

The new reviews editor of the *Journal of Gambling Issues*: Marianna Toce Gerstein

It is our pleasure to welcome Marianna Toce Gerstein as our reviews editor. She will help facilitate swifter publication of reviews and more reviews per issue. With her assistance, we will continue to offer reviews of books, educational materials, movies, plays, Web sites, DVDs, videos, and other media that we hope are of interest to the gambling studies community.

Marianna has a solid background in gambling research. In her current role as a doctoral student, she is studying how recovering problem gamblers in an online support group use language to model their identities and attempt to reshape those of newcomers to facilitate indoctrination into the group and, ultimately, abstinence from gambling. Prior to this work, she was a survey researcher for more than 8 years at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, where her main areas of study were problem gambling and substance abuse. Among other projects, she designed the questionnaire for the recent California problem gambling prevalence survey, worked on an NIAAA grant on gambling among women, and was involved in all phases of the 1999 national survey sponsored by the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

We look forward to working with Marianna.

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The *Journal of Gambling Issues (JGI)* offers an Internet-based forum for developments in gambling-related research, policy and treatment as well as personal accounts about gambling and gambling behaviour. Through publishing peer-reviewed articles about gambling as a social phenomenon and the prevention and treatment of gambling problems, it is our aim is to help make sense of how gambling affects us all.

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