

What is New with the JEMH?

1. Publication Schedule:

Rather than publish three issues per year we have decided to publish two longer issues in November and April. Recognizing that electronic publishing is not restricted by page limits in the same manner as paper publishing, it was felt that a July release was not an ideal time given summer vacations and institutional lulls.

2. Student Award Program:

We are pleased to announce that we will be providing a cash award once a year to a student in an undergraduate, graduate, residency, post-doctoral or fellowship program who submits an article that is selected by the Editorial Committee for publication. Our goal is to encourage academic interest and writing in the area of mental health ethics. Watch for more details in our next issue.

3. Guest Editors:

From time to time distinguished guest editors will be invited to develop a collection of articles with their chosen colleagues on a theme that represents their shared area of expertise. In this issue, we are very grateful to Walter Glannon for serving as our first guest editor on the theme of neurodiversity.

4. New Options for the "In My Life" Section:

In an effort to encourage submissions by people living with mental illness, as well as by the people who love and care for them, we are creating some options that we hope will make the process easier. We will: i) accept written submissions in the usual manner, and we will actively provide some writing and editing assistance if requested; ii) accept electronic audio files (tape recordings) that we will transcribe, or that we might publish as an audio file within our regular issue.

Our hope is to eliminate writing skill or literacy barriers as much as possible so that stories related to ethical struggles may be effectively shared.

5. Word Limits:

We have had a number of authors request that we consider exceptions to our 3,000 word limit. In response, we have adopted the following position: "The editors may from time to time publish articles in excess of 3,000 words if it is felt that the integrity of the thesis, content or flow would be impaired by strict adherence to the 3,000 word limit. These rare instances will be considered on a case by case basis".

6. Indexing Update:

The JEMH is now indexed on CINAHL and Sociological Abstracts. Many databases require publication of at least 3 issues before indexing will be considered. With this, our third issue, we hope to be indexed widely in the near future.

7. Conferences:

Our 2007 Lakefield conference was a sold-out success and the presenters' Powerpoint and audio files are now available on our website. We plan to continue to host conferences both in Ontario and in partnership with other organizations or institutions around the world.

Our warmest thanks to our readers, conference attendees, and editors for all of your helpful feedback. The journal continues to evolve and we look forward to developing some excellent new features over time.

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