

Editors' Note

We are privileged in Volume 6 of the Journal of Clinical Speech & Language Studies to be able to present two invited papers from acknowledged experts in their chosen fields. Few individuals have contributed as much to the profession as Ruth Lesser, both as a clinician and a researcher. All of us working with individuals with aphasia owe her an enormous debt for her dedication, clear thinking and major contribution to our understanding of the complexities of acquired language disorders. In her paper she retraces the development of aphasia therapy and charts a possible course for the future.

Our second invited paper focuses on another aspect of language functioning: bilingualism and language disability. Jeff Kallen has played a unique role in enriching our understanding of the essential intrinsic link between linguistics and speech and language therapy. His recent work in the area of bilingualism, forces us to re-examine its relationship to language disability, challenges prevailing myths and offers new insights from a sociolinguistic perspectives. Other papers in this issue reflect the varying roles of speech and language therapists as researchers, clinicians, and educators.

We extend our sincere thanks to all those who have contributed directly or indirectly to this volume of the Journal.

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