A Note from the New Editor-in-Chief

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I am honored to have been selected to serve as the new Editor-in-Chief of *Contemporary Family Therapy*. I enter this new role with enthusiasm and a great deal of gratitude for those who have held the position before me. I am grateful to my predecessor, Dr. D. Russell Crane, who recruited me for this role, and who has provided mentoring and support through the transition period. I am honored to follow in the footsteps of previous Editors-in-Chief, including Dorothy Becvar (2007–2011), Bill Nichols (1987–2007) and Gerald Zuk (our founding editor, 1979–1985). I hope you will join me in thanking Dr. Crane, and our former editors, for their service, and their efforts to extend the reach and prominence of *Contemporary Family Therapy*.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Springer team. They have not only worked to make the transition as smooth as possible, but have expressed their continued commitment to advance the technology that manages the entire publication process from initial submission through publication. It is no small task manage the journal, and they do it with aplomb.

The heart of *Contemporary Family Therapy*, like all academic journals, is the diverse group of scholars, researchers, and professionals who write, review, read, and support the work of the journal. I look forward to working with each of you as scholars and colleagues. I am committed to a publication process that is generative, and am grateful to reviewers who submit feedback that is instructive, substantive, and helpful. Further, I thank those authors who place their trust in the review process, and in me, as they submit their work for consideration.

You may notice several small changes to our aims, scope, and highlights on the website. The modified aims and scope reads:

Contemporary Family Therapy is a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication that presents the latest developments in research, practice, theory, and training in couple and family therapy. COFT publishes applied and basic research with implications for systemic theory, treatment, and policy. COFT appreciates a multidisciplinary approach, and welcomes manuscripts which address processes and outcomes in systemic treatment across modalities and within broader social contexts. The journal's content is relevant to systemic therapy practitioners and researchers, as well as marriage and family therapists, family psychologists, clinical social workers, and social policy specialists.

In particular, I have expressed several priorities for the journal. *Contemporary Family Therapy*...

Presents the latest developments in research, theory, and practice pertaining to couple and family therapy.

Explores essential components of effective and efficacious couple and family therapy.

Examines participation in couple and family therapy with attention to broader socioeconomic and ethnic matrices, including family value systems, social class, and racial, religious, and ethnic backgrounds.

As we move forward together, I am committed to carrying on the great legacy of editors before me—publishing superior scholarship, intriguing theory, and engaging manuscripts for our broad readership. I look forward to working with you, and to the continued success of *Contemporary Family Therapy*.

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