



## Editors' Introduction

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What a different world we are living in now since the last issue! The most disruptive event that we have experienced in decades and most of our lifetimes, COVID-19 has changed what we do and how we do it in our daily lives. As well, it has brought uncertainty at unprecedented levels into economic, social, cultural, environmental and any other domains impacting individual and collective well-being. It is not only disruptive, it is deadly and holds that threat over our heads until effective treatment can be discovered.

Given this context, how do we continue forward? With all this disruption, it has become clear that connection and community is even more important than ever. Maintaining interaction and engagement with our family, friends, colleagues, students, and others as well as the outdoors and nature is crucial to well-being. Sharing is vital, as we are all in this together.

We look forward to hearing from you and **invite commentaries on community well-being in the time of COVID-19** to be considered for editorial or peer review. This can take the form of short commentaries (2500 words or less), or review and perspective type articles (longer essay type manuscripts of 5000 words or less). We will enable a special submission tab for these manuscripts on the site, <https://www.springer.com/journal/42413>. We include in this issue a review of a program that is responding to the pandemic, and invite others to contribute to future issues.

There is much news regarding the journal this spring. First, let us thank Dr. Seung Jong Lee for his careful guidance and leadership as inaugural co-editor of the journal since its launch in 2018. His work has contributed to enabling the journal to launch successfully and be met with much interest. Just as an example, we had over 18,000 downloads of articles in 2019.

It gives us great pleasure to introduce you to our new co-editor, Dr. Youngwha Kee of Soongsil University of South Korea. She serves as professor and also has long been involved in community well-being research there and many other countries. Welcome, Dr. Kee!

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Given the volume of interest in the journal, we have decided to divide duties for reviews and special issues. Dr. Meg Holden has done a stellar job of serving as Reviews and Special Issues Editor (including overseeing several special issues forthcoming as well as the review included in this issue and prior issues). Going forward, she will continue to serve as our Special Issues Editor and we are so pleased to welcome Dr. Patsy Kraeger of Georgia Southern University as our new Reviews Editor. She brings with her deep experience in community development and well-being work. Welcome, Dr. Kraeger!

From the editorial team, we send you warm wishes for staying well. We look forward to better times in the future.

The Editors