered concept of the formative tendency.

Having known C. H. "Pat" Patterson across several decades, Ivan Ellingham offers a thorough biography of one of the most prolific, influential writers and practitioners of the person-centered approach. The first draft of this piece was written nearly a year ago

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following Pat's passing, but offers enduring insight into the workings of not only the man and the ways in which he contributed and practiced, but the context in which he lived.

Finally, Barry Grant offers a critical review of *Politicizing the Person-Centered Approach*, which is likely to stimulate debate and richer understanding of this book and its themes.

Bruce and I look forward to working with you in the coming year and welcome questions, volunteers, and especially manuscripts!

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