

# EDITORIAL

## Thank you

In 2004 Kelly MacRae approached me with her wonderful idea for a journal that would look at ethical issues in mental health, and that would be of interest and relevance for frontline mental health clinicians. We in turn approached Ron Ballantyne, the CEO at the hospital where we both worked, and sought his support. He was enthusiastic about the project and together we sought the advice and involvement of the wonderful collection of people who would form our volunteer Editorial Committee and our International Editorial Board.

Ron became our first Editor-in-Chief and continued in that role until 2014. His wisdom, passion, and guidance are deeply felt and appreciated. In honour of his contribution he is now our Editor-in-Chief Emeritus and a JEMH Ballantyne Award has been established in his honour. From time to time, and at his sole discretion, a cash award of \$250 will be given to an author who makes a submission to the Frontline Perspectives section that is of particular interest to him.

It is now my honour to serve as the new Editor-in-Chief. I want to start my tenure by thanking all of the wonderful people who volunteer their time. No one involved in the journal operations receives any payment.

In particular, I want to acknowledge McMaster University and express my gratitude for the partnership that has made this publication possible. In the internet age our modest undertaking has now been visited by millions of people from dozens of countries around the world.

Marie Levesque and John Bousfield at McMaster deserve special acknowledgement and loud praise for their ongoing technical support. When McMaster endured a serious computer system problem last year they carefully reconstituted the journal and got everything up and running again.

And finally, my thanks to all of the contributors to the journal, and to all of the speakers at our conferences, for sharing your thoughts and stories. You challenge us to reflect thoughtfully about the privileged work we do, and about what it means to be kind and ethical through our shared burdens of life.

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