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# Welcome to the Society for Occupational Health Psychology Newsletter!

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## A Farewell from the Editor

I welcome readers to the ninth issue of the *Newsletter of the Society for Occupational Health Psychology* and bid our readers farewell. I am stepping down as editor. People who resign from a position often tell their audiences that they are resigning to spend more time with their families or that they are pursuing other projects. I spend plenty of time with my family. It is another project that calls me. I have neglected a manuscript I am writing about what it was like to grow up in a New York City housing project in an underdeveloped (from a real estate perspective) section of Brooklyn. One should not be fooled by contemporary stereotypes regarding public housing. I had an unusual, and unusually happy, urban childhood because of the times in which I grew up and the area in which I lived. I want to preserve the memories.

Everyone's dad was a World War II veteran, and the kids helped themselves to their dads' war loot (bayonet knives, rising sun flags, worthless paper money from occupied France). There were small farms run by Italian-American families—we

swiped peaches from their peach trees —, kid-run football and baseball games in the surrounding meadows, fresh-water swamps with snakes and frogs that my best friend and I caught with our bare hands and brought home as pets, all within the legal boundaries of New York City. There was even a comic book factory in the neighborhood, something kids from the Glenwood Houses considered a cultural advantage (it was actually the warehouse for *Classics Illustrated*, enabling most of the kids in my neighborhood to read, in addition to the usual *Superman* and *Batman*, a large chunk of world literature in comic book form, causing at least one English teacher to explode in anger when he learned of our secret). Of course, the landmarks of my boyhood have long since disappeared. I want to ensure that those memories and the memories of my contemporaries get down on paper. I want to stop procrastinating and return to the manuscript.

Now that I've told you why I am resigning as editor, I turn to the contents of this issue of the *Newsletter*. Our coverage of OHP graduate programs continues. Amy Conner and Rick Best report on the OHP program at Kansas State University. Guillermo Wated reports news from the Education and Training Committee. Taylor Moore reports news from the Graduate Student Issues Committee.

This issue continues our Research Resources series, this time with two articles, one by Chris Cunningham and the other by Nathan Bowling. Because Chris delivered a talk at the November 2009 Work, Stress, and Health Conference that I thought would be helpful to researchers, I asked him to write an article for this issue. His Research Resources article concerns multiple mediation. Nathan, who has an abiding interest in the role of measurement in OHP and has written previously for the *Newsletter* about using facial expressions to measure employee emotions (<http://sohp.psy.uconn.edu/SOHPNewsletterV5January2009.pdf>), has written another measurement piece. This time he writes more generally about implicit measures in OHP.

I met Jacalyn Dougherty, a professor of nursing at Northern Colorado University, at the last WSH conference. Jacalyn expressed an interest in writing about the experience of attending the conference from two perspectives: it was her first time at the conference and she came from a discipline outside of psychology. The article will be of interest to readers who are thinking about attending future Work, Stress, and Health conferences ... (continued on page 2) ...

## Guidelines Regarding the Submission of Articles

If you would like to submit an article to the *Newsletter of the Society for Occupational Health Psychology*, please consider these guidelines. We welcome variety in the articles we publish. Articles you submit can bear on practice, research, policy, or teaching. If you are a newcomer to the field of occupational health psychology, a student, or a veteran researcher or practitioner, we encourage you to submit an article. Our aim is to publish two newsletters per year.

Please email your proposals and submissions to: The Editor, Irvin Sam Schonfeld, [ischonfeld@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:ischonfeld@ccny.cuny.edu)

**Short reports:** You can submit a short report (1300 words or fewer) on research findings, practice, or policy issues. You can also submit a brief literature review. When you write a report for the newsletter, please consider that our readership is diverse, and ensure that the report will be accessible to readers outside your specialty area.

**Reports about education and organizations:** The newsletter staff welcomes articles about teaching OHP at the undergraduate or graduate level. We also welcome articles about your organization's OHP-related activities. If you are engaged in an OHP-related activity as part of a solo practice, and you think the newsletter's readership would be interested, consider writing an article about the activity.

**Other reports:** The newsletter also publishes conference announcements, continuing education announcements in OHP or related areas (e.g., epidemiology, statistics, etc.), or reports on national or international news that pertain to OHP.

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regardless of their disciplinary backgrounds.

Julia Limanowski and Jeannie Nigam give us an advance look at the upcoming APA, NIOSH, SOHP, Work, Stress, and Health conference, which will be held in Orlando from May 19 to May 22. It promises to be an exciting conference. I hope to see many of our readers there.

Bill Gallo reports on the health impact of involuntary job loss. He tells the story in a personal way. Beginning with his dissertation in economics, he got caught up in a research effort that crossed into epidemiology, gerontology, and psychology. It is a story that underlines the cross-disciplinary nature of what many of us in occupational health psychology do.

Bob Sinclair, our Past President, contributes our *Across the Pond* feature. He writes about the EA-OHP conference in Rome. Bob has contributed to the *Newsletter* in many ways, and it was he who came up with the idea of having an *Across the Pond* feature. I find it fitting that Bob contribute the feature for my last turn as editor.

I wrote in my editor's welcome to our eighth issue that I have an interest in publishing articles that bear on the history of OHP. Shot through past issues, readers can find stories about the history of SOHP (<http://sohp.psy.uconn.edu/SOHPNewsletter11.pdf>), EA-OHP (<http://sohp.psy.uconn.edu/SOHPNewsletterV7October2009.pdf>), and *Work & Stress* (<http://sohp.psy.uconn.edu/SOHPNewsletterV6May2009.pdf>). In this issue there are two articles about the *Journal of Occupational Health Psychology*. In one article Lois Tetrick reflects on her five years as editor of the journal—Joe Hurrell takes over as editor January 1, 2011. In the second article, Jim Quick writes about the events leading up to the founding of *JOHP* and its early years. Jim reminded me that I made a small contribution to some of the early "institutional initia-

tives" he described. My profound wish is that the future editor the *Newsletter* continue to cover the history of our discipline.

This issue of the *Newsletter* continues our series that spotlights the contributions of NIOSH, this time with two articles. A group of writers, led by Ted Scharf, contributes an article on fall prevention in iron workers. The article is based on a presentation at the International Conference on Fall Prevention and Protection, held in Morgantown and hosted by NIOSH early this year. The second NIOSH-related article, which was written by Jessica Streit, Jeannie Nigam, and Steve Sauter, is in keeping with a goal of the *Newsletter* that I mentioned earlier, namely to describe some of the history of OHP and OHP-related institutions. The article outlines the history of NIOSH's Work Organization and Stress-Related Disorders (WSD) Program, and brings that history up to the present.

I encourage our readers to consider writing an article for a future issue. If you have an idea for an article, please start by emailing a proposal to me at [ischonfeld@ccny.cuny.edu](mailto:ischonfeld@ccny.cuny.edu). I will pass your note to the future editor. If you are a member of SOHP, and would like to publish a book announcement, please get in touch with me.

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