

WELCOME TO VOLUME 40

Welcome to Volume 40 of *Human Ethology*, the official journal of the International Society for Human Ethology (ISHE). As we begin a new year, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to some of the individuals whose contributions have shaped the journal and who help keep it moving forward.

First, my sincere thanks to Prof. Gayle Brewer, our outgoing book review editor, for her outstanding work and dedicated service. Gayle's thoughtful selection of books and editorial insight have provided valuable resources for our readership, and we deeply appreciate her contributions to *Human Ethology*. Thank you, Gayle!

I am also pleased to welcome Dr. Cecilia Padilla-Iglesias, who stepped into the role of book review editor in July of last year. A research fellow at the University of Cambridge and a gifted science communicator, we are delighted to have Cecilia on board.

Over the past year, we have worked to increase the journal's visibility and impact while streamlining the submission and publication process. These efforts continue as we strive to make *Human Ethology* an even stronger platform for original research, replication efforts, theoretical reviews, and book reviews. We remain committed to best practices, including greater transparency in data sharing and incorporating registered reports as part of our submission framework.

Thank you for your ongoing support of *Human Ethology*, our open-access, free-to-publish journal. Your contributions and feedback are invaluable. If you have a manuscript that you think might fit our scope, I encourage you to reach out. Here's to another year of exciting research and insightful discussion!

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