

# BREAKING DOWN THE PUBLICATION PROCESS: A CONVERSATION ABOUT WRITING

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# SHARING OUR STORIES

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## JANE

- Practitioner for 5 years, then BSW Educator for 35 years
- Small, private Christian University
- Several smaller publications and 1 book published in 2014

## MACKENZI

- Practitioner turned Educator
- Teaching Institution
- Collaborative work = Scholarly Success

# PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

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- What has worked well for you in your scholarly endeavors?
- What has not worked well for you in your scholarly endeavors?

# STARTING WITH THE BASICS

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- Language of Scholarship
  - Peer Reviewed
  - Types of Scholarship (depends on your institutional requirements)
    - Letters to the Editor
    - Blog Posts/Newsletter Articles
    - Book Reviews
    - Journal Articles
    - Books

# STARTING WITH THE BASICS

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- Good Habits to Practice
  - APA
  - IRB
  - Methodology
  - Draw on community of experts
  - Establish a schedule that works for you (daily/weekly practice)
  - Read, read, read the literature

# STARTING WITH THE BASICS

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- *First read what is been already published*
- Places to Publish within NACSW
  - SWC
  - Catalyst
  - NACSW Blogs

# SUBMITTING TO SOCIAL WORK AND CHRISTIANITY:

## SOCIAL WORK & CHRISTIANITY PUBLISHES 5 TYPES OF ARTICLES:

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**Conceptual articles:** Conceptual articles focus on the development and/or explanation of an idea or theory and relate the idea or theory to the integration of Christian faith with the social work profession in an explicit manner. Conceptual articles contribute to the literature on the integration of Christian faith and social work practice by assisting readers utilize concepts and theories from the social sciences, theology, religious studies, philosophy, various helping professions, and similar fields to provide a framework for social work practice and/or scholarship. Such articles do not produce empirical results, although empirical results from prior research may be used to support the concepts and theories described in the article. Check the criteria on the review form used by reviewers to evaluate submissions for this type of article.

**Research articles:** Research articles report on empirical research conducted by the author(s), whether quantitative or qualitative in focus. Research articles generally report on the exploration of a research question(s), describe a specific research methodology, and report results and implications of a research study. Check the criteria on the review form used by reviewers to evaluate submissions for this type of article.

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**Practice articles:** Practice notes articles share examples of practice situations (micro through macro) with lessons, **grounded in the literature**, for readers. These articles can be written as case studies, use first-person, and may include diagrams, forms or other sample documents which might help the reader understand the lessons from practice. Check the criteria on the review form used by reviewers to evaluate submissions for this type of article.

**Point of View/Commentary articles:** Point of view/commentary articles provide a platform for authors to comment on current issues, social problems, and trends that are relevant to Christians in social work, or to respond to the assumptions, conclusions, or positions in a previously published article in SWC. Check the criteria on the review form used by reviewers to evaluate submissions for this type of article.

**Book reviews:** A great place to start if you are wanting to begin writing!

# HOW CAN I BEGIN?

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- Act as a reviewer! Here you can learn:
- What are other people writing about?
- How are they writing?
- Review a book for SWC : hear you can learn how other successful writers have framed their work

# WRITING AN ARTICLE? ALWAYS CONSIDER:

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- **Literature review**: what do we already know or THINK we know?
- **Does your institution have an IRB? What are its rules?**

Publishers will not even send to review anything that violates Federal rules regarding human subjects

- <https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/>

# BEHIND THE SCENES

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- Things to be aware of in the process- timelines, etc.
  - Things take time
  - 3 reviewers for each article
  - Revisions almost always required
  - If you are writing for a special issue, pay close attention to the due dates toward publication.
  - If you are not writing for a special issue, articles will be published when accepted and there is room within an upcoming issue.

# SOCIAL WORK AND CHRISTIANITY:

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OUR NEW TEAM OF EDITORS

# JEAN ROBERSON: SPECIAL ISSUES

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- Jean Roberson serves as assistant professor and director of field education for the Master of Social Work program at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. She holds a Doctor of Social Work from St. Catherine University/University of St. Thomas, a Masters of Social Work and a Certificate in Theology from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She is also a licensed certified social worker in the state of Alabama. Roberson has spent 16 years in social work practice with the majority of her career in a faith-based context.

# DEXTER FREEMAN: ASSOC. EDITOR FOR PRACTICE ISSUES

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He specializes in working with  
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social workers to work with  
veterans and in treating those who  
have experienced trauma and  
maltreatment.

# TERRY WOLFER: ASSOC. EDITOR FOR REVIEWER TRAINING

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- Professor Terry Wolfer joined the faculty of the University of South Carolina College of Social Work in 1996, where he is also coordinates the Ph.D. program. Prior to joining USC, Wolfer was a visiting instructor at the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a lecturer at the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago.
- Wolfer was recently contracted to provide interdisciplinary curriculum development and training for police, attorneys and victim advocates regarding sexual assault. Funded by the State of Texas Office of the Governor, the project provided workshop for instructing trainers for city, state and professional organizations throughout Texas.

# JIM VANDERWOERD: ASSOC. EDITOR BOOK REVIEWS

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- Ph.D., Social Welfare, Case Western Reserve University
- M.S.W. Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University
- B.A. History and Psychology, Calvin College
- Diploma of Arts. The King's University College
- Professor of Social Work
- Chair of the Department of Applied Social Sciences
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- Over 30 years of social work teaching experience in the U.S. and Canada

# PERSONAL REFLECTION AND NEXT STEPS FOR GROWTH

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- Questions that appear to be gaps in knowledge, or policy/practice
- Possible ways to address an important issue
- Possible new ways to consider caring for others

# TIPS

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- Reread everything. Take time to:
  - Think about the flow of the article/chapter
  - Contemplate word choice
  - And revision
  - Be an ethical writer

## Create outlines

- Scribble on legal pads
- Read

# TIPS

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- Know your strengths and work on your areas in which you need to grow
- Plan “clean up days” when you work on the writing that feels difficult – what are you missing ?
  - Do the hard stuff
  - Set boundaries
  - Use a daily practice to provide an entry into your work

# QUESTIONS?

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