## From the Editor

# Belonging

*"A deep sense of love and belonging is an irreducible need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically, and spiritually wired to love, to be loved, and to belong"*. Brené Brown

In 2019, Boston University's Dean Kenn Elmore arranged for all students participating in the 2019 orientation sessions to receive the book *Belong* (Workman Publishing Co., Inc., 2018). Radha Agrawal, the author of the book, defines belonging as "a feeling of deep relatedness and acceptance; a feeling of 'I would rather be here than anywhere else'" (p. 17). Agrawal's goal with writing this book was "... to give [us]... the blueprint to build and nurture [our] own community from scratch, so [we] find happiness, fulfillment, and success" (p. 15). I highly recommend reading this book which is "... split into two parts: Going IN, which focuses on the development of your inner self through a discussion of self-awareness, intention, and energy, and Going OUT, which focuses on finding the right community for you" (https://www.bu.edu/dos/2019/06/25/belong-orientation-2019-book/). Through the chapters, the reader learns how "... to create a world ... in which you feel a deep sense of belonging".

It is 33 years since *WORK* began. Over this time, our team with the support of IOS Press, the publisher of the journal, has intentionally tried to create a space where authors, reviewers, and the Editorial Board feel a sense of belonging. I thought you would enjoy seeing a photo of our team, which was taken when Axana was visiting Boston.



Left to right: Axana, Karen & Lindsey

This issue of *WORK* contains 30 papers including five that are related to COVID-19. The **Editor's Choice** paper is *Impact of climate change on occupational health and safety: A review of methodological approaches* authored by Ferrari, Leal, de Souza, and Galdamez. I suggest that most of you would agree that climate change is having an impact globally on occupational health and safety among other aspects of daily life. I challenge you to become more knowledgeable about this topic by reading this review paper.

We have four *Learn at WORK* webinars scheduled for 2023 and more are being planned. I hope you will join us for these interesting webinars of papers published in *WORK*. Here is the schedule:

**Monday, January 30, 2023 from 1pm-2pm EST** will be the *Learn at WORK* webinar on *Mindfulness as a tool for reducing stress in healthcare profession: An umbrella review*. This is the Editor's Choice paper published in *WORK* authored by WORK Editorial Board member Dr. Prof. Giuseppe La Torre. Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4302229996494667536

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 1pm-2pm EST** will be the *Learn at WORK* webinar on *Further psychometric evaluation of the Structured Multidisciplinary Work Evaluation Tool (SMET) questionnaire: Practical implications in healthcare settings*. Drs. Haraldsson, Rolander, Jonker, Strengbom and Josefsson will present their paper. Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8889339731234872589

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023 from 1pm-2pm EST** will be the *Learn at WORK* webinar presented by Kimberly Wickert on *A "win win" perspective on workplace accommodations: RETAIN Kentucky's self-advocacy guide to promote successful return to work and stay at work outcomes for workers with disabilities*. Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6782315912236171534

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 1pm-2pm EST** will be the *Learn at WORK* webinar on *Emerging vocational rehabilitation strategies for people with diabetes mellitus* which is part of the *Return to Work Corner* series. The paper was authored by Rumrill, Jr., Lee, Minton, Bishop, Koch and Pittman. Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1365909428917483872

As always, I welcome hearing from you.

All my best,

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