

Publisher's Thoughts & Table of Contents, Winter 2009 Edition

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Dear Reader,

Happy New Year! We have a lot in store at The New Social Worker for 2009. So let's get started!

Starting with this issue, I am happy to introduce our new MSW student columnist, T.J. Rutherford. T.J. will be sharing her experiences with us as she journeys toward a new career in social work. Her first column (page 14) reflects on her experiences as a non-traditional White student in a historically Black university.

Also, with the introduction of T.J., I am excited to introduce The New Social Worker's new blog! In between issues of the magazine, you can read about (and communicate with) T.J. on a more frequent basis at <http://blog.socialworker.com>. I will also be posting social work news, information, and thoughts on the blog. Watch as it continues to develop each day.

In the last issue, Barbara Trainin Blank introduced us to hip-hop social work. In this issue, she continues her series of articles on creative arts therapies, with a focus on music therapy and therapeutic music. This topic is near and dear to my heart, as I just completed my own certification as a Certified Music Practitioner in October 2008. The coming issues will feature other creative arts therapies, so stay tuned!

Two of our columns are coming to an end with this issue. Amanda and Lyndal wrap up their 4-part series on social work careers (see page 12) with a look at cultivating your purpose. If you have not had a chance to read parts 1-3, see page 13 for links to the previous installments in this series. Thank you, Amanda and Lyndal!

Marshall Smith is retiring from writing the Electronic Connection column. Over the past 10 years, Dr. Smith has covered a wide variety of technology topics. In this issue, he looks into his "LED ball" to see into the future of social work and technology. He has gathered the predictions of some of the top leaders on this topic for his farewell aloha column. Read it on page 30. Thank you, Marshall!

Don't forget, if you are looking for a social work job, or looking to hire a social worker, check out our online job board at <http://www.socialworkjobbank.com>. We have a new look—check it out!

Until next time—happy reading! Linda Grobman, ACSW, LSW

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