

## Call for Papers

### **Special Issue, “Community Practice in an Increasingly Diverse Society: Essays in Memory of Dr. Felix Rivera” Co-Editors, Lorraine Gutiérrez & Michael Reisch**

Two decades ago, Felix Rivera and John Erlich published three editions of their groundbreaking book, *Community Organizing in a Diverse Society*. Written from a social change perspective, each chapter focused on a specific community (e.g., African Americans, Chicanos, Filipino-Americans, Women of Color) and applied relevant theories and community practice methods to these communities. The book also covered such issues as the differential impact of the U.S. child welfare system, the consequences of welfare reform, the effects of HIV/AIDs, the needs of immigrants and refugees, and discussed the moral, ethical, and practical dilemmas inherent in organizing with communities of color. In memory of the late Felix Rivera, the *Journal of Community Practice* will publish a special issue in early 2017 that commemorates the anniversary of the book’s publication and reflects on contemporary community practice in the increasingly diverse environment of the United States.

#### Possible topics include:

- The evolving meaning of diversity in U.S. society and its impact on community practice;
- Newer theoretical perspectives or conceptual frameworks on community practice with and on behalf of diverse populations;
- The relationship between community practice with diverse populations and social justice;
- New ethical, moral, and political dilemmas in community practice;
- The implications of contemporary social movements (e.g., “Black Lives Matter”, marriage equality, immigration reform) for community practice;
- The impact of new and re-emerging issues – climate change, environmental justice, health care reform, terrorism, racial profiling – on community practice with diverse populations;
- Community practice in an increasingly interdependent world;
- Community practice across identity boundaries – coalitions, collaborations, conflicts;
- Case studies of effective community practice with diverse populations.

#### Contributions can include:

- Full-length articles (up to 25 pages) following the journal’s regular format;
- Comparative book review essays;
- From the Field - Notes from practice.

*Manuscripts should be submitted online by **May 15, 2016** and labeled FOR SPECIAL ISSUE for consideration by the special issue editors. Submission is via <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wcom>. Manuscripts may be approximately 25 typed pages double-spaced (including the abstract, references, tables and figures). Please contact Lorraine Gutierrez ([lorraing@umich.edu](mailto:lorraing@umich.edu)) with any questions about this special issue.*