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“Advanced Practices and Emerging Trends in Trauma-Informed Care and Trauma-Specific Interventions”

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This special issue of *Advances in Social Work* will explore the impact of trauma on children, adults and communities as well as models for trauma-informed care and trauma-specific treatments. Specifically, *Advances in Social Work* seeks both conceptual and empirically-based contributions exploring the impact of biopsychosocial and spiritual impact of trauma, including historical trauma, perpetuated abuse and oppression, and abuse and neglect across the range of social systems (micro, mezza and macro) and the life span of human development. Articles may focus on any element of the practice landscape including clinical social work, social work education, policy advocacy, community organizing as well as other dimensions of practice. Contributions related to evidence-based trauma-specific interventions are strongly encouraged.

Our understanding of the impact of trauma has expanded significantly in the past few years and evidence of the benefits of culturally sensitive, trauma-informed approaches and interventions continues to emerge. From epigenetic changes in utero to unresolved grief in elders, social workers can now understand the risks and co-occurring conditions associated with prolonged or a single exposure to trauma. What is exciting is the emergence of more and more evidence supporting the use of trauma-informed and trauma-specific interventions and the positive results that can be achieved. Many clinical MSW programs across the country incorporate trauma-informed interventions into their curriculum and practice competencies for this field of advanced practice have been developed (Council on Social Work Education, 2012).
We are looking for manuscripts of up to 4,000 words (no more than 5,000 words including references) relating to any of the following areas:

- Theoretical and conceptual foundations of trauma-informed practice
- The biopsychosocial-spiritual impact of trauma on children, adults, families and communities
- Understanding cultural and historical trauma, as well as culturally sensitive trauma-informed practice
- Integrating and assessing trauma-informed content into social work education
- Empirical research relating to factors associated with risk and resilience in traumatized client systems and intervention models
- Emerging interventions and understandings related to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, including veterans and their families.
- Policy, advocacy and social justice strategies for organized societal responses that reduce risk of exposure to trauma, mitigate its effects, and promote resilience and well-being
- Successful approaches for implementing trauma-informed services and/or evidence-based trauma treatment.

The submission deadline is September 30, 2016. This issue is scheduled to appear in May or June, 2017. Authors should follow the guidelines for writing articles for Advances in Social Work which may be found here https://journals.iupui.edu/index.php/advancesinsocialwork/about/submissions. Submitted manuscripts will be anonymously peer-reviewed.

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