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### **Michael A. Hoyt and Tracey A. Revenson Named Editors-in-Chief of the International Journal of Behavioral Medicine**

Drs. Michael A. Hoyt and Tracey A. Revenson have been named as the new Editors-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, the official scientific publication of the International Society of Behavioral Medicine. Both tenured professors in the Department of Psychology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY) and Co-Directors of the CUNY Graduate Center’s Doctoral Program in Health Psychology and Clinical Science, Hoyt and Revenson will officially take on editorship in 2018 for a 5-year term.

The *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine* presents original research and integrative reviews on interactions among behavioral, psychosocial, environmental, genetic and biomedical factors relevant to health and illness. The scope of the journal extends from research on biobehavioral mechanisms and clinical studies on diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation to research on public health, including health promotion and prevention.

Hunter College at CUNY has increasingly become a center of excellence in the area of behavioral medicine and health psychology. Revenson states, “Bringing the journal to Hunter is a reflection of the high quality research taking place at CUNY in health psychology and

behavioral medicine.” In 2012, the CUNY Graduate Center Health Psychology and Clinical Science doctoral program was created to provide high quality training and research focused on the integration of mental and physical health. Hoyt states, “Behavioral medicine is one of the fastest growing areas and promoting the empirical base for effective approaches to improving human health is paramount to the health of people across the globe.”

Revenson was trained as one of the first generation of health psychologists. She is well known for her research on coping processes among individuals, couples, and families facing serious physical illnesses such as rheumatoid arthritis and cancer. She is the co-author or co-editor of 11 volumes, including the *Handbook of Health Psychology* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition in 2018), *Caregiving in the Illness Context* (2015) and *Couples Coping with Stress* (2005). She is the Senior Associate Editor of the journal *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* and is on the editorial board of the journal *Health Psychology*. Dr. Revenson is a Past-President of the Society for Health Psychology, a division of the American Psychological Association. In 2013 she was awarded the Nathan Perry Award for Career Contributions to Health Psychology.

Hoyt’s research centers on biobehavioral processes associated with quality-of-life in those facing health-related risk and adversity. He examines coping processes and other psychological factors associated with mental health, neuroendocrine and immune function, and adjustment to chronic illness, with a focus on men and male-specific cancers. Dr. Hoyt has received the New Investigator Award from the American Psychosocial Oncology Society in recognition of his research contributions to psycho-oncology. He is on the editorial board of *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* and his research has been funded by the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and the Livestrong Foundation. His work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals including *Health Psychology*, *Cancer*, *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, and *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*.

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