

Journal of Gerontological Social Work
Call for Submissions
Special Section on Productive Aging & Retirement

The Journal of Gerontological Social Work is inviting submissions for a special section on Productive Aging and Retirement. Advancing long and productive lives is one of the Grand Challenges of the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare (see <http://aaswsw.org/grand-challenges-initiative/12-challenges/advance-long-and-productive-lives/>). Productive Aging as a concept focuses on impactful contributions older adults make in their own lives, lives of family members, and in their communities by engaging in activities such as caregiving, volunteering, and employment – paid or unpaid. The scholarly discourse on productive aging as an idea and practice has been led in large part by social work researchers and thinkers. The aim of this special section is to highlight current thinking in the field, new research knowledge promising and best practices, challenges and opportunities for knowledge translation and program implementation, and education and professional training of social workers working with older adults and their families and social workers engaged in policy practice.

Authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts that examine and discuss issues of productive aging and retirement in the United States and other nations. Innovative approaches to this topic are also welcomed.

Manuscripts may be submitted as commentaries, brief reports, research manuscripts, conceptual or theoretical analysis, policy analysis or knowledge translation study/activity. All submissions must include discussion of implications for social work practice at the individual, community and/or policy level.

We encourage prospective authors to contact the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Michelle Putnam at michelle.putnam@simmons.edu or the Managing Editor, Dr. Marla Berg-Weger at bergwm@slu.edu if they have any questions about his call.

The due date for submissions for this special section is August 31, 2017.