Announcement

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We are pleased to announce the appointment of *Lawrence A. Palinkas* as a new associate editor of this journal. Dr. Palinkas will be the action editor for qualitative and mixed methods manuscripts submitted to the journal.

He is the Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health at the University of Southern California. He joined the USC School of Social Work faculty in 2005 after serving as professor of family and preventive medicine at the University of California, San Diego.

A medical anthropologist, his primary areas of expertise lie within preventive medicine, cross-cultural medicine and health services research. His research has included studies of psychosocial adaptation to extreme environments and man-made disasters; mental health needs of older adults; cultural explanatory models of mental illness and service utilization; evaluation of academic-community research practice

partnerships; and the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practices for delivery of mental health services to children, adolescents and underserved populations. His current research encompasses mental health services, immigrant health and global health. He is an expert in the use of qualitative and mixed research methods.

Among his scholarly achievements are the Antarctic Service Medal by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Navy in 1989; deputy chief officer of the Life Sciences Standing Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research in 2002; chair of the National Space Biomedical Research Institute's External Advisory Council in 2003; and membership on committees of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Palinkas is an elected fellow of the American Anthropological Association and Society for Applied Anthropology and the author of more than 250 publications.

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