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**Critical Feminist Inquiry in Social Work**

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**Council of Social Work Education Committee on the Role and Status of Women**

**\*Submission of Abstracts due February 18, 2022\* Deadline Extended!!**

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A decade ago, *Affilia* published a special issue on critical feminisms in social work (volume 25, issue 4; 2010), one aim of which was “to reinvigorate our profession’s commitments to social justice and social change” (Gringeri & Roche, 2010, p. 338). At that time, feminisms were falling out of focus, and *Affilia* was making the case for their continued relevance.

Much has happened in the decade since. Now, we find ourselves at an entirely new moment, when feminisms have seen renewed interest but have frequently been co-opted by neoliberalism. In this new era, a turn to critical feminisms highlights the systemic inequality and structural violence that undergird not only the production of gender but tacitly support the continued disregard for racialized and otherwise marginalized lives within that gender regime. Critical feminisms can also guide our way to more liberatory futures.

For this special edition of *Affilia*, we invite manuscripts that build on the issues raised in our 2010 special issue (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0886109910384194>) for the new decade. We also call attention to our revised journal subtitle, *Feminist Inquiry in Social Work,* to ask what critical feminisms mean for social work theorizing, research, practice, and education today.

**Areas of focus to address social work’s theoretical, ideological, and pedagogical considerations may include but are not limited to:**

* Evolving definitions of and perspectives on critical feminisms in and adjacent to social work
* Theorizing gender in social work research, teaching, policy and/or practice
* Exploring where and how trans, non-binary, and queer people shape and contribute to critical feminisms
* Addressing the coexisting needs for protected spaces for women and challenges to cissexism and gender binarism
* Integrating transnational and global feminisms
* Centering structural and systemic frameworks and analyses in critical feminist scholarship
* Defining and confronting challenges to critical social work feminists and feminisms
* Establishing best practices for feminist leadership and administrative designs
* Addressing critical social work feminist responses to the current socio-political climate
* Integrating body-positive theoretical frameworks and empirical research into critical feminist social work scholarship
* Elevating anti-racist and anti-oppressive feminist social work education and practice
* Defining and including multiple types and contributions of feminisms, including, but not limited to feminist, womanist, Black feminist, Chicanx feminist, Mujerista, Indigenous, and postcolonial feminist praxis
* Defining a critical feminist analysis of social work education and research including the competencies, strategic plans, and grand challenges
* Exploring critical feminist decolonial strategies and challenges to settler colonialism
* Contributing to theory building and empirical research on anti-carceral and abolitionist feminisms and their relationship to abolitionist perspectives in social work
* Expanding critical feminisms in SW to re-envision social, economic, and environmental justice, the welfare state, climate and disaster, and other contemporary areas of concern.
* Theorizing and implementing critical feminist methodologies relevant to social work

**Submission Instructions & Timeline**

* Submission of abstracts: **Due February 18, 2022**
* Invitation to submit full-length manuscripts: **By March 18, 2022**
* Submission of invited full-length manuscripts: **Due May 31, 2022**
* Projected publication date: **May 2023**

An abstract (500 words maximum, all-inclusive) with a cover letter and 4-5 suggested keywords should be emailed to Sam Harrell, *Affilia’s* Editorial Assistant, affiliajournalwsw@gmail.com.

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