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Same Journal New Platform

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In the past year the *Journal of Gambling Issues* has undergone a relocation. It's been a rough journey filled with uncertainty.

The JGI was founded 22 years ago by a group of gambling clinicians, researchers, and managers at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Our group included Wayne Skinner, Robert Murray, Tony Toneatto, Nina Littman-Sharp, Andrew Johnson, Phil Lange and myself, who felt that the gambling field needed a new gambling specific academic journal. In addition, we wanted this to be a journal that was accessible to everyone including researchers, clinicians, social workers, educators, students, and the general public. As such we have strived to achieve a high degree of academic excellence, but also copywritten papers so that they were readable by a broad audience.

The JGI was founded as an online only electronic journal and at the time included electronic in its title. I have personally been on the editorial board during most of those 22 years, and only 3 years ago became the editor. Our original editor Phil Lange did a fantastic job of running the journal and shepherding it through several transformations. Since then we have had 3 editors, Phil Lange (2000 to 2008), Daryl Boshart, (acting Editor-in-Chief 2008 to 2010), Sherry Stewart (2010 to 2018), and finally myself (2019 to the present). In addition, we included a French language section within the journal edited by Serge Sévigny from 2010 to 2021. Throughout this time, we have also brought into the journal a number of associate editors who have worked tirelessly to help bring this journal together. Throughout this time, we have published 49 issues, 2 to 3 per year, with around 10 peer reviewed papers in each issue. Nearly two years ago we were informed by the management at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health that they would no longer be able to fund the *Journal*. For a while there was a real fear this this would be the end of our journey. We considered trying to sell

the journal to a commercial publisher, but we feared that this would end our free open access status. Eventually we settled upon a solution offered by the Concurrent Disorders society to host the journal. It has been a stressful year. For several months we were not accepting any new papers and we were somewhat concerned that we would lose our audience. In fact, we may have lost some during this transition due to lost links. But we are now back on track and have completed Issues 50 and 51 for the current year. Note that we have renamed issues as volumes to fit more in line with other journals.

Throughout this transformation I would like to thank in particular Vivien Rekkas for her incredible work on the journal in the past few years as well as Branka Agic, Chloe Frisina who helped during the transition, and Masood Zangeneh who guided us to our new website. We must also thank the support staff at Clarvate for help in navigating the online submission system. Finally, we owe a great debt to our associate editors Caroline Temcheff, Farah Jindani, Jing Shi, Mark van der Maas, Serge Sévigny, and our editorial board Daniela Lobo, David C. Hodgins, Lia Nower, Marc N. Potenza, Martin Zack, Matthew Thomas Keough, Michael Wohl, Peter Ferentzy, Robert Murray, Toulia Kougiantakis, Sherry H. Stewart, and Wayne Skinner.

I will remain the Editor in Chief for the time being and look forward to continued academic excellence.

This new volume, volume 51 includes a number of papers submitted before the transition to our new home and have been patiently waiting for their paper to be officially published, as well as a number that have been submitted subsequently since we moved to our new platform. There is no central theme to these papers. Topics include loot boxes, helpline calls, psychometric studies, cognitive distortions, and mindfulness.

It has been a long journey, and the journey continues.