

## Early Career Psychiatrists Section

*It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.*

—Theodore Roosevelt<sup>1</sup>

**S**uccess in a psychiatric research career requires a passionate desire to move the field forward and provide answers to important clinical questions. On a less romantic level, there is a practical need to withstand a lot of narcissistic injury. Putting one's work out there for critique is an integral part of career development. Rejection is ubiquitous.

Mentorship and institutional investment in early career psychiatric researchers are crucial to help develop careers. There is an astonishing generosity of so many individuals in our field to mentor. Institutional support is also paramount, as demonstrated by organizations and foundations that offer opportunities for young investigators. We all benefit by training and encouraging new investigators.

Since publication and peer review are integral to the research process, the editors and publisher of *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* would like to express our commitment to the next generation of academic psychiatrists. In this issue, we initiate a new special section to showcase works from early career psychiatrists. We value the contributions from researchers at all stages of academic careers, and we anticipate that our readers will be excited to see papers from up-and-coming leaders in our field. We hope that each time an "Early Career Psychiatrists" section is published, excitement is generated about the future of our field.

We do not necessarily expect, nor guarantee, a higher acceptance rate for manuscripts submitted for this section. We strive to publish examples of excellence in this section; however, peer reviewers are informed that papers are under consideration for this section, and we hope that reviewers will tailor feedback accordingly for the author's status as an early career researcher to enhance the learning aspects of the experience.

Please see page 1792 or the Information for Authors on our Web site for the criteria for the "Early Career Psychiatrists" section. Please address questions or feedback to Marlene P. Freeman, M.D., at [mfreeman@psychiatrist.com](mailto:mfreeman@psychiatrist.com).

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<sup>1</sup>Roosevelt T. History As Literature. <http://www.bartelby.com/56/4.html>. Accessed October 24, 2007.