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***JOURNAL OF SAFETY RESEARCH* PRODUCES ISSUE DEVOTED TO
CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AND HEALTH CONCERNS**

*Authors from CPWR, NIOSH bookend the issue with a chronicle of NIOSH's history,
examination of emerging issues that may threaten worker health*

Researchers from CPWR—The Center for Construction Research and Training and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and joined with *JRS* editor Mei-Li Lin to compile and edit a special issue of the National Safety Council's *Journal of Safety Research* devoted to current research findings on construction safety and health issues. The issue opened with an accounting of NIOSH's 20-year research history and the role of the National Construction Center, authored by NIOSH Director John Howard, CPWR Executive Director Pete Stafford and others. A thoughtful commentary on the "Path Forward" by Matt Gillen, Deputy Director of the NIOSH Construction Office, and Janie Gittleman, CPWR's Associate Director of Safety and Health Research, closed the issue with an analysis of new hazards workers will face in the coming years.

Between the journal's opening and closing pieces were 12 articles covering a broad span of current topics. Four articles were from CPWR consortium researchers. Brad Evanoff and Vicki Kaskustas of the Washington University in St. Louis reported on their development of a successful training program to prevent falls among carpenter apprentices. David Rempel and colleagues from the University of California-San Francisco examined overhead drilling devices, while Duke's Hester Lipscomb and other researchers focused on what it might take to change the high injury rate among carpenters from nail guns. Rutgers professor Michele Ochsner prepared an article with other members of her research team on their outreach to train Hispanic day laborers in construction safety and health practices. CPWR's Gittleman and others involved in the site safety assessment of the massive CityCenter and Cosmopolitan projects in Las Vegas described their findings and recommendations to general contractor Perini in 2009 to improve the safety culture of the site and reduce the factors that lead to injuries and even fatalities.

"We were pleased to include so many articles from researchers in the CPWR consortium along with the many insightful articles submitted from NIOSH construction-focused researchers," said Gittleman, who along with NIOSH's Gillen and NSC's Lin edited the special issue. "The important next step will be to move these findings into practice. That means we'll be reaching out to industry stakeholders, forming new partnerships and finding the best dissemination channels for our work."

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