Editor’s Note

As the United States becomes increasingly diverse, the health status of various populations relative to others has come under scrutiny. The extent of health disparities in the United States is well known and does not need to be highlighted here. Rather, numerous professionals in a variety of different fields have dedicated their lives to understanding and eliminating these health disparities. The work of these professionals must be shared with others in order to build a congruent knowledge base from which new insights can be gained.

The *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* is the culmination of a dream of many people who work in the area of health disparities. As editors, we hope that this provides a consistent forum for discussions about disparities and provides avenues that lead to the elimination of disparities. While we look forward to fostering this forum, in some ways, we hope that this journal is not needed long because of the elimination of disparities.

Sincerely,

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