

Journal of Community Practice – Report from the Editors
Meeting of the ACOSA Board
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Thursday, October 15, 2015

REPORT

1. JCP Editor Team and Editorial Board Introductions
2. Updates on overall status:
 - Volume 23 has been submitted to Taylor & Francis.
 - Subscribers have received issues through 23:2. Issue 23:3-4 is in production and should be published by December 2015 with online access anticipated in November 2015.
 - This is the second year the *JCP* has had a substantial backlog of articles to include in upcoming issues of the journal. We have enough additional manuscripts to fill issues 24:1 and 24:2, which will be published in 2016.
 - Editor collaboration
 - Regular e-mail and phone calls, and monthly phone conference calls.
 - Continued use of CTools site (on-line shared workspace through the University of Michigan) and ScholarOne (on-line manuscript submission site through Taylor & Francis).
 - Areas of Expertise Survey
 - Emailed to JCP Editorial Board members in mid-September 2015 to obtain current contact information and up-to-date research and topical areas of interest to better assign relevant manuscripts.
 - Received 17 responses from Editorial Board members (still need responses from 17 members).
 - Originally utilized as an ad-hoc reviewer resource to supplement the Editorial Board and to compile an expanded reviewer database which now includes over 600 prospective reviewers.
 - Staff since last APM meeting:
 - Ana H. Santiago remains in the role of Managing Editor (since January 2004)
 - Paul Stuart remains as From the Archives Editor (April 2011)
 - Current Editor Team (Tracy Soska, Lorraine Gutierrez, and Anna M. Santiago) began work on JCP effective September/October 2012
 - Alice Butterfield and Dorothy “Dee” Gamble resigned as *JCP* book review editors as of September 2014. Both Alice Butterfield and Dee Gamble have offered to work on copy editing any outstanding book reviews as needed.
3. Report on manuscript numbers (see Table I)
 - The Journal has seen an increase in the number of manuscripts being reviewed. We are going to exceed the 5 year average already next year.

- Current Status of Regular Issue Manuscripts (January 1, 2015 – October 15, 2015)
 - Manuscripts under review = 15
 - Manuscripts under revision = 14
 - Manuscripts pending editorial action (confirmation/decision regarding reviewer dispositions/Time-2 submissions, reviewer assignments) = 2
 - Current Status of Financial Capabilities and Asset Building Special Issue Manuscripts
 - Manuscripts submitted = 7
 - Manuscripts under review = 3
 - Manuscripts under revision = 4
 - Manuscripts rejected = 0
4. Finances (see ACOSA Financial Report)
 - Note that the financial status report assumes in-kind provision of: office space, phone, computer, supplies, mailing, use of university-based CTools site, copy editing by editor team members, plus other efforts of editor team.
 5. Editorial Board
 - The Editors express their appreciation to the Board for their service.
 - The Editors note that it is extremely helpful when extensive narrative comments are provided with reviews, to provide feedback to authors, assist Editors in making decisions, and improve the perceived quality of the reviews, as well as *JCP* itself.
 6. Book Reviews
 - Currently, we have a small backlog of book reviews that are scheduled to be published in 2016.
 - The Editors would like to retire this section of the Journal. The ACOSA Newsletter may be a better venue for this section.
 7. Marie Weil Award
 - This award will be presented at an author’s recognition event at the Routledge Taylor and Francis booth (next to the ACOSA booth in the Exhibit Hall) on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 or 2:00-4:00 pm.
 - This year we have two sets of awardees: Kelly L. Patterson, Tom Nochajski & Laiyun Wu for their article, “Neighborhood Outcomes of Formally Homeless Veterans Participating in the HUD-VASH Program” and Alice B. Gates for her article “Integrating Social Services and Social Change: Lessons From an Immigrant Worker Center” (*Journal of Community Practice*, Vol. 22).

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