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SAGE Publishing names Paul Terry editor in chief of the *American Journal of Health Promotion*

WACONIA, MN (January 5, 2017) — SAGE Publishing announced today that Paul Terry, Ph.D., has been named editor in chief of the *American Journal of Health Promotion (AJPH)*, a leading scientific periodical for research that advances healthy behaviors and communities domestically and globally.

Terry will succeed Michael O'Donnell, Ph.D., who was founder of *AJHP* and also served as editor in chief until the appointment of Terry.

“Paul has served *AJHP* in many capacities over the years, most recently as editor of *The Art of Health Promotion*, a special section of *AJHP* produced by [SAGE](#). He has nearly 40 years' experience in all aspects of health promotion, including as a provider, academic and author,” said O'Donnell. “Paul's most impressive qualities are his sense of curiosity, ability to draw people together, and willingness to tackle tough issues; not to mention that he is an excellent writer. Quite frankly, I cannot think of anyone more qualified to serve as editor in chief than Paul.”

Outside of his new role as editor in chief, Terry serves as president and CEO of [HERO](#) (the Health Enhancement Research Organization) a non-profit, membership based organization dedicated to advancing best practices in health promotion and well-being in the workplace and communities.

“Taking over for Michael is both humbling and daunting, given his extraordinary leadership with *AJHP*, as well as for the broader field of health promotion. I am intent on channeling his high standards every time I review a submission,” said Terry. “Building on the well-established success and trustworthiness of the Journal and improving the quality of health promotion research and practices are interrelated challenges that I'm excited to embrace in the years ahead.”

AJHP regularly covers health promotion research topics, including mental, social, spiritual and physical health and well-being, and intervention strategies for building healthy workplaces and designing effective behavior change programs.

“The research published in the *American Journal of Health Promotion* informs health policies and programs worldwide, while enabling individuals to make positive improvements in many areas of their lives,” said Bob Howard, Senior Vice President, Journals for SAGE Publishing.

“We look forward to working with Paul in strengthening the reach of *AJHP* and increasing its impact.”

In addition to research about lifestyle and health behaviors, *AJHP* has featured many descriptive studies relating to social determinants of health, such as socioeconomic status, community and physical environment, education, access to safe housing, food and health care, and community supports. Contributors to *AJHP* have conducted quantitative and qualitative research into a broad range of topics, including the effects of changes in the built environment, organizational culture and the role of leaders and wellness champions in advancing population health.

Acquired by [SAGE Publishing](#) last year, *AJHP* has a 30-year history of producing scholarly, peer-reviewed articles and content. To learn more, visit: <http://www.healthpromotionjournal.com>.

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