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Tara S. Jungersen | Editor-in-Chief

INTRODUCTION TO *TRAUMA COUNSELING AND RESILIENCE*

I am pleased to announce the launch of the inaugural issue of *Trauma Counseling and Resilience*, the official journal of the International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling (IARTC), a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA).

Trauma Counseling and Resilience (TCR) aims to publish qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods studies, and scholarly articles that inform and advance knowledge about trauma counseling and resilience, including theory, practice, training, advocacy, policy, and trends. Special issues will address current psychological trauma topics while honoring diversity, inclusion, equity, belonging, and multicultural aspects of trauma. The journal's mission recognizes that trauma-informed best practices require cultural inclusivity and examination of privilege and disparities in accessing trauma services.

On behalf of the editorial board, I want to express how proud we are to see this journal come into existence. This publication could not be possible without the vision and sustained efforts of scholars, counselor educators, counseling practitioners, and trauma therapists for over a decade. Specifically, Founding Editor Dr. Jane Webber has been instrumental in organizing the editorial board, orienting the review board, and providing guidance and advisement throughout TCR's creation.

The creation and launch of an academic journal with international scope is no small feat, and we are fortunate to have an editorial team committed to excellence in promoting quality scholarship. My Senior Editorial Board is comprised of Drs. Rebecca Cowan, Jean M. LaFauci Schutt, Carol M. Smith, Elda Veloso, and Jane M. Webber. We have worked diligently to ensure that the journal content has undergone a rigorous peer-review process and that each article has been evaluated according to its scientific merit. Supported by Editorial Assistant Alexandra Robertson, our talented Editorial Review Board is comprised of educators and clinicians with an impressive array of trauma, resilience, and counseling expertise.

This issue contains a variety of trauma-related articles. The first article reviews the history and development of the IARTC division. Next, a quantitative study of college student stress during the pandemic is followed by a qualitative study of trauma curriculum integration in the field of Counselor Education. The issue concludes first with a conceptual framework describing the infusion of trauma-informed care in career counseling, and finally a summary of an interview with trauma and feminist expert Dr. Lenore Walker.

The mission of *Trauma Counseling and Resilience* is informed by a shared passion to alleviate human suffering. As trauma research evolves, this journal will remain committed to the mitigation of trauma and the promotion of resiliency through professional counseling and related fields.