

## Letter from the Editors

We are proud to say this issue completes our third year of publication. The success of a journal requires so many constituents all coming together. We would like to thank our publishers, Taylor & Francis Group for their amazing leadership, support, and marketing of the journal. Their willingness to mentor us through the process of developing and maintaining a new journal has been extraordinary. Additionally, the collaboration between the NOFSW board, editorial board, and reviewers has been remarkable. And without question, the continued patronage of our authors and readers has enabled us to weather the challenges of being a startup journal to achieving our goal of producing a quality interdisciplinary forensic education journal.

This third issue further illustrates the value of disseminating quality forensic research to practitioners. The first article emphasizes the need for consumers to have a voice in the mental health courts and for practitioners to educate and network with other service providers. The next article continues the theme of networking by addressing the importance of interprofessional collaboration between public defenders and social workers in cases with juvenile offenders. The third article explores the similarities among styles and ranges of offending behaviors across the spectrum as it mimics violence perpetrated on female sex workers. Lastly, the book review on cycles of poverty and crime in inner cities emphasizes that as forensic practitioners, the only way we can be prepared to adequately advocate for our clients is to educate ourselves about alternative viewpoints.

Over the coming years, we are hoping to expand with more special interest topics and utilizing additional experts as guest editors much like we did in the last issue on children. We are always open to hearing from our consumers on ways of expanding and improving the journal. So, please join us in New York City for the 31st Annual Conference of the National Organization of Forensic Social Work in July 2014. It's not too late to submit an abstract in the Call for Papers.

We look forward to your continued support as we transition to our fourth year of publication. Thank you for bringing forensic social work to the forefront as a profession and making the journal a success.



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