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Special Issue on Racial Inequities, Racial Justice, and School Social Work

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A growing body of research reveals robust ethnoracial disparities in student engagement and performance in school, exposure to punitive forms of discipline, placement in restrictive educational settings, and access to crucial school resources. These disparities often are more pronounced when ethnoracial identities intersect with gender, socioeconomic status, and sexual orientation. Findings such as these have led allied school professionals—such as school psychologists and teachers—to initiate field-level discussions of racial equity and racial justice in schools, with a goal of redressing these inequities. We seek to continue this discussion as it pertains to school social work (SSW) practice, research, and scholarship.

School social workers are bound to challenge social injustice by the National Association of Social Workers' *Code of Ethics*, are well positioned to interrupt unjust practices within school and district settings, and are often called on to act as school-based change agents, yet few (if any) systematic attempts within the SSW field have been made to articulate a framework for racial inequities and racial justice as they apply to research and professional practice.

This special issue solicits manuscripts that fall within three general streams: (1) those that outline novel theoretical and conceptual frameworks for defining and articulating a vision of racial equity and justice in schools and SSW practice, (2) empirical research that exposes or responds to inequitable practices in schools, and (3) practice exemplars for redressing racial inequities or promoting racial justice in routine SSW practices. Following prior scholarship, we are particularly interested in manuscripts that examine organizational or institutional structures that can shape or limit racially equitable policies or practices and manuscripts that invoke and apply critical social and critical race theory to SSW.

The deadline for manuscript submission is **June 1, 2019**. The journal encourages submission of full-length articles (20 pages) and shorter columns. To prepare your manuscript in proper format for submission, see *Writing for the NASW Press: Information for Authors* at www.naswpress.org/authors/guidelines/00-contents.html. Please submit manuscripts through the online submission portal at <http://cs.msubmit.net> (initial, onetime registration is required) and indicate that your submission is intended for the Racial Inequities special issue.