

**The First Anniversary of *JPS*:**  
Celebrating Accomplishments and Building on Success

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It is fun to reflect back on our brief, yet vibrant, history of the *Journal of Positive Sexuality*. *JPS* was born from an idea back in the spring of 2014 on the campus of College of the Canyons. We were enjoying a beautiful southern California day and discussing some salient needs across the field of human sexuality, including the many pervasive myths about sexuality, even among licensed professionals, in contemporary sex-negative American society. We realized, too, of course, the glaring problem that most professionals and lay people do not have access to academic journals, and many may not have the time to read and try to digest long, scholarly papers. Also, sometimes academics may be hesitant (unfortunately), to move their work into more applied practice contexts. Recognizing these and other important needs in the field of human sexuality, we decided to embark on a new journey, and *JPS* was born. From its inception, a top priority of *JPS* was to bring people together, build bridges rather than walls, and work to create new understandings and solutions to a broad and diverse range of sexuality issues.

We are thrilled at the many accomplishments achieved in our first year, largely generated by the dedication and hard work of our staff and numerous supporters of the Center for Positive Sexuality (CPS). We would like to thank the CPS Board of Directors; our Research Affiliates; and our educators, volunteers, and many generous donors. We would also like to thank our world-class *JPS* Editorial Board, and of course, the authors who submitted articles. Finally, we would like to thank our many readers! In its first year, *JPS* was accessed by nearly 400,000 individuals in dozens of countries around the globe!

We plan to build on our many accomplishments as we move into our second year. We will continue to work to build bridges with similar institutional entities that share our vision. Indeed, CPS is delighted that the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (NCSF) and the Community-Academic Consortium for Research on Alternative Sexualities (CARAS) are now co-sponsors of *JPS*! NCSF has a rich history of supporting sexual diversity and human rights, and it continues to enjoy strong alliances with several national academic and professional organizations that address human sexuality. Meanwhile, CARAS has been interested in sponsoring an academic journal for quite some time and we are extremely proud to help fill the niche. Thus, you will see a few new Editorial Board members joining the *JPS* staff from each of these fine organizations. Welcome NCSF and CARAS!

We hope our readers will enjoy Volume 2 of the *Journal of Positive Sexuality*. We hope that the current and future articles in this volume will be interesting and useful. We hope that our readers will continue to mention *JPS* to their friends and colleagues. Indeed, we extend a warm invitation to promote positive sexuality by empowering voices, building bridges, and working together to create solutions.