I write this From the Editor as I look out at Boston from the windows in the dormitory at Boston University where I reside. It has been a long winter with over 108 inches of snow. However, spring is in the air and with it comes a feeling of renewal.

This issue of WORK has two sections. The first section is on Workplace Violence in Healthcare Settings; and was co-guested edited by Drs. Gordon Lee Gillespie, Bonnie S. Fisher and Donna M. Gates. Congratulations are extended to them and the contributing authors who have helped advance the evidence knowledge and our understanding about this important area.

The second section of this issue contains five articles on a variety of topics. The first article discusses the effects of load position and force direction on back muscle loading in one-wheeled wheelbarrow tasks. The section continues with four articles that focus on mental health. Gewurtz, Cott, Rush, and Kirsh authored a case study of the Ontario Disability Support Program which answers the question, How is unemployment among people with mental illness conceptualized within social policy? Economic stress in the workplace and its impact on a person’s mental health was written by Italian colleagues Giorgi, Arcangeli, Mucci and Cupelli. A detailed examination of work life after psychosis was co-authored by Turner, O’Mahony, Hill, Fanning, Larkin, Waddington and O’Callaghan and Clarke. This issue concludes with an interesting article that investigated the influence of background music on work attention in clients with chronic schizophrenia.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will submit your manuscripts to WORK.

Cheers,
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