

FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Readers,

As the new editor of JADARA, I feel it necessary to introduce myself to those of you that I have not personally met. I am Director of the Office of Postsecondary Career Studies and Institutional Research at Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf. The Office's main focus is to carry out research related to the educational, economic, occupational, and social/cultural accommodation of deaf persons after they graduate from high school. I am a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation, and have worked as a teacher, researcher and administrator in the field of deafness for the last twenty-five years. My staff and I hope to be able to provide significant support to the editorship of this Journal.

With this issue I have introduced two features that will appear in each issue. First is INFORMATION YOU MIGHT USE. It is my intent to include in each issue a single page that summarizes some statistical information that might be helpful to professionals in the field of deafness and rehabilitation. I am always open to suggestions of data we might include in this section. The second addition is that of a BOOK REVIEW. I will strive to review books which cover a variety of topics and issues in the area of deafness. Again, anyone with suggestions for a new book to be reviewed or wishing to volunteer a current review, please contact me.

The success of JADARA depends on the quality and diversity of articles which are submitted. Currently, the backlog of quality articles is very small. If we are to improve both the quality and length of the journal, it is necessary that more papers be submitted. If you have written a paper on a topic which fits our editorial policy, please send it to us. We would be happy to consider it for publication and will quickly review your paper and advise you of its status.

I also would like to begin including a section on letters to the editor that address controversial topics in the field of deafness. If you feel the need to express your opinion about some such topic, why not do it in the form of a letter to your colleagues. It is only through such dialogue that we can hope to improve communication between professionals, and thus improve the quality of services we each strive to provide our clients.

I am happy to be acting as the editor of JADARA. I look forward to working with you as we publish future issues of the Journal.

Gerard G. Walter
Editor, JADARA