**CALL FOR STORIES**

***Social Work with Groups***

**Group Work Perspectives on Pandemic 2020**

The *Social Work with Groups* journal is inviting narrative essays of 5 to 9 manuscript pages, about group work practice and the coronavirus pandemic of 2020. Please read the following instructions very carefully.

Your story can take place in any setting and with any population in response to the pandemic.

A narrative essay is a story written about a personal experience. Writing a narrative essay provides an opportunity to get to know and understand oneself better and to shed light on an experience that may illuminate its meaning for others.

One of the best ways to reveal who you are is to tell a story about how you became aware of something, gained a new way of seeing the world, a new insight.

Your group work story should illustrate the interaction among group members and between group members and group workers in a way that brings group encounters regarding pandemic 2020 to life in a compelling way for readers.

Your story should highlight what was learned from the experience that might be useful for readers who are practicing, teaching, or researching group work in clinical, community and other contexts.

Submissions may reflect the perspectives and experiences of researchers, educators, field instructors, students, practitioners, advocates, agency administrators, or trainers.

Or, if you wish, you may tell a story that reflects your role as a group member in any number of contexts (such as, staff or faculty group, club or team, social movement, therapy or recovery group, and so forth) and, then using your group work knowledge expand on *lessons learned*.

Submissions must generally conform to *Social Work with Groups* submission guidelines that appear in the Journal or at Taylor and Francis website/site address: <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=wswg20>

However, please do take careful note that the length of manuscript for this special issue is being reduced from 15-20 double spaced manuscript pages to 5-9 manuscript pages. Your story SHOULD NOT include citations or references. Please do include a brief abstract and keywords.

Naturally, traditional manuscripts on group work and the pandemic of 15-20 pages with citations and references are always welcome through the usual means of submission, however this is a special call to invite even wider participation from aspiring authors who might prefer to *tell their story* in a different way than writing a scholarly article.

If you are interested, you might look through past issues of the Journal, as there are several recent issues that are presented in short story format (e.g. Volume 40:1/2: *Group Work Stories Celebrating Diversity* & Volume 43:1/2: *Group Work Stories of Social Justice*). This will give you ideas of different ways to tell your story.

Please take note that any submission that exceeds 9 double-spaced manuscript pages in 12-point font with one-inch margins, or that includes citations or references will not be considered.

In addition, your manuscript should be emailed directly to the Editor-in-Chief at his email address (see below) AND NOT through ScholarOne.

This is an open call for papers. Consequently, there is no deadline however you are encouraged to make submission in a timely way as accepted manuscripts will be published electronically soon after acceptance. Please send your essays to Andrew Malekoff, Editor-in-Chief, Social Work with Groups at Anjru@aol.com with a copy to amalekoff@northshorechildguidance.org

Finally, this is not planned as a special issue of the journal. Rather stories will be incorporated into regular issues, but as a special issue to highlight the impact of the pandemic for group workers. Nevertheless, the editor reserves the right to create a special issue if there are a substantial number of accepted manuscripts.