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# **Editorial**

#### Call to Review

This is my first complete issue of the *Journal of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology* (JARA) as editor and I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Kathleen Cienkowski, the past editor. She put a great deal of herself into the journal and left it well organized and of high quality. Dr. Cienkowski was particularly helpful during the transition and continues to be a good source of information and advice. I also would like to thank the authors for their willingness to submit manuscripts to the JARA and the reviewers for their contributions and insights. The journal exists because of your commitment to the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology and your willingness to volunteer time and energy to the journal.

I would like to encourage even more of you to participate in the peer-review process. The integrity of the JARA, as well as our research and clinical base, is dependent upon it. The peer-review process helps ensure that the information in our literature is accurate, and reduces the number of publications with conceptual or methodological flaws. Moreover, the quality of most manuscripts is improved by external review and revision. Having independent and fresh eyes examine and evaluate manuscripts usually enhances them. So, if you receive a request from me to review an article I encourage you to say "yes". If you would like to become a reviewer and have yet to be invited feel free to contact me at spratt@pitt.edu. For all of you, who have reviewed for the JARA, you are much appreciated.

## Sheila R. Pratt, Editor

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# **Award of Honor**

The Award of Honor, the highest award given by the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology, is presented in recognition of sustained and dedicated service and meritorious contributions to the Academy and to the rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf and hard-of-hearing. Persons nominated for the Award must have been a member of the ARA for a minimum of five years and have served the ARA in three or more of the following ways: an officer, committee chairperson, committee member, or member of the editorial staff of the *Journal of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology* (JARA); through involvement in legislative activity on the state and national level to benefit people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing; by contributing papers to the JARA; or by presenting short courses or papers at Academy meetings. Below are the names of past recipients of the Award of Honor:

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# **Certificate of Appreciation**

The Certificate of Appreciation is presented in recognition of short term, outstanding contributions to the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology. This award is not limited to those individuals who have been or are members of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology. This award is given for extraordinary contributions and/or service to the ARA in a singular endeavor or special effort. The criteria for this award are purposefully broad so the award may be given for any activity of special merit performed by an individual or organization. Below are the names of past recipients of the Certificate of Appreciation:

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