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If you have any questions about any of the items in this packet, please contact Acquisitions Editor Rachel Meyers at rmeyers.nasw@socialworkers.org. Thank you for your interest in NASW Press. We look forward to learning about your book!

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**PROPOSAL PACKET CHECKLIST**

**Before submitting, have you included all of the following required materials in your proposal packet?**

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|  | Filled-out prospectus that does not exceed 9 pages (with all *required* questions answered) |
|  | Book outline/annotated table of contents |
|  | **At least one** sample chapter (not the Introduction) |
|  | Curriculum vitae for each author |