

## FOREWORD

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This issue contains some very interesting "firsts" for *BSI* in addition to covering topical issues of general cultural importance. The first "first" is a set of responses to an article by Larry Fraley, entitled "An Academic Home for a Natural Science." In this piece, Fraley asks where our discipline belongs-is psychology the appropriate home for our science? Four behavior analysts in university settings respond to his query: Irene Grote from University of Kansas, Jim Johnston from Auburn, Richard Rakos, Cleveland State University, and Edelgard Wulfert, SUNY-Albany. This lively dialogue makes for interesting reading and our next issue will contain Fraley's responses. Our second "first" is a creative application of stimulus equivalence with social overtones, "Stimulus Equivalence and Social Categorization in Northern Ireland" produced by Attracta McGlinchey and Mickey Keenan. The topic of this article seems particularly relevant considering recent events in Ireland.

Terry Knapp has examined "Behaviorism and Public Policy: B.F. Skinner's Views on Gambling," which is one aspect of Skinner's writings that has not been explored previously.

In this issue we are pleased to be able to present two articles written by doctoral students who look at different aspects of behavioral interventions. Peter Dams' article, "Providing Effective Interventions May Not Be Enough: The Importance of Cost Analysis in the Behavioral Health System," asks how can applied behavior analysts "do what it takes" in terms of treatment without sacrificing integrity? The other doctoral candidate, Vincent Adkins, poses this question to our readers: On what basis can agreement of relevant societal members affected by behavioral interventions also reflect society's ethics, then supplies his answer in the article, "Social Validity and Naturalistic Ethics: Wolf and Quine."

We complete this issue with another in the series of Walden Fellowship articles, this one by Mark Mattaini and Gladys Williams, "Walden Fellowship Behavioral Workshops: Member Self-Education and Community Building" and close with Bruce Thyer's review of Bobby Newman's, *No Virtue in Accident: Behavior Analysis and Utopian Literature*. So, dear readers, I invite you to begin. Read on and enjoy, enjoy.