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Mainstreaming Gender: An Intersectional Feminist Perspective on Social Work's Grand Challenges

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The Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative, led by the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, invites social work researchers to direct their work toward society's most pressing problems. This effort identified 12 challenges: ensure healthy development for all youths, close the health gap, stop family violence, advance long and productive lives, eradicate social isolation, end homelessness, create social responses to a changing environment, harness technology for social good, promote smart decarceration, build financial capability for all, reduce extreme economic inequality, and achieve equal opportunity and justice. None of the 12 challenges addresses gender, missing the dynamic social work scholarship that is being done from an intersectional feminist perspective.

Gender mainstreaming, developed by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, identifies gender as a fundamental aspect of the goals, policies, research, practices, and institutions that work toward social change. Critical theoretical approaches to gender rely on an intersectional framework, recognizing that multiple dimensions of oppression are connected. This special issue will mainstream gender by placing it at the center of the conversation about the Grand Challenges for Social Work to advance our understanding of the ways that gender affects social policy, status, identity, rights, and responsibilities.

Submissions should address one (or more) of the grand challenges with the intent of describing the unique difficulties that women, particularly those with multiple marginalized identities, face and the unique strengths they bring to these challenges; addressing the unique prevention, intervention, or policy needs of women; and advancing feminist, empowerment-based social work practice. The deadline for submission is **July 15, 2019**. The journal encourages submission of full-length articles (no more than 20 double-spaced pages), practice updates, and commentary. To prepare your manuscript in proper format for submission, see Information for Authors: Social Work on our Web site at <http://naswpress.org/publications/journals/sw-info.html>. Please submit manuscripts through the online submission portal at <http://swj.msubmit.net> (initial, onetime registration is required) and indicate that your submission is intended for the Mainstreaming Gender special issue.