Editorial

Since its inception in 1982, *The Analysis of Verbal Behavior (TAVB)* has served as the primary vehicle for the publication of behavior-analytic research on language. Luckily, this type of research has not been exclusively published in this journal, but has been finding its way into other publication outlets such as the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, the *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, and *The Psychological Record*. This is a reason for celebration, as it suggests that Skinner's (1957) taxonomy has been fully incorporated into behavior-analytic research. This cross-pollination makes *TAVB* even more relevant, because most of the original articles on verbal behavior were published in this journal. It is anticipated that we will continue to see an increased number of citations from *TAVB*, which will undoubtedly augment the journal's impact factor, making it an even more pertinent publication outlet for those who seek to disseminate their work on verbal behavior.

Another important step towards improving the visibility of *TAVB* is its online accessibility. As many of you may already know, full issues of *TAVB* are now available through PubMed Central. Full access to each issue's contents will be available 24 months from the original publication date. Volumes 1 (1982) through 24 (2008) are currently available and can be accessed at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/609/>. We encourage you not only to browse through the many classic articles from previous issues, but also to subscribe to the journal so you can have access to its most recent content. Subscription information can be found in subsequent pages of this issue.

It has been a pleasure editing Volume 26. Of course, I could not have done it without the help of an outstanding group of associate editors (Dave Palmer, Anna Petursdottir, and Mark Sundberg), the managing editor (Kathy Hill), and the editorial assistant (Danielle

LaFrance) whose job includes, among many things, the management of my own behavior. Matt Normand was also elected to serve as our fourth associate editor starting this year. Matt has been serving as an editorial board member since 2003, and over the past 2 years has done an amazing job as a guest associate editor. I would like to thank Matt for his past and future service to the journal. As you will see, Volume 26 is packed with a wide variety of research and conceptual papers that should cater to all those interested in current and future directions in the analysis of verbal behavior. Some research articles continue to evaluate specific procedures for teaching language to children with disabilities, but many of the papers evaluate or discuss verbal mediation and the emergence of novel listener and speaker behaviors. Most of these papers incorporate Skinner's verbal behavior account with further developments proposed by Horne and Lowe (1996) and Sidman (1994). I am pleased to see that the research being published in *TAVB* reaches beyond the basic verbal operants by addressing complex verbal relations. Although these are difficult issues to investigate, the outcomes of this type of research will not only contribute to enhance our applied technology but also will add to our empirically based account of language development as it is rooted in Skinner's original work.

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