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### From The Editors

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As we began work on this issue our excitement mounted regarding the 2008 presidential election. The diversity in this presidential race is truly historic, for the first time either a woman or an African-American will get a presidential nomination. We remain hopeful that we are on the cusp of a real change- a buzzword for this election.

This issue was marked by many changes to our process in an aim to further professionalize the process and product. We are in the works of moving to a peer-review process and have invited reviewers to help in this end. Currently, all invited reviewers were among our colleagues here at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. However, as we move toward the future we hope to be inclusive of reviewers from diverse social work PhD programs nationwide. Additionally, we have formed an editorial board to assist in the decision-making process.

As an integral part of this process, we would like to welcome the newest members to the editorial board, Elena Delavega and Eili Kaganoff. Many thanks to both of you for your eagerness to learn and participate!

Special thanks are also extended to those who accepted the review invitation for this issue. We are grateful for your hard work. We understand that the winter break is a rare opportunity for a little relaxation to catch your breath, however each of you accepted the task with no reservation. The invited reviewers for this issue include: Ada Cheung, Byron Parker, Darla Beaty, Jennifer Herring, Josephine Tittsworth, Karen Mokoro, Larry Hill, Peter Kindle, Sheree Ahart, Shetal Vohra-Gupta, Thang Luu, and Tziona Regev.

We look forward to the remainder of 2008 hoping to further *Perspectives on Social Work*, as well as possibly watching history unfold in the upcoming election.

Best regards,  
Editorial Board

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### The CV Builder

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University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work  
*Perspectives on Social Work* congratulates the following doctoral students on their accomplishments for fall 2007

**Venus Tsui** and **Ada Cheung** presented a juried paper at the Council on Social Work Education 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Program Meeting (2007, October) in San Francisco, California on “Chinese male victims of partner abuse: Prevalence rates between 2001-2007” with Monit Cheung and Patrick Leung.

**Darla Beaty**, **Ada Cheung**, **Joy Marlborough**, and **Venus Tsui** presented a “Doctoral self care panel” at the Council on Social Work Education 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Program Meeting (2007, October) in San Francisco, California.

**Venus Tsui** presented a paper at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Consortium for Social Development Symposium (2007, July) in Hong Kong on “Male domestic violence victims: Prevalence and service characteristics” with Monit Cheung and Patrick Leung.

**Ada Cheung** and **Darla Beaty** presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Consortium for Social Development (2007, July) in Hong Kong on “Ethical principles around the social work world” and “Internalized oppression then and now”.

**Peter A. Kindle** presented “Linking Financial Literacy and Social Justice” at the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Meeting and Conference of the Social Welfare Action Alliance (2007, June) in New Orleans, Louisiana, and “Does Graduate Social Work Education have an Open Enrollment Policy” at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education (2007, October) in San Francisco, California. His publications included a review of *Black Males Left Behind* in *Research on Social Work Practice* (2008), *Getting Your MSW: How to Survive and Thrive in a Social Work Program* in the *Journal of Teaching in Social Work* (2007), and, with Monit Cheung, *Modern Social Work Theory* in *Research on Social Work Practice* (2007). He edited the second edition of *Themes of the Times for Social Welfare Policy* (2008) and contributed the *Policy Update* to the Research Navigator edition of Karger and Stoesz’ *American Social Welfare Policy: A Pluralist Approach* (2008). Collaborative projects include “School Selection Preferences of Public and Private University MSW Students: A Retrospective Study” with Ira Colby that has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Social Work Education* (in press), and the chapter “Social Welfare and Economics: Redefining the Welfare State in a Global Economy” with Howard Karger that has been accepted for publication in the *Comprehensive Handbook of Social Work and Social Welfare, Volume Four: Social Policy and Policy Practice* (in press).

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### **--Call for Submissions--**

#### **The 4<sup>rd</sup> Annual University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium March 27, 2008 in Houston, Texas**

The Planning Committee invites social work doctoral students and doctoral candidates to submit abstracts describing their research for the Fourth Doctoral Social Work Research Symposium.

Dissertation research-in-progress, independent study projects, concept papers, theoretical models, and other student research are eligible for consideration. Submissions are also being accepted for individual or panel discussion on issues related to social work research and education. Authors will be notified of accepted abstracts by Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

The authors of selected abstracts will be invited to present their research at the Symposium as a presentation of 15 to 20 minutes in duration. Accepted abstracts will be published in *Perspectives in Social Work*, the doctoral student journal, in September 2008.

The abstract (150 words) should include a statement on the nature of the research issue or problem, methodology or conceptual framework, and implications for social work practice, research, or policy.

**Submission Guidelines**

Abstracts with titles should contain no more than 150 words. Submissions must include a CV for each author. Please submit your abstract in MSWord to Elena Delavega, doctoral student, at [medelave@mail.uh.edu](mailto:medelave@mail.uh.edu) by **Friday, February 29, 2008**.