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# **The Grounded Theory Review: An international journal**

## **From the Editor**

This issue of the Review clearly illustrates the increasing reach of classic grounded theory. Three of the papers included are the work of novice grounded theorists – from Iran, Finland and the USA. The authors of these papers have attended seminars with Dr. Barney Glaser and have benefitted as well from the advice and support of more experienced grounded theorists through the Grounded Theory Institute, established over a decade ago by Sociology Press to provide a forum for networking, learning and mentoring among those scholars motivated to enhance their understanding and practice of classic grounded theory methodology.

The GT Institute and its website ([www.groundedtheory.com](http://www.groundedtheory.com)) are currently undergoing a major review and revitalization. The intention is to enhance the services available to all members. We also look forward to seeing the websites of the Review ([www.groundedtheoryreview.com](http://www.groundedtheoryreview.com)) and Sociology Press ([www.sociologypress.com](http://www.sociologypress.com)) more closely aligned with the Institute thereby providing an integrated virtual presence for those who visit the site.

As with all change efforts, there are some growing pains to be overcome but change also presents opportunity. Are there features or services that you especially value? Do you have suggestions for additional features that could enhance your networking, learning and practice of classic GT? Then, forward your ideas along to Jillian Glaser Rhine, Institute Administrator [jillrhine@comcast.net](mailto:jillrhine@comcast.net).

As with each issue of the Review, we are pleased to include here a classic paper by Dr. Glaser, *Comparative Failure in Science*, published over 40 years ago based in part on Glaser's doctoral thesis in which he used quantitative data to develop conceptual

theory regarding the organizational careers of research scientists. Dr. Glaser has most recently revisited his early work in using quantitative data to complete his latest book, *Doing Quantitative Grounded Theory*, (Sociology Press, 2008).

Rounding out this issue, we are pleased to offer a brief methodological note on an aspect of doing GT that frequently challenges the novice – instilling the spill. In *Eliciting Spill*, Alvita Nathaniel offers advice about opening conversations with research participants so as to facilitate emergence of their concerns rather than preconceived professional concerns.

Finally, we note the continuing interest in exploring the legacy of grounded theory and its contribution to knowledge. The 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology organized by ISA RC 33 to take place in Naples, Italy, September 1-5, 2008, will include a featured session on "Re-discovering Grounded Theory. Forty years of the research practice." The session will be convened and chaired by Dr. Krzysztof Konecki, Lodz University, Poland. For further details check the Conference website:

<http://www.rc332008.unina.it/aree7.html>.

- Judith A. Holton, Ph.D.

## **Submissions**

All papers submitted are peer reviewed and comments provided back to the authors. Papers accepted for publication will be good examples or practical applications of grounded theory and classic grounded theory methodology.

Comments on papers published are also welcomed, will be shared with the authors and may be published in subsequent issues of the Review. See our website [www.groundedtheoryreview.com](http://www.groundedtheoryreview.com) for full submission guidelines.

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