Editor’s Introduction to First Issue: Contemporary Research in Disability and Rehabilitation

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On behalf of my co-founders and Associate Editors, Dr. Roy Chen and Dr. Saara Grizzell, and the Editorial Board, I am pleased to announce the publication of the inaugural issue of *Contemporary Research in Disability and Rehabilitation* (CRDR). CRDR is a peer-reviewed and open access journal designed to facilitate innovative interdisciplinary research publications with a focus on disability and health, disability and well-being, disability and rehabilitation, and disability studies. CRDR seeks to explore the multifaceted challenges that confront individuals with disabilities and to support and promote a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to idea sharing, problem solving, and service delivery.

In this inaugural issue of CRDR, there are two articles. The first article by Benson Kinyanjui, and colleagues, examines the barriers and unmet healthcare and rehabilitation needs of persons with multiple sclerosis (MS). The needs identified in this study include emotional and psychological support, educational support, social and care-giver support, healthcare, and financial support. The authors recommend that the perspectives of individuals with MS be considered and explored in future research.

In the second article of this issue, Euchay N. Horsman examines the relationship of underage drinking with concomitant alcohol use disorder and poor educational attainment. This study highlights the long-time negative impacts of underage drinking on mental health and human capital acquisition of the youths.

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