Submission Guidelines
Perspectives on Social Work is a publication of the doctoral students of the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston. The journal was founded in 2003 to provide opportunity for the college’s social work doctoral students to showcase their work. Since that time, the journal has expanded and now accepts submissions from social work doctoral students nationwide and internationally.

The primary mission of Perspectives on Social Work is to provide opportunity to students to enhance scholarly skills in writing, editing, and exposure to the publication process. The scope of the journal includes empirical, theoretical, and conceptual articles as well as book reviews.

Guidelines for Submission

We are now accepting rolling submissions! In order to be considered for publication in Perspectives on Social Work, all submissions must meet the following criteria:

- The first author must be a currently enrolled doctoral student.
- Editors will consider manuscripts from disciplines outside of social work. The manuscript must be relevant to the field of social work (e.g., social justice issues, equality, international social work, public health issues).
- Only original work will be considered. Editors will consider work that has been published elsewhere or is currently under consideration on a case by case basis as long as it is the student’s original work and has not been copyrighted elsewhere.
- Only electronic submissions are accepted. Submissions should be e-mailed as a Microsoft Word attachment to the following e-mail address: swjourna@Central.UH.EDU
- Submissions for the featured articles should be 6 – 10 pages in length with not less than one-inch margins and 12-point font. Submissions for book reviews may be 3-5 pages. Submissions must be double-spaced. The recommended page limits exclude references and tables.
- Abstract should contain no more than 250 words, adhering to APA 6th edition guidelines. Keywords are also included.
- All submissions based on an empirical study with human subjects must have an IRB or Human Subjects approval. Approval must be notated in the manuscript.
- Submissions must meet APA guidelines (6th Edition) for text, tables, and references.

Submission Review Process

- Editors will send acknowledgment receipt of submission within one week.
- Editorial decisions (i.e. accept, revise and resubmit, and reject) will be communicated to author(s) in a timely manner. Time frame for receiving a decision often depends on the availability of editors and the number of submissions under review. Please be advised that the review process may be slower at different times of the year (e.g. holidays, closing of the university, finals). Authors are encouraged to ask about their manuscript’s status.
- Submissions are reviewed by a minimum of 2 peer reviewers.
- Manuscript acceptance is dependent on available space in the journal and number of submissions.
- All final decisions are made by editors.
- Upon acceptance, the editorial board may make changes (e.g. grammar, references, formatting), subject to the author’s approval.

Feedback Guidelines

- The editorial staff encourages thoughtful responses from readers focusing on scholarly debate and dialogue. Please send feedback to: swjourna@Central.UH.EDU

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