This issue opens with “A Concurrent Validity Study between the Hypnotic Induction Profile (HIP) and the Stanford Hypnotic Clinical Scale (SHCS) in an Inpatient Sample: A Brief Report” by Nicoletta Gritzalis, Marc Oster, and Edward J. Frischholz. They have undertaken, for the first time, a comparative study between these two tools. Their findings will be of interest to researchers and clinicians alike. Harriet E. Hollander has created a detailed and useful guide to understanding depersonalization and its treatment in her article, ECEM (Eye Closure, Eye Movements): Application to Depersonalization Disorder.” Her work delineates and clarifies much that is known about depersonalization while also bringing a greater awareness and understanding of it to readers’ attention.

When we think of the work of early pioneers like Liébeault we probably don’t think about psychic phenomena. However, Carlos S. Alvarado provides a scholarly detour into this side of his investigations with hypnosis in “Ambroise August Liébeault and Psychic Phenomena.” This is a piece of history with interesting ramifications for which we owe Alvarado a debt of gratitude. Alex Iglesis and Adam Iglesis have provided a case report of a rare amnesia – the loss of language in “Diagnosis and Hypnotic Treatment of an Unusual Case of Hysterical Amnesia.” Their treatment with consistent ambiguous and permissive suggestions is well illustrated and will have carry-over for clinicians treating more common maladies.

Finally, we are honored to extend a congratulations to Jack Watkins in this issue. We have published his Fig Newton Award acceptance speech, “Hypnosis: Seventy years of amazement, and still don’t know what it is!” As with previous Newton acceptance speeches the article deviates from the customary AJCH format for scientific papers. However, readers will find it both educational, informative, and often enlightening. It is certainly a valuable contribution and we are delighted to present it to you in this issue and recognize Dr. Watkins’ achievement.