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**FROM THE EDITOR**

Dear Reader,

For a number of years now the transition of individuals from school into the adult world after high school has been a topic of discussion. As attention to the references in this issue will testify, there has been much written, and some significant research carried out, about this topic. Yet, it could be argued, that transition is not confined to this single stage in an individual's life, but is a new name for one of many times in a person's life when change occurs and sensitivity to that change is called for.

The articles in this issue all deal in some way with the topic of transition, but provide a broader context within which to consider this topic. While the contemporary notion of the term is discussed, we also include articles that treat other transitional times in the lives of some deaf individuals; specifically those issues of adjusting to one's deafness and the process of raising children. Finally, we discuss the transitional issues which accompany the process of dying. In a sense, it can be argued that this is the last great transition period of our lives, and, as the author notes, can be even more difficult for deaf individuals who have limited communication with their care givers.

All but one of the articles in this issue were papers presented at the 1991 ADARA Convention in Chicago. We are pleased to be able to use JADARA to more broadly disseminate the work of these authors, and are doubly pleased to be able to provide a thematic framework within which to present these papers.

This is my sixth issue as editor of JADARA, and I hope the readers are finding the articles informative. Let me take this opportunity to, once again, solicit from the readership manuscripts which address topics about research and practice in the area of deafness. It would also make possible more timely publication of the Journal and permit us to focus individual issues on specific timely topics. This editor would sleep far better knowing that there are more than enough articles awaiting publication. If you have an idea, or a research project about which to report, prepare a manuscript and send it to us. We promise to give it quick consideration.

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Editor