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EDITORIAL COMMENT: NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ANALYSIS OF GAMBLING BEHAVIOR

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This issue marks the beginning of the seventh year of publication for *Analysis of Gambling Behavior*. As happens as journals age, things change. As things change, the journal has the opportunity to become better and stronger.

As you can see from the editorial board page, there have been several changes. The first is that the co-founder of the journal and its executive editor for its first three years, Dr. Mark Dixon, has stepped down from his role as associate editor, which he has held for the past three years. As I did when taking over for Mark as the executive editor, I would like to thank him for his service to the journal. Mark and his students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale have been regular contributors to the journal over the years – in a number of capacities. I am hopeful and confident that their contributions will continue in the future. Mark has agreed to serve on the editorial board as a member and I am pleased to have him do so. Thanks again Mark.

That means the journal has a new associate editor and I am pleased to announce that this position has been filled by Dr. Andrew Brandt of Ohio Wesleyan University. Dr. Brandt received his Ph.D. at Western Michigan University and has published a number of behavior-analytic works over the years that have focused on gambling. He has also been an active contributor to *Analysis of Gambling Behavior*, serving as action editor on a number of occasions. Andrew certainly has large shoes to fill, but I am confident that he can fill them. I am pleased to welcome him to the new position.

One will also notice that our editorial board has been updated relative to previous years. Many individuals have served on the board since the journal's inception and I thank all of them for their service to the journal. At this point in time, I believe that the current editorial board is not only filled with experts in the field, but also with the necessary number of people to complete the work required to run the journal. I am especially pleased to welcome Gordon Foxall of Cardiff University and Alyssa Wilson of St. Louis University to the editorial board. I would also like to thank the other members of the board for their willingness to continue to serve.

As usual the current issue has a number of research papers that should be of interest to behavior analysts conducting gambling or gambling-related research. As always, the journal welcomes submission not only from researchers who have contributed to the journal in the past, but also to anyone whose work falls within the mission of the journal. Although the journal has yet to rise to the rank of some long standing journals in the field, I continue to be pleased with the quality of the work submitted to *Analysis of Gambling Behavior*.

I will also note that the behavior-analytic study of gambling does not begin and end with this journal. Thanks to the hard work of Benjamin Witts of the University of Nevada at Reno, the Gambling Special Interest Group associated with the Association for Behavior Analysis International held its annual conference in Reno, NV in February 2013. Speakers included Benjamin Witts, Andrew Brandt, Elias Robles-Sotelo of Arizona State Univer-

sity, Mack Costello of Western Michigan University, Patrick Ghezzi of the University of Nevada Reno, and yours truly. The day-long conference was both informative and entertaining. It was clear at the end of the conference that the study of gambling from a behavior-analytic perspective has advanced a great deal since the formation of the special interest group nearly a decade ago. My thanks go out to Ben for organizing the great event.

Given that this journal appears to have survived its formative years and continues to be source utilized by researchers in the field, as well as the fact that there is enough interest in the field of behavior analysis to support a full-day conference on the topic, I am as optimistic for the future of this endeavor as I have ever been. Thus, I look forward to another successful year at *Analysis of Gambling Behavior* and I am again pleased to serve as its executive editor. Please enjoy Volume 7, Issue 1.

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