

Message from the Dean

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As the new dean of the Indiana University School of Social Work, I am pleased to welcome you to the fall 2018 issue of *Advances in Social Work*. *Advances* has provided our profession a peer-reviewed platform for sharing new ideas and best practices since 2000, and is a continued source of pride for the School. What a delight it is for me to serve as dean of a nationally recognized, forward-thinking school that provides our academic and practice communities with open access to thought-provoking discourse on relevant issues of today!

Our spring 2018 issue on immigrant and refugee populations garnered much interest. Without a doubt, today's national climate leaves us all searching for increased understanding of how to respond to the needs of the people and communities we serve. Our authors in the current issue focus on innovations in research, teaching and practice. Whether you seek to learn new strategies employed in research, alternative techniques for engaging students and instructors in the learning experience, or cutting edge approaches to practice, the array of subjects covered across these three domains is certain to provide something for everyone.

I extend my thanks to the many contributors who ensure *Advances* makes a meaningful contribution to our literature base with each issue. The dedication of Dr. Margaret Adamek, the journal's editor, the editorial board, and Ms. Valerie Decker, assistant editor, allows us to produce a quality journal highlighting and disseminating new ideas and technologies in our profession. They, along with our guest editors and published authors, uphold these values and commitment to our readership without sacrificing the rigorous review process expected from a peer-review process,

As the oldest school of social work continuously affiliated with a university (since 1911), and accredited since the Council on Social Work Education began accrediting programs, the IU School of Social Work enjoys a rich tradition of leadership in advancing the social work profession. Our faculty are recognized for innovations in social work education and practice, with the most recent footprint in online education and practice technologies. Headquartered in Indianapolis alongside the largest medical school in the U.S., the School of Social Work actively partners with the IU School of Medicine and IU's health science disciplines to explore innovations in health care practice and education. We challenge ourselves and our students across BSW, MSW and PhD levels to tackle the issues of today while preparing to respond to the demands of tomorrow and beyond. We expect *Advances in Social Work* to do the same.

We hope you enjoy and are edified by the works published in our fall issue of *Advances*. Wishing you peace and prosperity in the work ahead.

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