

From The Editors
Elena Delavega

From the time we published the last issue of *Perspectives on Social Work*, the world changed under our noses. We in social work, are probably not surprised with the state of our very globalized planet, for we have seen what comes to pass when social workers and social work values are excluded from the development of social and economic policy and regulation. By this time, it is clear that the neo-liberal policies of the last eight years have produced a very large world-wide crisis. This is, however, the time for us to remember that the word crisis comes from the Greek κρίσις, change or turning point, and this has been taken to mean opportunity. As social workers, we cannot let this opportunity for positive change and influence to pass us by, we cannot lie dormant by the sidelines as the world convulses. This is the time to take charge, to live and work by our values, and to become truly and bravely involved with the development of new social and economic policy. This crisis, this bright and new opportunity, is ours to take or not. Writing and publishing are very important elements in our commitment to involvement, and we are very proud to be able to provide an outlet for emerging social work scholarship, particularly in these critical times.

We thank all of our contributors, their commitment to writing about the issues that they care about, that show they will not stand passively by as our world shudders and changes. We would also like to thank our invited reviewers, without whom we could not bring *Perspectives on Social Work* to life and whose dedication and commitment to the Journal are a shining beacon of light and hope in these dark times: Betul Balkan, Darla Beaty, Ada Cheung, Roberta Leal, Grace Loudd, Thang Luu, Joy Malbrough, Karen Mukoro, and Josephine Tittsworth.

The time has come to ask ourselves if we are to observe the change around us, or if we are to participate in the creation of change. We trust our readers will find our efforts through *Perspectives on Social Work* fruitful.

Best regards,
Editorial Board

Call for Papers

We invite submissions for

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The submission period is open from
April 15, 2009 to July 15, 2009

See submission guidelines at the end of this issue

The CV Builder

University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

Perspectives on Social Work congratulates the following doctoral students on their accomplishments for Fall 2008

Darla Beaty has had a poster accepted for presentation at the Poster to be presented at 19th IAGG World Congress to be held in Paris, France in July 2009.

Elena Delavega has presented a paper at the 35th Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference of the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education, in February-March, 2009.

In Addition, **Darla Beaty** and **Elena Delavega** have had a presentation accepted to the 16th International Symposium, International Consortium for Social Development, Monterrey, Mexico.

Ada Cheung has two presentations accepted to the 16th International Symposium, International Consortium for Social Development, Monterrey, Mexico, and two presentations accepted to the International Conference on Social Work and Counseling Practice, Hong Kong in June of 2009.

Nadia Kalinchuck recently created a collaborative with Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative through the Clinton Global Initiative University Commitment and also attended the 53rd Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. She blogged for the event!

Larry Hill has become a member of the Advisory Board of Hope Worldwide, Houston Chapter, and of the Board of Directors of Collective for Orphan Care and Education.

Love, S., Koob, J. & **Hill, L.** (2008) The effects of using community mental health practitioners to treat children: *Implications for Child Welfare Planners, The Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice*, 6(1), 31-39.

Josephine Tittsworth has had two papers accepted at the International Conference on Social Work and Counseling Practice, in Hong Kong in June of 2009, and has published the following article:

Erich, S., **Tittsworth, J.**, Dykes, J., & Cabusas, C. (2008). Family relationships and their correlations with transsexual well being. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 4 (4), 419-432.)

Venus Tsui has been awarded the CSWE-SAMHSA Clinical Fellowship (CSWE-Minority Fellowship Programs), and presented two juried papers at the CSWE APM in Philadelphia in October 2008. Ms. Tsui has two presentations accepted to the 16th International Symposium, International Consortium for Social Development, Monterrey, Mexico and International Conference on Social Work and Counseling Practice, Hong Kong in June, 2009.

Cheung, M., Leung, P., & **Tsui, V.** (2009, In Press). Asian male domestic violence: Services exclusive for men. *Journal of Family Violence*.
