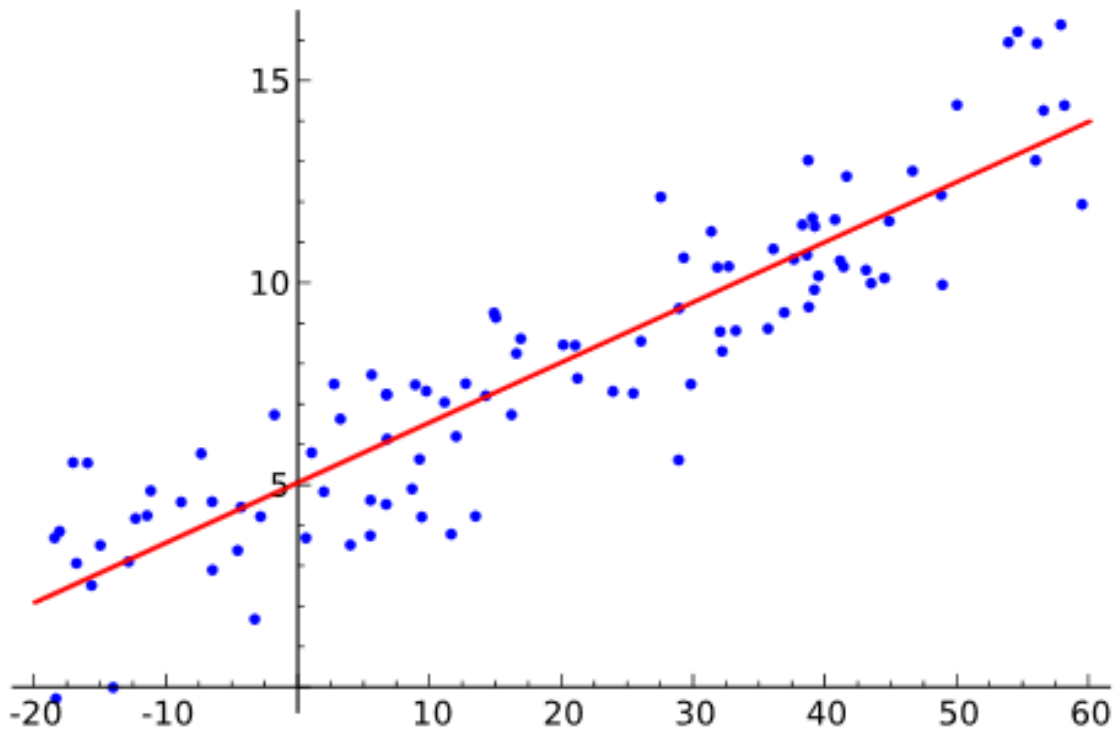


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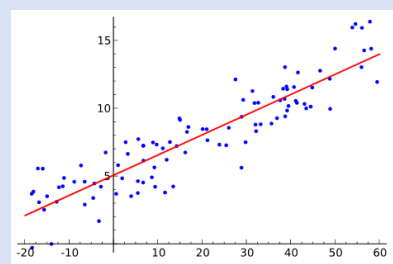
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Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2017 issue of *Hypothesis*! As of January 2017, I stepped into the role of editor - many thanks to Dr. Christine Marton for her leadership in revitalizing *Hypothesis* and her time as lead editor. In addition, thanks to the *Hypothesis* Editorial Board, Marie T. Ascher, and co-editor, Carol L. Perryman, for their hard work in putting together the Spring/Summer 2017 *Hypothesis* issue! I am grateful for the time, interest, and support contributed by all in realizing this issue of *Hypothesis*.

With that, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Dr. Carol L. Perryman as the new co-editor of *Hypothesis*! Carol served on *Hypothesis*'s Editorial Board previously, but expressed interest in becoming a co-editor following Christine Marton's departure. A former hospital librarian who began an academic career after many years of practice, Carol's research interests include evidence-based practice, critical evaluation, and more recently, the changing roles of medical librarians in practice. I look forward to Carol's insight, expertise, and guidance given her significant experience in the field of library science research.

The centerpiece of this issue is an update on the status of the Research Section's Research Agenda Committee Systematic Review project. Written by Marie T. Ascher and Jonathan D. Eldredge, this article provides an overview of the questions posed by the 15 systematic review teams, brief updates as to the various teams' progress, and a discussion of the challenges faced so far in this project. This issue also introduces a new column that aims to highlight a variety of topics that may be of interest to medical librarians conducting research including: research 'works in progress' taking place in the medical librarian community, summary results of failed and/or unpublished research, as well as links to and information about relevant research studies published in other disciplines. Finally, since we've recently wrapped up MLA 2017, the

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Research Section News portion of this issue provides a debrief on section sponsored MLA programming and a listing of some Research Section member contributed papers and posters!

Lastly, I want to emphasize *Hypothesis'* role as a platform for medical librarian research. As our profession grows in diversity and our roles shift and adapt in the larger communities we are part of, dissemination of the research we do is vital to furthering our profession and emphasizing the unique lens that medical librarians provide as part of the research enterprise. We accept submissions to *Hypothesis* on a rolling basis – please, do not hesitate to reach out if you are interested in contributing. While we may be revamping our submission process soon, the easiest way to submit your work is to email either of the Editors at the email addresses listed at the beginning of this issue. Feel free to get in touch with any questions/comments. You can keep track of *Hypothesis* news and updates through the Research Section's webpage on mlanet.org as well as via the [Research Section of the Medical Library Association Facebook group](#).

We hope to see your research soon.
