

## **FSH DECISION LETTER 2019 12**

I am pleased to inform you that your work has now been accepted for publication in *Families, Systems, and Health*. "Underwear" is a gem of a 55 word story, and utilizes this form to superb purpose. The title is disruptive (what is it doing in an academic journal?) yet irresistible. The juxtaposition of the aging dog and the aging mother aware of her aging is poignant without being sentimental. The piece says so much in so few words, with each of those words artfully crafted to drop like a pebble into the contextual pond. Congratulations on your elegant wordsmithing. Reviewers and editors alike appreciated how a simple, concrete thing like underwear could illustrate the mother's fears for the future and the trust involved in the relationship between mother and daughter. This small story will grab readers' attention and linger in their minds in a big way.