

## From The Editor

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It is my great privilege to present to you the Spring 2014 issue of *Perspectives in Social Work*. To my mind, what makes PSW important is its dedication to advancing social work scholarship in two parallel ways. First, the journal seeks to publish high quality manuscripts addressing topics important to the social work profession at large. Second, *Perspectives in Social Work* provides a pedagogical stepping-stone for emerging academic professionals in social work. Personally, working on the journal brought me a unique exposure to the processes of academic publishing hard to come by in regular coursework. No less important, I have been granted an insight into the exciting work pursued by my colleagues at other institutions across the country.

The scholarship of our contributing authors ranges across the field of social work. We have received submissions from several institutions across the U.S. Manuscripts have reflected active research on issues important to the profession at large – such as the impact of policy on work with vulnerable populations, the history of the social work profession, and assessment tools in clinical practice. Submissions have also reflected the concerns of emerging academic professionals – particularly the intersections of race, justice, and mindfulness in the social work classroom. As a journal dedicated to supporting the work of emergent scholars, we have worked to support each of our contributors along their path to publication. Through rigorous review and revision it has been gratifying to see authors hone the expression of their ideas into the solid scholarly articles presented in this issue.

The unsung heroes of this process of course, are our peer-reviewers. As with our contributing authors, our reviewers represent a cross-section of institutions. Without their dedicated work, none of this would be possible. The incisive critique and thoughtful recommendations of our reviewers truly drive the process. It has been my great pleasure to facilitate the conversations between authors and reviewers. I have learned a great deal from my colleagues in doing so – not just about effective writing, but responsible scholarship as well.

In sum, my time with PSW has been incredibly enriching and rewarding. It is my dearest hope that our contributing authors and reviewers have gained as much as I have from the experience. The impressive depth of scholarship of my colleagues instills in me great hope for the future of the social work profession.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Minter, MSW*

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