Call for Narratives for a Special Section on the Interconnections of Micro and Macro Practice: Sharing Experiences of the Real World

Submissions Not Longer Accepted; Publication Scheduled Summer 2017

Rationale

An examination of the history of social work reveals that, since the late 1800s, the focus of our profession has shifted back and forth between the individual and the community. While an appropriate response to historical events and their subsequent impact on individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and policies, these shifts in social work practice have created a “micro-macro practice divide,” a dichotomy of “case or cause” that ignores the interconnectedness of the two. Even with the attention that has been paid to this in our field education placements, more work remains to be done, especially in our classrooms. The lives of individuals and families, for example, help shape organizational procedures and community policies, and the most thoughtful and effective procedures and policies are those that take the individuals and their families into account. Bridging this divide requires that educators and practitioners together attend to both ends of every client system – to both “case and cause.”

Aim and Scope of Special Section

The guest editors are seeking narrative expositions and reflections from social work educators, practitioners, and others whose experiences have led to a deepened understanding of the need to attend to both the micro and macro aspects of our real world. The editors are also particularly interested in submissions that speak to the ways in which personal experiences have influenced and shaped their professional work in addressing the client system. A range of submissions—from short narratives focused on a single vignette to longer stories with multiple portrayals of interaction and references to the literature – are welcome (within an overall range of 1200-8000 words).

This Special Section Focuses on Narratives From...

Colleagues from the academy (faculty, staff, and students), from the nonprofit/social, for profit, and public sectors, and from faith-based organizations are invited to contribute to this special section, as well as policy-makers, community advocates, and sole practitioners.

For inquiries about submissions for this special section, contact the Guest Editors:

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