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This issue of *JADARA* addresses the topic of a meeting of cultures in the research arena. The papers, for the most part, focus on the role of a hearing person conducting research on a deaf population. The papers by Akamatsu, Stinson, Foster and Hauser are an outgrowth from a panel discussion on the topics of "Researcher's Doing Research in Their Own Back Yard" which was held at the 1993 American Education Research Association's annual meeting. In addition, we have included papers by Robert Pollard concerning ethics in conducting deafness research and by Cynthia Nickless concerning methodological issues in conducting outcome research on a deaf, psychiatric population. Dr. Pollard's paper was originally presented at the 1991 ADARA conference and then published in *Rehabilitation Psychology*. I want to thank Dr. Myron Eisenberg, editor of *Rehabilitation Psychology* for permission to reprint Dr. Pollard's paper.

Finally, Nancy Bock, in the *Point of View* section, describes some of the same issues of cultural interaction as they apply to inclusion within the ADARA organization. While the main focus in this issue has been on research, much of what is stated can equally apply to an informal interaction among deaf and hearing persons. We could easily change the term "research" to "counselling" or "instruction" or "rehabilitation" and apply the same cautions about interpreting the meaning of interactions in these settings. It is our hope that readers will use the information in these papers to improve the quality of the services they provide to the deaf clients served by the ADARA membership.

As I always do in these letters, I urge our readers to send me your manuscripts for consideration. It is only through your writings that *JADARA* can achieve the goal of being a means of sharing our knowledge with each other.

Gerard G. Walter
Editor