

Editorial Introduction: Celebrating a Journal Milestone and Emergent Solidarities

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With this issue, we celebrate not only the release of the first issue of the third volume of JCSCD, but also the continued evolution of a journal that, from its very inception, was imagined as both intervention and invitation. When we published our inaugural issue in May 2023, its very existence—an academic journal explicitly committed to critical science and advocacy for linguistic justice—was itself a statement: a refusal of normativity, of exclusionary knowledge production, and of the marginalization of people pathologized for the ways they language. That first issue was born from urgency, frustration, vision, and hope. What we could not have predicted then was just how widely that call would resonate.

Since our launch, the journal has grown beyond what we could have initially conceived. It has become a gathering space for scholars drawing from an expansive and intersectional terrain: disability studies, speech-language pathology, Deaf studies, literature, critical applied linguistics, audiology, decolonial studies, and critical race theory, among others. Contributors have brought with them not only disciplinary insight, but also political insights and commitments that stretch and challenge the contours of an emerging body of inquiry. These voices have enriched our pages and broadened the conversation about what linguistic justice, equity, and access can and must mean. We are witnessing the unfolding of something new: a critical, cross-disciplinary praxis rooted in shared commitments to justice, access, and dignity for all languaging bodyminds.

This issue marks a milestone for the journal. The successful publication of our first two volumes was made possible by the work and care of our first cohort of edi-

Abstract

This editorial introduction celebrates the release of volume three, issue one of the *Journal of Critical Study of Communication and Disability* (JCSCD), which marks a two-year milestone since the inaugural publication of the journal. We express gratitude for the contributions of the first cohort of editorial board members, authors, reviewers, interns, digital publishing librarian, and interns who made this accomplishment possible. We extend a special thank you to Dr. Yvette Hyter as she ends her service as a co-managing editor. We discuss the evolution and future directions of JCSCD as a dynamic meeting ground for scholars from a wide-ranging and intersectional array of fields with a shared commitment to justice, access, and dignity for all bodyminds and languaging practices.

torial board members: Nirmala Erevelles, RaMonda Horton, Valerie Johnson, Brandi Newkirk-Turner, Jessica Nina Lester, Harsha Kathard, María Cioè-Peña, Mershen Pillay, Kristen Abrahams, and Benjamin Munson. We especially want to honor the life and contributions of our editor in memoriam, Jon Henner, whose advocacy, brilliance, and insistence on equity have left an indelible imprint on this project and on the wider field. Serving as co-managing editors were Yvette Hyter, Reem Khamis, Betty Yu, and Octavian Robinson who joined the co-managing editor team in February 2024. We want to thank the talented doctoral interns, Jennifer Smith and Kiiya Shibata. We are also exceptionally fortunate to have the support of Dr. Christopher Barnes who provided us with guidance at every step as our publishing partner at Adelphi University Library. His expertise in open access publishing deepened JCSCD's commitment to equitable scholarship in both content and form. We extend our deepest gratitude to all who shaped the journal's early vision and made its ongoing work possible, including the invaluable contributions of peer reviewers and advisors.

We want to take a moment to express, in particular, our admiration and appreciation to Yvette Hyter who will retire from the position of co-managing editor. Yvette has dedicated her career to fighting for equity and has poured her tremendous intellect, inclusive values, and painstaking labor into building JCSCD as a platform for fostering uncompromising critical scholarship. She is an extraordinary leader who is at once humble, kind, incisive and tenacious. Thank you, Yvette, for bringing all that you are to the journal. We will miss you terribly.

Looking ahead, our goals remain ambitious and grounded. We will welcome new and returning editorial members in the Fall. Moving forward, we will reserve editorial introductions for issues that necessitate curation. We will continue cultivating this space as one where scholarship is not detached from the lives and communi-

ties it addresses. We are committed to practices of editorial stewardship that are collaborative, accessible, and accountable. And we hope to build bridges between researchers, practitioners, artists, activists, and community members whose insights are essential to the work of linguistic justice.



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