

Editor's Preface

In part because of a cash flow problem this issue is very late in appearing. You have my apologies, but now the problem is solved thanks to persons like you who paid for 1997 and, in some cases, for past years. In addition, my special thanks to John Seidel for his large contribution and to others who gave so freely. Because of the generosity of people there are enough funds to publish Disability Studies Quarterly through the remainder of 1997 and the Spring issue will be appearing about the same time as this one.

In June of this year Barbara and I will be moving to Hawaii. I will be a resident scholar in the Hawai'i University Affiliated Program on Disabilities of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I will retain an affiliation with the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University, but DSQ will be going to Hawaii. The address in Hawaii is: Hawai'i University Affiliated Program on Disabilities, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 1776 University Ave UA 4-6, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

This issue opens with an address made by Katherine Seelman to the Healthy People 2000 Working Group on People with Disabilities. She reviews the change in the basic paradigm of disability and reviews the challenges which face the Working Group. Following it is an essay by Anita Silvers in which she stresses the need to make disability studies visible in the humanities in order to change the values of our culture and thus the perspectives toward people with disabilities.

These two are followed by an article by Lois J. Shaevel which ably proclaims the problems that women with disabilities face in attempting to obtain health care. Ed Eames and Toni Eames contribute some comments on the article in the last issue of DSQ by Karen Allen on the impact of service dogs on the lives of people with severe ambulatory problems. Concluding this part is an essay by Leroy Franklin Moore, Jr., which calls for the Black Community to recognize and accept Black people with disabilities. He points to the progress made in the United Kingdom and asks why it is not happening in the US.

Next come a number of reviews under the capable editorship of Elaine Makas. I want to take this opportunity to thank Elaine for her hard work over the last two years as Book Review Editor. She has added immensely to DSQ and deserves recognition.