

Advances in Social Work invites abstracts for the Spring 2018 Special Issue: "Social Work with Migrants and Refugees: Challenges, Best Practices, and Future Directions."

This special issue will focus on current challenges and best practices with migrants and refugees in an increasingly difficult global context. Over the past five years, forced migration and displacement reached record numbers, while complex geopolitical, economic, and environmental factors contributed to escalating current challenges. International human rights and migration laws provide a framework too narrow and too limited for these recent developments. Political pressure and a growing identity crisis add to the xenophobia and climate of fear in which security becomes the sole purpose of rapidly changing migration policies.

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Initially, we are accepting abstracts addressing any of the following areas, nationally or internationally:

Theoretical and conceptual foundations of rights-based practice with migrants.

Current migration policy frameworks – securitization and border control and the impact on migrants and refugees.

Existing research and promising interventions addressing xenophobia, racism, and/or nativism.

Policy, advocacy, and social justice strategies addressing the rights of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants.

Policies and best practices for safe and effective labor migration.

Social work roles in working with unaccompanied minors (UAM) and challenging current oppressive policies affecting the rights of UAM.

Interdisciplinary approaches and best practices promoting the health and well-being of migrants and refugees.

Empirical research related to current services and informal support to undocumented and mixed status families.

To ensure relevant coverage of topics and geographical areas, as well as areas of social work policy and practice, we ask interested authors to submit a 300-400 word abstract by June 15, 2017. We will review abstracts within two weeks, and notify authors of the decision regarding their participation in the next stage. Selected authors will be invited by June 30, 2017 to submit a full manuscript (20-25 pages) by September 30, 2017. Submitted manuscripts will be anonymously peer reviewed. This issue is scheduled to appear in May or June 2018.

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