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This special issue of the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* is very distinctive for a myriad of reasons. This marks the inaugural issue under new leadership. Melva Thompson-Robinson, DrPH and Marya Shegog, PhD are the new editors. Dr. Thompson-Robinson is Executive Director of the Center for Health Disparities Research and an Associate Professor in the School of Community Health Sciences at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Dr. Shegog is Director of Health Programs in The Lincy Institute at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. We would like to thank the continuing support of all of our manuscript reviewers and authors that have remained dedicated to maintaining academic rigor and continuing the discussion on health disparities research and practice. Additionally, we would like to thank Michelle Chino, PhD for all of her tireless work as the past editor.

This edition is the first special issue published by the Journal. The focus of this special issue is sexual health of heterosexuals of color across the lifespan. Taking a holistic approach to sexual health among heterosexuals of color promotes exploration of sexual risk behaviors, new prevention paradigms and perspective through the lens of those who remain most affected by chronic and infectious diseases that impact sexual health. This current issue is the first of a series of special issues related to this topic. There will be upcoming issues that will further highlight this topic by gender; exploring the different threats, impacts and outcomes respective to heterosexual, women and men of color across the lifespan.

Thank you for your continued support of the *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*. Please look forward to future issues, as well as special issues related to the sexual health of heterosexuals of color across the lifespan.

Melva Thompson-Robinson, DrPH and Marya Shegog, PhD Co-Editors