

## Publisher's Thoughts & Table of Contents Summer 2007

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This issue of The New Social Worker marks another historical event in the life of the magazine, as this is our first electronic-only issue. If you are reading this, you have probably already found the magazine online at our Web site at <http://www.socialworker.com> in PDF format, or maybe a friend or colleague passed it along to you. You may read the magazine completely on your computer's monitor, or you can print it out and read it on paper--it's your choice. By publishing in PDF format, and making The New Social Worker available FREE of charge, we can reach more of the people who can benefit from it, and that includes you!

In this issue, we cover a number of important issues for social workers to consider.

During times of war, thoughts often turn to spiritual resources and beliefs. Margaretha Wilcke interviewed a group of women from the former Yugoslavia about their experiences, and her findings are presented in her article on page 4.

Poetry and art can be powerful ways of communicating about social issues. Tammy Quetot addresses the issue of homelessness in these creative ways on page 7.

What is most helpful in clinical supervision with beginning practitioners? James Corbin presents some ideas on page 8.

Body image oppression and eating disorders are the topics of discussion in Ting-Ting Avis Lau's article on page 12, and Kelly Dundon reflects on reflective practice in child protection on page 16.

Have you ever thought you knew just what you wanted to do, only to find out that you could be interested in something else? Rosalie Russo-Gleicher found that an "accidental" journey into the world of developmental disabilities led her career in a different direction than she had expected. And she thinks you might like to try this field of practice, too. Read more on page 18.

Bullying--whether it's on the schoolground or online--is devastating to those who are being targeted, and it also affects bystanders and others. Read the articles on page 26 and page 30 to learn more about bullying and some innovative ways it is being addressed.

I want to let you know about a project I have been working on over the past year that has finally come to fruition! It is the new book *Days in the Lives of Gerontological Social Workers*, the third in a series of books about social workers' "typical" days. This book, which I co-edited with Dara Bergel Bourassa, is the first specialized book in the series. Dara and I hope that it will inspire social workers who want to work with and on behalf of older adults. See page 31 for more information!

Do you have information you would like to share with The New Social Worker's readers? Think about submitting an article. Get creative! I'd love to hear from you. I am especially looking for articles focusing on specific aspects of social work ethics, student field placement, and practice specialties. Also, I am always looking for photos of social work students and social workers "in action." Send your ideas or completed manuscripts and photos to me at [lindagrobman@socialworker.com](mailto:lindagrobman@socialworker.com).

Until next time--happy reading!