

Editorial

At this busy time in the teaching calendar juggling teaching, students on placement and the impossibly hectic environment of your organization, we hope you can find the time for some great reading, including articles on new projects, shared practice wisdom, and theorizing for improved education and practice. We are pleased to introduce the first issue for 2014. In this issue we include some papers from another successful Australian Association of Social Work and Welfare Educators (AASWWE) Symposium held in Perth in October 2013 where the conference theme was “Imagining Futures for Social Work Education and Research”.

In this issue we feature six thought-provoking articles and four book reviews.

In the first article Margot Rawsthorne reports on the evaluation of a peer mentor program informed by Indigenous community development and empowerment principles. The article argues for stronger support for Aboriginal women to live free of violence. Fran Crawford helps us examine the ontological lens in exploring ‘homemade social work’, while Angela Daddow highlights a scaffolding approach to education with diverse learners through inclusive curriculum design. Next, Ines Zuchowski looks at supervision through the eyes of external field education supervisors, followed by critical reflections and shared stories of broader field education experiences presented by Ines Zuchowski and colleagues Cate Hudson, Brenda Bartlett and Sophie Diamandi. The last paper in this collection by Phil Crane, Suzette Fox, Anna Spencer, Fotina Hardy, and Catherine Campbell reports the early steps and collaborative processes in a cross disciplinary university and industry partnership – the Advanced Health Directives project.

Finally, we have four book reviews to trigger your appetite for further reading. We’re hoping to have books to review for each issue and we’re keen to focus on books authored or edited by Australian and New Zealand authors. We will review other books from time to time when these have strong appeal to our readership. Please ask your publisher to send books to review to Liz Beddoe (e-mail her first at e.beddoe@auckland.ac.nz)

Happy reading- and remember we would love to hear from you about research you are undertaking that informs your practice and can inform social work education and inspire social work students. We invite papers from the upcoming ANZSWWER symposium to be held at University of Western Sydney, Parramatta to be submitted as manuscripts for our 2015 editions. The theme for the symposium is “Riding Through a Time of Welfare Cutbacks”.

Please note we have made some changes to our Author Guidelines on our website for your next submission to Advances, and authors need to adhere closely to these guidelines in all future manuscript submissions.

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