

## From the Editor

---

I am writing this *From the Editor* as I enjoy the beautiful skyline of Boston. I reside in one of the dormitories at Boston University that has a breath taking view of the city. For me, it is an ideal venue for working and living.

This issue contains 14 interesting articles on diverse topics.

The issue starts with the findings from a study of Swedish newly sick-listed adults and the associations between leisure activities and binge drinking.

Liedberg and Björk describe the symptoms of subordinated importance in fibromyalgia when differentiating working from non-working women.

Two articles address issues that are important to children and youths. Palmer, Ciccarelli, Falkmer and Parsons investigated the associations between levels of exposure to information and communication technology (ICT) and reported discomfort among adolescents. While Grozdanovic and colleagues described a Serbian experience of creating an ergonomically designed playground for children.

Negrini, Perron and Corbière provide a prospective study in the education sector on the predictors of absenteeism due to psychological disability.

Two articles focus on musculoskeletal pain. Harman and colleagues investigate insomnia in clients with chronic, work-related musculoskeletal pain in a work recovery rehabilitation program; and Stewart and colleagues describe the results from a cross-sectional study of musculoskeletal pain and discomfort with associated worker and organizational factors.

Haynes discussed the effectiveness of communication strategies for deaf or hard of hearing workers in group settings.

Hoefsmit, Houkes and Nijhuis described a qualitative study using the ICF as a framework regarding the environmental and personal factors that support early return-to-work.

Jebsens and colleagues investigated the association between perceived present working conditions and demands versus attitude to early retirement among construction workers.

Koopmans and colleagues measured individual work performance to identify and select indicators.

Lounsbury and colleagues shared key personality traits of sales managers.

Mobo and colleagues provided case vignettes, a review of literature and recommendations for mitigation of occupational hazards associated with endoscope high-level disinfection.

Finally, the issue concludes with Pelzer and colleagues article which investigated the impact of unemployment on mental health, personality, and soft skills.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you and welcome your submission of manuscripts to WORK.

Cheers,  
Karen  
kjacobs@bu.edu  
<http://blogs.bu.edu/kjacobs/>