

**Palgrave Macmillan and the OR Society
announce a new journal**

Health Systems



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from a systems perspective***

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Palgrave Macmillan, the academic and professional publishing division of Macmillan Publishers Ltd, and the OR Society announced today that they will launch a new interdisciplinary journal in health systems in 2012.

Health Systems will provide a cross-pollination of insights and perspectives in one journal to advance health systems knowledge in research and practice. The journal's underlying philosophy is that problems in healthcare need to be viewed holistically as an integrated system of multiple components (people, organizations, technology and resources) and perspectives. The journal's distinguishing strength is its interdisciplinary nature, and the principal aim of the journal is to bring together critical disciplines that have proved themselves already in health and to leverage these contributions by providing a forum that brings together diverse viewpoints and research approaches – qualitative, quantitative, and conceptual.

Health Systems is edited by Sally Brailsford (University of Southampton, UK), Paul Harper (Cardiff University, UK), Cynthia LeRouge (Saint Louis University, USA) and Fay Cobb Payton (North Carolina State University, USA).

David Bull, Publishing Director for Journals and Reference at Palgrave Macmillan, said:

"Palgrave Macmillan is very pleased to be launching its sixth journal with the OR Society, after more than two decades of publishing partnership. At this timely junction for intervention in healthcare research, we have every confidence that *Health Systems* will make a valuable contribution to the field and prove a strong addition to the OR Society publications stable."

Gavin Blackett, Secretary and General Manager of the OR Society, said:

"*Health Systems* is a welcome addition to the Society's portfolio and will ably demonstrate that O.R. makes a key contribution to a vital field. The multi-strand approach of this journal emphasises the multi-disciplinary approach that has always been a feature of O.R. practice."

The first issue of *Health Systems* will be published in June 2012. The journal will initially be published two times a year, and will eventually move to quarterly publication. *Health Systems* will be available in print and online with site licenses available to institutions.

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The aims of the Society are to advance knowledge of, and interest in, O.R. and to advance education in O.R. The Society's publications, conferences, training, accreditation, awards, regional societies, special interest groups, publicity initiatives and several other activities all further these aims.

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About the Editors

Sally Brailsford is Professor of Management Science at the University of Southampton. She obtained a BSc in Mathematics from Kings College London, and then worked for several years as a nurse in the NHS before obtaining an MSc and then a PhD in Operational Research from Southampton. Her research is in the area of healthcare simulation modelling: to evaluate treatments and screening programmes, or to redesign and improve service delivery. Professor Brailsford has worked for over 20 years in many different disease fields including diabetes, cancer, mental health and HIV/AIDS. She is chair of the European Working Group on OR Applied to Health Services (ORAHS) and is on the editorial boards of *Health Care Management Science*, the *Journal of Simulation* and *Operations Research for Health Care*. Professor Brailsford has twice won the OR Society's Goodeve Medal, in 2004 for modelling emergency healthcare services in Nottingham, and in 2006 for modelling chlamydia infection.

Paul Harper is Professor of Operational Research and Head of the OR Group within the School of Mathematics, Cardiff University. He is also Director of the Health Modelling Centre Cymru (hmc²), a pan-Wales research centre fostering collaboration between Universities and the Welsh health system in the fields of mathematical and computational sciences. Professor Harper's research interests include queueing theory, simulation methods, facility location problems, and game theory. He has received substantial funding from a variety of funding agencies and health care organisations. His research, and that with many collaborators, has led to sustained impact of benefit to health services and patient care, resulting in increased efficiency and effectiveness of health systems, and improved patient outcomes. Projects have included reducing waiting times and elective cancellations, finding the most effective and equitable locations on for health care facilities, patient choice, and advising on the cost-effectiveness of strategies for preventing and screening for disease such as informing policy on cancer, HIV/AIDS and Chlamydia screening.

Cynthia LeRouge, Ph.D., M.S., C.P.A., is an Associate Professor at Saint Louis University in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the School of Public Health. She holds a joint appointment in the Decision Sciences and Information Technology Management Department, John Cook School of Business. She recently served as a visiting scholar at the Center of Disease Control with the Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program. Dr LeRouge has been recognized with teaching, research, and service awards. Her primary research interests relate to telemedicine, consumer health informatics, and public health informatics. She has over 60 publications including academic journal articles, edited chapters in research-based books, and peer-reviewed conference proceedings. Dr LeRouge has co-chaired health care mini-tracks for various information systems conferences and served as guest editor for multiple journal special issues on healthcare related topics. She served as executive officer of the Association of Information Systems Special Interest Group for Healthcare Research for four years. Dr LeRouge held various senior management roles in industry including roles in the software and healthcare organizations prior to joining academe. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of South Florida.

Fay Cobb Payton is an Associate Professor of Information Technology at North Carolina State University. As a 2009-2010 American Council on Education Fellow, she worked with the NCSU Institute of Emerging Issues and North Carolina Central University. She earned a Ph.D. in Information & Decision Systems (with a specialty in Health Care Systems) from Case Western Reserve University. Prior to joining the academy, she worked in corporate IT and consulting for IBM, Ernst & Young/Cap Gemini and Time, Inc. Her research interests include healthcare informatics and disparities; data management, analytics and data quality; and the digital divide, STEM careers and workforce development. Her recent health care publications have appeared in the *European Journal of Information Systems*, *Journal of Health Disparities and Practice*, *Health Care Management Science*, and *Telemedicine and eHealth*. Dr Payton is a member of the NCSU Advisory Board for the Women in Science and Engineering Program. She serves on the NCSU Africa Committee and is the co-Editor of the Health Care section for the NSF-sponsored *African Journal of Information Systems*.