

From the Editors
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While walking through the exhibit hall at this year's meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, I stumbled upon the tenth volume (2004) of *Advocates' Forum*, the doctoral student journal of the School of Social Service Administration (SSA) at the University of Chicago. SSA merged into the University of Chicago about 75 years before our program was started here at the University of Houston, but I took pride in the knowledge that *Perspectives on Social Work*, in some small way, was part of a larger movement toward encouraging student scholarship. With this issue, the first of our third year, the doctoral students at the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work are demonstrating a commitment to professional development of which we can be proud. A quick scan of our newest section – The C.V. Builder – shows even more clearly that the doctoral students are on the move.

Obviously, the successes of *Perspectives on Social Work* rely on the hard work of student author's, and this issue is no exception. Nicole Willis and Brett Needham reflect on their personal experience as dual-degree students and develop a theoretical frame of stage progressions through the dual-degree curriculum. Moisés Próspero conducts a traditional literature review comparing the costs and benefits of prevention versus treatment programs, and Gary Norman provides a synthesis of two practice theories that are often seen as mutually incompatible, showing how apparent contradictions are resolved in a person-in-environment harmony.

This issue ends with a contribution from our new Managing Editor, Amy Russell, who's extensive review of Dr. Brené Brown's book, "Women and Shame: Reaching Out, Speaking Truths, and Building Connection" should produce a few more sales. And for those nearing the end of course work, the Surfer's Report suggests a few Internet resources for grants and fellowships.

With this issue we bid farewell to the last of the founding editors of *Perspectives on Social Work*. Manuel Zamora has been an active, committed, and valuable part of the editorial staff, contributing articles, book reviews, and an outstanding Surfer's Report (Fall 2004) on policy web sites that every policy student should consult. Working with Manuel has been a pleasure because of his professionalism and insight on navigating the sometimes troubling waters of the doctoral program. The remaining editors wish Manuel good fortune as he nears completion of his dissertation.

Save This Date!

March 31, 2005

First Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium
Today's Research - Tomorrow's Practice

Presented by
Perspectives on Social Work
The GSSW Doctoral Student Journal
and
The University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work

Free registration and lunch!! Low Cost CEUs!

UH Athletics/Alumni Center, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Registration details will follow soon.

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The C.V. Builder

Perspectives on Social Work congratulates the following doctoral students on their accomplishments

Sheree Ahart lectured at the University of St. Thomas Fall 2004 on “Women in Business” and will be doing the same this spring also. She will also be lecturing on “Substance Abuse Support Services” at the Texas Conference of School Social Workers February 2005.

Tristen Amador has been working for Hospice Care Team, Inc., earned her LMSW in 2004, and recently began teaching as an adjunct for the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She presented “A Scale to Assess the Effectiveness of a Title IV-E Training Program” with Patrick Leung at the 50th Annual Program Meeting of the Council for Social Work Education.

David Aurisano will be lecturing at the 8th World Congress of Stress, Trauma, & Coping in Baltimore, MD, this February. He will present on “Responding to Suicide in the Community.”

Barbara Brandes presented a Doctoral Research Seminar titled “Airfare and Tuition, \$2,400. Personal Expenses and Souvenirs, \$400. Learning About Social Work in China: Priceless” for the University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work.

Banghwa Lee Casado received a doctoral fellowship in New Hartford Doctoral Fellows in Geriatric Social Work 2004 and administered a dissertation project entitled “The Effects of Appraised Caregiver Burden on the Utilization of Home and Community-Based Formal Care among Primary Caregivers of Older Americans: Integrating the Health Behavioral and Caregiving Appraisal Models.”

Peter Kindle had three articles accepted for publication. “A Comparative Analysis of Adoptive Family Functioning in Gay, Lesbian, and Heterosexual Parents and Their Children” with Stephen Erich and Patrick Leung was accepted by the *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*; “Perceptions of Social Support Among Homosexual and Heterosexual Adopters” with Stephen Erich was accepted by *Families in Society*; and “Self-reflective Helping: Foucaultian Insights on Helping and Power Dynamics” was accepted by the *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.

Gary Norman was invited to sit on the UH Women's Resource Center's (WRC) Advisory Board beginning 2005. The role of the Advisory Board is to be a consultant on programming and planning issues for the UH WRC for on-campus and off-campus activities.

Moisés Próspero has had the article “The Role of Perceptions in Dating Violence Among Young Adolescents” accepted for publication by the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, and will be presenting “Strategies for Gender and Ethnic Minorities in Overcoming Barriers to Professional Advancement” at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

Leslie Raneri accepted a position as a Public Health Analyst at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs in August 2004. She completed her Masters in Public Health in International and Family Health, with a concentration in Behavioral Sciences, from the University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center in December 2004. Her MPH thesis, entitled “Risk and Protective Factors for Repeat Adolescent Pregnancy in a Tri-ethnic Sample,” examined predictors of adolescents becoming pregnant with a second pregnancy within 12 and 24 months of a first live birth.

Amy Russell presented as a panel participant at the 2004 NASW/TX Annual Conference on Legislative Advocacy and also displayed a poster presentation at the conference on “Aggression Replacement Training.”

Nicole Willis has been invited to screen her video, “Dis Connected: Incarceration, Mothers and Their Children” at the 12th Annual Women of Color Film Festival.