

Editorial

The new editorial team at *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology–Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes* (Nalini Ambady, Garth Fletcher, Lowell Gaertner, Verlin Hinsz, Paula Niedenthal, Mark van Vugt, Terri Vescio, and I) would like to thank Jack Dovidio and the outgoing editorial team for the outstanding job they did during the past 6 years.

In many ways, the new editorial team will run the daily operation of *JPSP-IRGP* similarly to how Jack and his team did. However, we also want to launch some new initiatives. In particular, the new editorial team wants to encourage shorter articles that test novel, cutting-edge theoretical and empirical ideas, that use new methods, paradigms, or statistical techniques, that devote greater attention to behavioral outcomes, and/or that attempt to integrate or test between different theories or models.

These are exciting times for social and personality psychology. During the past decade, there have been many significant advances in research methods and techniques, ranging from neuroimaging to hormonal and physiological methods to dyadic and group data analytic techniques. Because the way in which individuals think, feel, and behave is profoundly influenced by the nature of the relationships, groups, and cultures in which they are embedded, social and personality researchers are uniquely situated among social and behavioral scientists to take full advantage of these new methodological advances. In addition to research building on prior scientific findings, the new editorial team encourages articles that utilize new methods, paradigms, or techniques, including those that test novel, theoretically grounded hypotheses. We also welcome articles that attempt to integrate or test between predictions derived from different theories or models.

One of the ironies in our field today is that despite this being the American Psychological Association's "Decade of Behavior," surprisingly few studies examine how individuals, dyad members, or group members actually behave (see Baumeister, Vohs, & Funder,

2007). This imbalance needs to be redressed. To facilitate this goal, the new editorial team encourages articles that include behavioral measures in addition to the more standard self-reported ones.

Top-tier journals in many disciplines are now requesting shorter articles that do not mire readers in unnecessary or pedantic facts and details. We believe that *JPSP-IRGP* needs to head in that direction. Not only would shorter articles be more widely read and have greater impact, they would also permit more articles to be published in *JPSP-IRGP* each year. The new editorial team, therefore, will edit with an eye toward streamlining and shortening articles that are headed toward eventual publication.

We want to remind authors who plan to submit articles to *JPSP-IRGP* to mask their title pages and the internal contents of their articles (e.g., self-references, statements about where studies were conducted) so we can maintain blind reviewing procedures. When you mask information, however, please make sure to include all important omitted information (e.g., the names, affiliations, addresses, and contact information of all authors) in a separate cover letter.

In closing, the new editorial team wants to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of *JPSP-IRGP*'s devoted ad hoc reviewers. Without your time, dedication, and active involvement in the review process, the journal could not operate. During our editorial term, we hope to bring the best and most active ad hoc reviewers onto the *JPSP-IRGP* editorial board.

—Jeffrey A. Simpson, Editor, *JPSP-IRGP*

Reference

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