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This volume of the *Clinical Sociology Review* contains a number of exciting applications of sociological theory and methods. Whether Melvyn Fein is discussing treatment of the individual client, Sandra Coyle is writing about the process of reconstruction of emotions of members of a 12-step community or Linda Weber and Allison Carter reconstructing trust, these authors continue to demonstrate sociological applications at the individual, emotional level. S. Joseph Woodall, a sociologist and a firefighter, writes about the emotional traumas that firefighters experience in the ordinary practice of their profession in "Hearts on Fire." John G. Bruhn compares the organization to an individual in the context of reactions to major organizational changes. Lynn M. Mulkey asks us to reflect on the theoretical and humanistic implications of sociological practice.

In the teaching notes section, we have an interesting contribution that explores the real world, cultural boundaries of teaching written by David W. Hartman, Betty J. Fein and Avraham Schwartzbaum. In addition, Billy P. Blodgett and Ellen E. Whipple explore the implications of demographic characteristics of students who are taught via compressed video instruction. Melodye Lehnerer tells us a cautionary tale regarding using interventions in the classroom.

The Practice Notes Section offers a wonderful piece on the federal poverty measure. How was this very important measure created? What applications has it had? The macro implications of the measure of poverty continue to be explored and debated. Here is a reflective offering by Gordon Fisher, a man who has spent the majority of his career administering this measure.

Finally, this volume includes an autobiographical statement by one of the true pioneers in clinical sociology: Jonathan Freedman. Jonathan helped to found the Clinical Sociology Association, the predecessor of the

Sociological Practice Association. Along with Barry Glassner, he wrote *Clinical Sociology*, a book that many consider to still be the best in the field.

As the outgoing editor of the *Clinical Sociology Review*, it is my privilege to thank the many sociologists who have contributed their time and energy to making this journal. Hugh McCain has done great work as Associate Editor. He has received efficient and generous clerical support from Gail Childs. In addition, Ron Koss has generously provided the "Résumés en Français" for the past three issues of the *Clinical Sociology Review*.

For many years, Harry Cohen has served as the Book Review Editor for the *Clinical Sociology Review*. With his retirement from Iowa State University, Harry has asked to be relieved of these responsibilities. The Sociological Practice Association and the *Clinical Sociology Review* owe Harry Cohen a great debt. He has provided quality reviews in a timely, well organized fashion. Thank you, Harry.

The reviewers make the journal. Some reviewers deserve credit in essence editing the journal, but all deserve recognition. I particularly want to acknowledge Beverly Cuthbertson Johnson, Ann Marie Ellis, David Kallen, Ray Kirshak, Sandra Coyle, Sarah Brabant, and Jonathan Freedman for their consistent, quality work in support of the *Clinical Sociology Review*.

John G. Bruhn is the incoming editor of the *CSR*. John will do an outstanding job. Please send your manuscripts to him at Penn State, Harrisburg; 777 W. Harrisburg Pike; Middletown, PA. 27057-4898. He may be reached by e-mail at [jgb5@psu.edu](mailto:jgb5@psu.edu), by phone at (717) 948-6101 and (717) 948-6105, and by fax at (717) 948-6452. If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please contact John.

Working with John is Dr. Steven Couch as Book Review Editor. If you wish to volunteer to review books or have a book for the *CSR* to review, please contact Dr. Couch at Department of Sociology; Penn State University, Schuylkill; Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972. Dr. Couch's telephone is (717) 385-6071; Fax (717) 385-3672. His e-mail address is [arc@psu.edu](mailto:arc@psu.edu).

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