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Welcome to the Fall 2023 issue of JADARA! This issue includes articles that address a variety of topics relevant to the JADARA readership. The articles include a study on the findings of interpreting common depression inventories in ASL, an examination of how Deaf identity impacts leader-member exchanges, and a qualitative study on correlations and differences between educational and medical sign language interpreters (SLIs) strategies when working with deaf children in the medical setting,

After a year of transition in the Editor-in-Chief role, I appreciate the outstanding service that my predecessors provided to JADARA. I am thankful for Drs. Thew Hackett and Kobek Pezzarossi for their support as I navigated the journal platform and coordinated reviews. My goal is to publish a minimum of three issues per year. This is contingent upon the number of author submissions each, year. Submissions are not limited to original research, but can also include book or article reviews, perspective, opinion, and commentary articles, clinical case studies, or meta-analysis articles. Authors should expect at least eight weeks for a decision on the manuscripts. Manuscripts that require additional revisions may take another eight weeks before a final decision is made. The next issues will be published the third week of December 2023, and pending the number of completed manuscripts, the third week of March, June, and September 2024.

In addition to the need for manuscripts, JADARA is currently seeking more reviewers who are in the interpreting, ASL studies, policy, integrated practices, mental health, rehabilitation counseling, health sciences/public health, and other relevant fields. JADARA is increasingly receiving manuscripts focusing on culturally diverse populations within the deaf community and I encourage more reviewers to be available who have the lived experience or expertise with these populations. If you would like to be added as a reviewer, or would like to nominate someone as a reviewer, please contact me at dparis@emporia.edu.

While I am committed to the role Editor-in-Chief role until 2026, JADARA is actively seeking an Associate Editor. This position would begin in spring or summer 2024 and will be mentored by the Editor-in-Chief during upcoming reviews and journal publications, eventually taking on the leadership role for JADARA by 2026. If you would like to be considered for the *JADARA* Associate Editor position, please submit your curriculum vitae, a cover letter outlining your strengths and how your contribution would benefit *JADARA*. Please send this to dparis@emporia.edu with the subject line stating "*JADARA* Associate Editor".

I welcome the readership to contact me anytime you have ideas, suggestions, or perspectives on how to improve future JADARA issues. I look forward to communicating with you!

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