Call for Papers
Special Issue of Contemporary Rural Social Work

Promoting Environmental Justice in Rural Communities

Environmental justice issues are often associated with poor neighborhoods in urban areas. However, rural people in the United States and throughout the world have a legacy of engagement in the quest for environmental justice for their own communities. Fossil fuel extraction industries (e.g., oil, gas and coal) and other mining activities disproportionately occur within and affect rural areas and small towns while developing resources for export to energy-hungry cities. The contemporary development of unconventional drilling technology provides recent opportunities to examine the challenges and opportunities confronting rural communities.

This special issue of Contemporary Rural Social Work will feature practice and research articles focused on promoting environmental justice in rural communities. Such work could include but not be limited to practice interventions and research on the consequences of community disruption and environmental degradation, including child welfare issues, health/mental health issues, justice system issues, dislocation, and the reallocation of scarce resources such as water. We welcome work from practitioners as well as scholars, from within the United States and around the world. Basic research providing insights into environmental justice issues as well as models for community engagement and prevention practices are welcome.

Manuscript Submission and Review: Please submit manuscripts to the “Environmental Justice Special Issue” section through the journal’s online submission process (www.und.edu/crsw). Review of manuscripts will begin June 1, 2014 and the expected publication date of this special issue is spring 2015.

Guest Editor: The Guest Editor of this Special Issue is Pamela Twiss, professor in the Department of Social Work at California University of Pennsylvania and co-coordinator of the Northern Appalachian Network. Dr. Twiss holds a PhD in Social Work and an MSW from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research areas are poverty and associated problems and housing and community development. She has published on the social impacts of the loss of steel in the Monongahela River Valley and housing and community development issues. She lives and works in southwestern Pennsylvania, an area within northern Appalachia with a long history tied to gas and coal-based industrial development. The more recent development of unconventional drilling in the Marcellus Shale has focused her attention on the social and economic benefits and challenges for small towns and rural communities in the region. She has presented on these issues locally, at the state level, and through the National Institute on Rural Social Work and Human Services.
Call for Guest Reviewers
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We are seeking guest reviewers with specialized knowledge and experience related to environmental justice issues and green social work to review submissions for a special issue of Contemporary Rural Social Work focused on Promoting Environmental Justice in Rural Communities. Work submitted for this issue may include but not be limited to practice interventions and research on the consequences of community disruption and environmental degradation, including child welfare issues, health/mental health issues, justice system issues, dislocation, and the reallocation of scarce resources such as water. We are inviting work from practitioners as well as scholars, from within the United States and around the world. Basic research providing insights into environmental justice issues as well as models for community engagement and prevention practices are being invited to participate in this special issue. Review of manuscripts will begin June 1, 2014 and the expected publication date of this special issue is spring 2015.

**Guest Reviewer Interest:** Those interested in serving in this capacity should send a copy of their curriculum vita to Pam Twiss at twiss@calu.edu with a cover letter indicating their interest. In keeping with the high standards set by the journal for submission and review of manuscripts, guest reviewers for this special issue will *not* be submitting their own scholarship for this issue.