
Inaugural Issue of the Student Journal of Psychological Sciences!

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It is my great honor to invite you to read the first Student Journal of Psychological Science! This innovative journal was conceived by the faculty of the MSCD Department of Psychology under the chief-editorship of Dr. Bill Henry with Associate Editors Dr. Chris Randell and Dr. Aaron Richmond. The purpose of the journal is to provide a forum for members of both the MSCD community and the larger public community to learn about the excellent, exciting work being done by MSCD undergraduate psychology students. The journal will publish both original empirical research performed by MSCD psychology students and student-authored theoretical papers on topics in psychology.

The MSCD Department of Psychology has a well-deserved reputation for valuing professional development among its faculty. Using the innovative method of undergraduate students acting as research assistants, faculty involve undergraduate students in their empirical research. The corresponding course emphasis on research in the psychology and human development programs fosters the same values among its students. Every year in April, undergraduate psychology and human development students present their research at the Department of

Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference. The conference, now in its twelfth year, will be enhanced this year by the inaugural edition of this new journal.

Dean Joan Foster and the School of Letters, Arts and Sciences deserve thanks for their support of the development of this journal. Drs. Henry, Randell and Richmond should be commended for their organizational efforts, and Dr. Henry thanked for his leadership in getting the journal underway. Finally, the students who submitted papers and the student reviewers who helped in the selection process have contributed greatly to the success of this endeavor.

I invite you to read the two papers that constitute the first issue of the *Student Journal of Psychological Science* and appreciate the high quality of the work being done by MSCD psychology students.

Sincerely,

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