

### **Prologue**

The research projects conducted by students in the PSY40400 and PSY42000 classes in the fall of 2011 were particularly diverse in topic area as well as methodology. Throughout the semester, students were able to benefit from reading and hearing about each other's projects. Because of this, I believe the students had an enriching educational experience, despite the relatively small number of projects being conducted.

As always, I am very proud of the hard work the students put into their research as well as their coursework in general. It takes a lot of dedication and effort to be able to complete such fine research projects in just one semester. Reading this journal, I am certain you will agree that all of these papers serve as great examples of the high level of academic excellence our students can achieve if we just encourage them enough.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our course tutor, John Gatermann, for his dedication to being so helpful and encouraging to the students throughout their research progress. I would also like to thank Maria Henriquez as well, for the hard work she put into editing this journal into its current form.

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