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A local chiropractic physician and a Mississippi State scientist were appointed to the editorial board of a new biomedical journal that went online recently.

Robert Leach, D.C., M.S., C.H.E.S., and Ron Williams Jr., Ph.D., M.D., C.H.E.S., were named to the editorial board of the journal, "Topics in Integrative Health Care," available online at <http://www.tihcij.com> [2].

Leach, who has practiced chiropractic in Starkville since 1979, also has a Grand Rounds feature that appears in the inaugural issue of the journal, "A Multidisciplinary Approach to Counseling a 65-Year Old Woman on Smoking Cessation."

He has written four textbooks on chiropractic theory, and participated in several dozen studies and scientific publications and presentations while in practice here.

Williams, an assistant professor in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion Department of Mississippi State University, was active in health education and health promotion at Southeastern Missouri State University prior to joining the faculty at MSU.

The journal's editorial board includes 10 scientists, three medical physicians, one osteopathic physician, one chiropractor/osteopath, 16 chiropractor/scientists, 10 chiropractors, one chiropractor/physician, one physical therapist/scientist, one nurse/scientist, and one nurse/chiropractor.

According to its website the journal is, "...dedicated to advancing the integration of multiple disciplines, both complementary and mainstream, into diverse health care settings in order to provide optimal patient care. It presents themed issues on topics of current relevance to health care providers interested in integrative, conservative care, health promotion and disease prevention."

Williams, who earned his Ph.D. in health promotion at UAB, was active in supervising multiple community health grant initiatives in Missouri before recently joining the MSU faculty. His primary research interests include substance use prevention, tobacco control, and health advocacy in complementary and alternative medicines.

Leach serves on the Sudduth Community Health Committee, and has been active in other community health activities in addition to support of youth soccer in Starkville. He also serves as Chairman of the Mississippi Chiropractic Association Committee on Research.

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