

Letter from the Editors

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The issue you are about to read is one of the shortest in the New School Psychology Bulletin's (NSPB) 18-year history. Nonetheless, it is a remarkable achievement, if we do say so ourselves, given the extraordinary challenges presented by COVID-19. Our current issue is a testament to perseverance and patience. The editors, editorial board, and authors weathered through an unprecedented scholastic experience. While university campuses closed, we became mindful of the pandemic's negative impact on research, academic conversation, and the free exchange of ideas. Our concerns fueled our determination to publish the journal. The current issue reminds us that academic inquiry and expression are relevant and necessary despite an unfolding crisis.

Each of the three articles included in this issue feature an interplay between social-environmental conditions and human psychology. Shafi investigates terrorism from a neuroscience perspective, Farfan discusses the relationship between sleep and academic achievement, and Reidy Bunn describes our emotional relationship to news exposure. Dramatically evident in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and implied by the results of these investigations is a statement of human vulnerability. We thrive in the right conditions, and we struggle when those conditions are disturbed. In philosophical terms, these authors are suggesting we shift our focus from the "seed" to the "soil."

This issue becomes a reality just as we in the United States are emerging from a year of isolation, illness, and death. We are grateful to have kept the scholarly vision and collaborative work of NSPB alive throughout this difficult year. We affirm our commitment to psychology student research and publication.

Welcome to NSPB volume 18 issue 1. Thank you to our authors and reviewers.

We look forward to a better year.

Sincerely,

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