

Letters



I was so pleased to read the first issue of *Praxis*. A colleague and fellow alumni of SSW provided me a copy. It is a truly wonderful idea to provide access to social work student and alumni articles, while providing students and alumni a vehicle for publication. I found *Praxis* to be eclectic in topic and scope of practice — from one of the first articles, "Perspectives from Chicago's Homeless Youths: A Needs and Service Use Assessment," which relates to my current generalist work on a coalition addressing these same issues, to the last article, "Codependency Through a Feminist Lens," which I found interesting and engaging. I hope to see more issues of *Praxis*. Keep up the great work!

Beth Pettinelli, LCSW, MSW Class of '99
Jewish Children's Bureau

My compliments to the leadership and contributors of the first edition of the *Praxis* journal. I found the articles to be well-crafted, informative and authoritative, a solid testament to the tradition of scholarship associated with Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work.

Harry Bendicson, LCSW
Director of Clinical Services, Family Care of Illinois

Congratulations on your exciting new journal! It is very professional both in content and appearance, and I am certain it will have broad appeal to current students as well as to the larger social work community. I find myself looking at *Praxis* from two distinct vantage points. As an alumna of Loyola's School of Social Work, I am proud to see this type of scholarly publication coming from my alma mater. Reading the work of your students offers me a window into what's happening in the program currently and gives me another way to remain connected to the school. It's great to be able to keep abreast of what your students are learning and thinking. I also applaud your decision to invite entries from alumni, which affords us one more way to bridge the worlds of present and former students and to help us stay connected. In addition to being an alumna, I am a doctoral candidate in social work (School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago), so I am keenly aware of how important it is for students to have opportunities to publish their scholarly work. *Praxis* provides a great forum for this, and your students are fortunate to have this important new resource. Please count me in as a long-term subscriber. I look forward to reading the next issue!

Katherine Puckett, LCSW, MSW Class of '94

Congratulations on the premier edition of *Praxis*! I am so impressed with the quality of the journal and with every article it contains. The opportunity it provides for connection between alumni and students of SSW is also very exciting. I look forward to the next edition. Thank you for *Praxis*!

Vicki Grunnet-Alden, LCSW, MSW Class of '98
SSW Alumni Board President

I am writing to express my excitement and appreciation for the creation of *Praxis: Where Reflection & Practice Meet*. *Praxis* gives Loyola social work students and alumni an opportunity to get their work published and share it with others in our field. The journal is unique in that it offers more than research; it incorporates professional experiences and personal thoughts. As a first year social work student, I find the articles insightful, informative and inspiring. It is of great benefit to the university and students to have a special piece of annual work, produced by social workers for social workers, and others who are interested. *Praxis* has the structure and the strengths for longevity and nation-wide recognition. I definitely look forward to the future of *Praxis*! Thank you for establishing such a positive addition to the Loyola social work community.

Jevne Lindeman
First year student in the MSW Program