

Comment From the Editor

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Legal codes have the goal of regulation and adjudication of human behavior, and psychological science plays an important role in meeting that goal with truth, justice, and fairness. Legal scholarship is rich in theory and argument, but psychological science brings empirical methods to bear on that scholarship in ways that may be unique to our discipline. If there are any doubts about the reach of psychological scientists into legal scholarship, one has only to look at the number of authors of the current special issue from colleges of law and criminal justice. When I conceived of this special issue, I wanted to have a coeditor for the issue who brought a wide knowledge of psychological science to bear on legal issues but who also has a great historical sense of the importance of law for human societies. Ronald Fisher, Director of the Graduate Program in

Legal Psychology at Florida International University, agreed to serve in that role. Ron's scholarship has led to the development of methods for witness interviews and interrogations, and those methods are now standard practice in jurisdictions around the world, but he can also discuss legal principles from the Code of Hammurabi and Halakhah to the most recent issues on the Supreme Court docket. He is the Founding Editor of the *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, and I deeply appreciate the time and energy he devoted to this special issue. We have an incredible set of psychological scientists represented in the author list, and I want to thank them for their hard work to make their papers accessible to the broad audience of *Current Directions*. It is a great joy to be editor of a journal that allows me to learn so much from such great scholars.