



Editor's Remarks for the Special Issue on Procrastination, Clutter and Hoarding: Saving Stuff and the Self

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It is with great pleasure to announce another Special Issue for Current Psychology. This time around Dr. Joseph R. Ferrari, the St. Vincent DePaul Professor of Psychology DePaul University in Chicago, has put together an exciting and relevant Special Issue examining something we all deal with on a daily basis - procrastination. Be it at our home, in our office or car, or dealing with other people, we all deal with clutter and procrastination in some way, shape or form. For many such procrastination is momentary and easily overcome with minimal effort, time, and attention. However, for some the procrastination lingers, decisions are not made or made rapidly and incorrectly. The result is indecision. Such indecision can be very damaging and, in some cases, life-threatening. Professor Ferrari addresses these issues and more in this new Special Issue. Topics range from whether this behavior is a trait or a state to whether such behavior is generational or

whether it is impacted with advancing age. Questions of what to save, what to throw away and when are all relevant here. Also relevant are issues related to the question of when does clutter (a relatively minor issue if addressed quickly) turn to hoarding (a more serious problem often compounded by psychological, emotional and behavioral issue)? We currently live in a society where one does not even have to leave the house to purchase “stuff” including, food, cloths, houses, etc. The internet makes obtaining stuff easier than ever before, yet offers little in advise on how to deal with and not become overwhelmed with said stuff. How do we deal with these issue and how do we overcome them when they become adverse and potentially lethal? This Special Issues tackles these and other aspects of procrastination, clutter and hoarding. I hope you enjoy these articles as much as I do.

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