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Volume 9 has been a joint effort of the Editor and the Editor-Elect. While the present editor has had the final responsibility for this issue, to the extent possible articles were reviewed and decisions made jointly with the Editor Elect. Susan Eve assumes the Editorship beginning with Volume 10. She has assembled an exciting group of associate and assistant editors. She inherits a group of reviewers who are dedicated and compassionate. The names of special reviewers for this year's issue appear elsewhere in the introductory material. I thank them for what they have done as she will thank them for what they will do. The success that the Journal has had in stimulating a clinical literature in sociology is, in no small measure, the result of the dedication of these reviewers.

Susan Eve has assembled an outstanding editorial group to work with her: John Glass of Studio City, California, and David Watts of Southeastern Louisiana University will be Associate Editors. Assistant Editors include John Bruhn of the University Texas Medical Branch, Texas, and Louisa Howe of the Psychomotor Institute of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Jan Fritz, California State University, San Bernardino, will continue to edit the Historical Section. Sara Brabant, University of Southwestern Louisiana, will edit Teaching Notes, and H. Hugh Floyd, Jr. of Metairie, Louisiana, will edit Practice Notes. Elizabeth Clark continues as Consulting Editor. Harry Cohen of Iowa State University became Book Review editor for this issue and will continue in that role. Peggy Higgins becomes editorial assistant. I am sure that they will provide an exciting journal.

Volume 9 of the *Clinical Sociology Review* maintains the same format as in previous years. Because of the nature of the submissions to the journal, this year there is a greater emphasis on practice and a lessened emphasis on theory than in previous years. The focus on teaching appears in the Historical Section, rather than in a section of its own.

History of Clinical Sociology. Jan Fritz begins with a review of some of the early courses in clinical sociology, which intertwined with sociologists' involvement in child guidance clinics. "The Emergence of American Clinical Sociology: The First Courses" describes what is known about some of these courses.

Alfred McClung Lee and Elizabeth Briant Lee are major figures in American sociology. Founders of the Society for the Study of Social Problems and of the Humanist Sociology Association, and major inspirations for the Sociological Practice Association, their careers span more than half a century of American sociology. Their "Lifetimes in Humanist Sociology," presented originally at the 1990 Sociological Practice Association meeting, is an autobiographical reminiscence. This is followed by a selected bibliography of their work prepared by **Jan Fritz**.

Theory of Clinical Sociology. Three articles appear in this section. In "Socio-Legal Definitions of the Family" **Jean Thoreson** uses legal cases to show how judges' interpretations of legislation can define the nature of family. **Melvyn Fein**, "Personality Disorders or Role Negotiation Problems," discusses ways in which disorders defined by the DSM-III are in reality problems of role negotiation. Without renegotiation of roles, persons defined as psychiatrically disabled will not be able to construct satisfying lives for themselves. In "Clinical Sociology and Religion" **C. Margaret Hall** shows how a sociological understanding of the meaning of religion can enable the socio-therapist to help clients whose religious beliefs affect their daily life.

Practice of Sociology. The practice of sociology is not limited to the United States. The sessions sponsored by the Research Committee on Sociotechnics-Sociological Practice at the International Sociological Association congress in Spain in the summer of 1990 included presentations by sociologists from many other countries. The paper by **Hendrik W. van der Merwe** and **Andries Odenaal** was one of these. In South Africa, the Centre for Intergroup Studies at the University of Cape Town has long been involved in constructing a dialogue between the White and the Black populations of South Africa. The means by which this is accomplished is reported in "Constructive Conflict Intervention in South Africa: Some Lessons."

Three health related papers follow. **Thomas W. Plaut**, **Suzanne Landis**, and **June Trevor** show how "Combining Sociology and Epidemiology" resulted in an innovative community-based health program in the rural South. **Linda Weber** presents the sociologist's role in the development of health maintenance programs for local government. **Jeffrey Sobal's** "Obesity and Nutritional Sociology: A Model for Coping with the Stigma of Obesity" looks at the problem of

obesity from a sociological standpoint and suggests ways in which sociological intervention might be helpful to those defined by society as "fat."

This section concludes with two papers that focus on social problems. **Mary Cay Sengstock, Melanie Hwalek and Carolyn Stahl** examine the effectiveness of a variety of ways of offering services to older citizens who are at risk for elder abuse. "Developing New Models of Service Delivery to Aged Abuse Victims: Does It Matter?" suggests that state agencies do not effectively differentiate service delivery models. A therapeutic wilderness program aimed at reducing delinquent behavior is the setting for "Explaining Delinquent Behavior among Adolescent Girls: Internal Social Control and Differential Association" by **Linda Rouse and Raymond Eve**. This study confirms ways that internal social controls can act as barriers to delinquent behaviors while differential association may support such behaviors among these girls.

Book Reviews. Sociology has long studied death and loss, but only recently have sociologists begun to use their skills to help with the processes involved. **Russell Dynes** suggests that *Clinical Sociological Perspectives on Illness and Loss: The Linkage of Theory and Practice*, edited by Elizabeth J. Clark, Jan M. Fritz, and Patricia Rieker, contains material in this area that will be useful both for theory and for instruction.

Interactional problems may stem from interpersonal difficulties, from problematic definitions of the situation, or from role problems. According to **Beverley Cuthbertson-Johnson, Nathan Hurvitz and Roger A. Straus** present the basis for a cognitive approach to interpersonal difficulties in their *Marriage and Family Therapy, A Sociocognitive Approach*. The reviewer would like them to pay more attention to emotions as well. According to **Gladys Rothbert, Paul Watzlawick's Munchhausen's Pigtail or Psychotherapy and "Reality"** emphasizes how clients define the situation and then act on those definitions. Clients may need to change the beliefs on which they act, selecting in advance the definitions of the situation which will result in the consequences they desire. Role change and resocialization is also the focus of *Role Change: A Resocialization Perspective* by **Melvyn Fein**. **Novella Perrin** suggests that the ideas in this book should have a major impact on the practice of therapy. But not all therapy needs the help of a therapist. According to **Judyth L. Scott, Roger A. Straus' Creative Self Hypnosis: New Wide-Awake, Non-trance Techniques to Empower Your Life, Work and Relationships** presents a number of useful self-help techniques.

C. Allen Haney reviews two books on AIDS. *AIDS and the Allied Health Professions*, by **Joyce W. Hopp and Elizabeth A. Rogers**, is a useful summary for workers in the allied health professions, although it slights the psychosocial aspects of AIDS. *The Psychosocial Aspects of AIDS: An Annotated Bibliography*,

edited by Paula L. Levine, John G. Bruhn, and Norma H. Turner, is extremely detailed, and should be particularly useful for researchers in the field.

Guillermo J. Grenier spent time looking at quality circles at Ethicon-Albuquerque, and found they were used to increase management's power at the cost of the workers. Anthony J. Riech finds this an important book, particularly for those involved in labor management relations.