One Year In



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hile Cerebrum has published individual articles and book reviews since 1998, this issue signifies our first year of publishing Cerebrum as a magazine. We've enjoyed bringing it to you and hope you've found it useful. The objective is to provide a visually appealing mix: first and foremost, articles by neuroscientists who tell us why their area of research has the potential to help people, as well as the topic's funding and publicpolicy implications.

We also offer articles by science journalists on subjects we think are of interest. Since reliable information on Covid-19's relationship to the brain and mental health continues to slowly unravel, we examine two related topics in this issue: live instruction versus computer learning and collective trauma's impact on mental health.

Front and center in recent months has also been the Black Lives Matter movement, and inclusion and diversity in the neuroscience field are the focus of both our cover story and neuroethics column. We've asked Ilina Singh, Ph.D., Professor of Neuroscience & Society and co-director of the Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities at the University of Oxford, to tell us why neuroscience is mostly invisible in some parts of the world and the strategies by leadership to expand outreach. Our neuroethics columnist, Phil Boffey, confronts diversity with his column titled, "Neuroscience Confronts Racism."

We are also offering a feature on a topic that has been under the radar for far too long: hearing loss and its link to dementia and cognitive function. Frank Lin, M.D., Ph.D., professor and director of the Cochlear Center for Hearing Loss and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, tells us what we've learned and what we still need to know about an issue that effects millions of people and their families. Additionally, assistant editor Seimi Rurup helps us showcase the art of talented, under-the-radar artists with developmental disabilities.

With this issue, we also introduce a new regular column, "Clinical Corner," a first-person account from someone on the frontlines of neurodegenerative or mental health treatment. The idea is to help humanize some of the complex research that is often at the heart of some of our stories. In this first column, "The Normally Abnormal," neurologist Michael P.H. Stanley, M.D., addresses the challenges of treating a patient with multiple neuropsychiatric symptoms. We hope you find this new column informative.

Meanwhile, our new Cerebrum magazine welcomes your feedback; whether it be on our content, what we should consider covering, or how you feel about anything at all. •



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Letters may be edited for length and clarity. We regret that we cannot answer each one.