

Editor's Comments

The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) is a professional and scientific organization founded in 1992. Its mission is to promote and ensure a fair reading and responsible reporting of scientific research about the factors that contribute to and/or co-occur with homosexuality and that allow psychological care to be effective for those with unwanted homosexuality. NARTH upholds the rights of individuals with unwanted homosexual attractions to receive competent psychological care and the rights of professionals to offer that care. In 2009 NARTH launched the *Journal of Human Sexuality (JHS)* in service of its mission and as a way of presenting, encouraging, and producing quality clinical and scientific scholarship on these topics.

Volume 1

Volume 1 of *JHS* reviewed more than a century of clinical and scientific evidence in an attempt to answer several questions: Whether psychological care for unwanted homosexual feelings and behaviors has been shown to be helpful and/or harmful, and whether the risk for medical, psychological, and relational difficulties associated with homosexual behaviors and lifestyles has been shown to be significantly greater than that associated with heterosexual behaviors and lifestyles.

A summary of the results of Volume 1 may be viewed online at <http://www.narth.com/docs/journalsummary.html>.

Volume 2

This second volume of *JHS* adopts a more traditional journal format and includes papers from a variety of authors, as well as several book reviews. Some of the articles were invited, others were submitted in response to a call for papers, and still others resulted from past convention presentations. Contributions for future volumes are

expected to follow a similar pattern. Authors interested in submitting papers for future volumes should contact the editor at 1-888-364-4744 or via email at info@narth.com.

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