

## EDITORIAL – Social Work Values in *Perspectives on Social Work*

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Social work is a broad field with social workers across the globe engaging with diverse populations in a variety of settings. The scope of *Perspectives on Social Work* reflects this spectrum by accepting a variety of submissions covering all facets of social work. We ask only that submissions encompass social work values and ethical principles. As in the social work profession itself, the values of social work create the common glue for the papers we feature in our journal.

In this issue, the shared values of social work – service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence (NASW, 2008) – are clearly evident in each of the articles. So too is the diversity of the profession. Jason Carbone and Stephen McMillen's (2017) paper on social impact bonds examines an important concern of macro social work practice, i.e., how to enhance community well-being while honoring citizens' agency and the importance of their relationships. Reuben Addo (2017) examines serving orphans in sub-Saharan from the lens of a strength-based perspective by supporting traditional cultural practices and finding innovative approaches that acknowledge the dignity and worth of children and extended family members, empowering community members, and promoting economic justice. In their exploration of a 9-1-1 diversion program, Erin Roark Murphy and James Petrovich (2017) remind us of the role medical social workers on interdisciplinary teams can have in infusing medical systems with the social work values of service, competence, social justice, and dignity and worth of the person. Lastly, Rita Dhungel (2017) uses Participatory Action Research to bring a social justice approach to studying the role of gender violence in the trafficking of women in Nepal. I encourage you to reflect on our shared values as social workers as you read these articles. The strength of our values is inspirational in the diverse contexts of these papers.

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## *Perspectives on Social Work Awards*

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### **Best Empirical Article - 2016**

**Moon, I. (2016). Developing an exercise routine among people with serious mental illness in the Clubhouse Structured Exercise Program. *Perspectives on Social Work*, 12(1), 43-60.**

*Ingyu Moon, LMSW, is a PhD Candidate at Simmons College School of Social Work. His dissertation examines the impact of health behaviors on medical co-morbidity and health-related quality of life among people with SMI through the moderated mediation analysis. Ingyu's future research area agenda includes evaluating the effectiveness of community-based psychosocial rehabilitation programs; developing culturally competent practices for ethnic minority individuals with mental health issues; and the impact of health-related factors on co-morbidity and health-related quality of life among people with SMI.*

### **Best Non-empirical Article - 2016**

**Frank, J. (2016). Fostering a developmental perspective in understanding youth homelessness. *Perspectives on Social Work*, 12(2), 12-21.**

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### **Best Reviewers - 2016**

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