

A Transition of *ULJRI* Leadership

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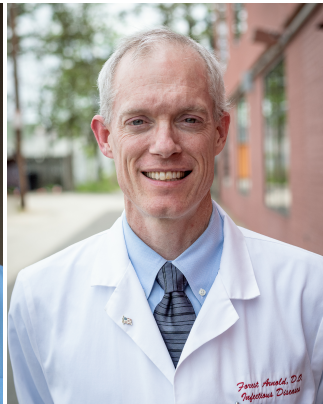
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We are truly delighted and proud to be the new co-Editors-in-Chief for the *University of Louisville Journal of Respiratory Infections (ULJRI)*. We are indebted to the original Editor-in-Chief, Julio Ramirez, who had the vision to create *ULJRI* and brought together the world's most influential physician scientists in the field of respiratory infections. Indeed, we are honored to work with an outstanding editorial team, including the associate and section editors.

We represent leadership from healthcare and academic medical center facilities. Dr. Jose Bordon, MD, PhD is Clinical Assistant Professor at George Washington University Medical School in Washington, D.C. Dr. Forest Arnold, DO, MSc is Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, School of Medicine at the University of Louisville and Epidemiologist at UofL Health – UofL Hospital in Louisville, KY.



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Purpose

With many important and valued systems, economics and profits are often the driving force. Even healthcare insurance and certification boards are driven by the economics of the U.S. healthcare system to contain

costs and boost profits despite their aspirations of quality care and high standards. But this journal is free to submit to and free to read. The purpose is to disseminate new knowledge worldwide from international authors to international readers through a peer-review process of some of the most brilliant minds in respiratory infection research. This culminates in the application of what is learned to the improvement of care for patients with respiratory infections.

Goals

The next aim for our journal, now at five years of age, is to be recognized by PubMed. We are currently applying with feedback from both the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA) and the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) towards that goal. As Editors-in-Chief, we have been handed a journal with great potential. It is our responsibility to make decisions to make it prosper. We intend to continue to increase the expanding readership, while maintaining and raising the standard for scientific rigor for the journal.

For manuscripts of good scientific merit, but hampered by written language issues, we are adding pre-viewing editors so that the efforts of the reviewers will be most efficient. Many publications charge for this service or make it exclusively the responsibility of the author, prior to submission. To keep publishing articles of high importance, we will adjust with the evolution of relevant topics. For example, last year, *ULJRI* adapted by devoting an entire issue to COVID-19. This year, we look forward to the trends of respiratory infections research. As an online journal, we are an inherently multimedia publication, but last year we introduced a dedicated Multimedia section to capitalize on this method of disseminating information. These are some of the endeavors we look forward to expanding.

***ULJRI* Team**

It is our sincere hope that the information we share ultimately helps those suffering from a respiratory infection. As Editors-in-Chief, we understand that we cannot accomplish this endeavor alone. The Editorial Board page on our website lists those involved and their roles. Our Associate Editors and Section Editors have also been updated. As we start this new phase of *ULJRI*, we look forward to the challenge.

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