

## CALL FOR PAPERS

In Service of Human Services: A Symposium in Honor of Dr. Felice D. Perlmutter

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### Symposium Overview

Human services functions are permeated with complexity, and require careful, purposeful, and dedicated action on the part of front-line workers, managers, and policy-makers. This complexity has attracted attention from scholars across a number of fields, including social work, public administration, general management, psychology, and others.

Dr. Felice D. Perlmutter was at the vanguard of that interdisciplinary conversation, and her contributions to our understanding of human services practice are both significant and impactful. Spanning 11 books and 80 articles, her writing addressed topics including the introduction of welfare to work policies, human resources systems and job retention of former welfare recipients, the role of entrepreneurship and private funding in providing public services, changes to social work education that recognize administration as a specialization within the field, and the importance of social workers as higher level executives in social services agencies. Her book *Changing Hats: From Social Work Practice to Administration* highlighted the need for those moving from direct practice to administration to better understand their new positions, as well as broader professional and societal contexts.

The purpose of this symposium is to honor this outstanding work by publishing conceptual or empirical research that synthesizes, extends, or applies Dr. Perlmutter's work. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Conceptual articles that discuss or synthesize the work of Dr. Perlmutter, or build or expand theory emanating from her scholarship
- Empirical articles that apply, refine, or further develop the work of Dr. Perlmutter or new ideas inspired by her scholarship
- Discussion of the intersection of professional fields that impact human services practice, including social work, psychology, clinical health care, public administration, general management, and others

- Collaboration among public, nonprofit, and other private sector agencies in the development or implementation of human services functions
- The education, professional development, or practice of management and leadership in human services functions.

Diversity of methods is encouraged, and empirical articles that use qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods are welcome.

### **Proposal Submission Process and Timeline**

A 500-word proposal should be submitted via email to Ram Cnaan (cnaan@upenn.edu) by **December 15, 2019**.

Proposals should include information on the purpose or aim of the article, a discussion of the methods or approach used, and a discussion of the fit with the symposium topic. Please also include author name(s), affiliation(s), and full contact information.

Proposal acceptance will be sent by January 15, 2020. Full manuscripts will be due by June 1, 2020 for peer review. Final decision on manuscript acceptance is anticipated by late fall 2020, with publication in winter 2020 or spring 2021.