Call for Papers

Special Issue on “Diversity in the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector”
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The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (NVSQ) announces a special issue focusing on diversity in the non-profit and voluntary sector. It is anticipated that the special issue will be published in Spring, 2014.

Issue Scope

ARNOVA, the sponsoring organization of NVSQ, explicitly considers diversity one of its top strategic goals. Diversity is a multi-faceted concept whose definition is highly dynamic and contested. Practically every branch of the social sciences and humanities, and even the natural sciences, has contributed to its elaboration and redefinition employing quantitative, qualitative, and interpretative methods. Analytically, diversity can be dissected as a “dependent variable”, an “independent” or as an “intervening variable” influencing outcomes in a variety of settings, and at various levels and scales of societal aggregation. Still, significant gaps remain when it comes to assessing the role and value of diversity in the activity of individuals and organizations in the nonprofit and voluntary sector. Taking into account this conceptual variety, we are interested in advancing research and scholarship concerned with diversity in general, as well as in terms of the inclusiveness of race and ethnicity, gender, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, and religious faith, and with the under-representation of groups due to historical patterns of exclusion, discrimination, and lack of resources, both in the daily and historical practices of the non-profit and voluntary sector.

Papers representing a broad mix of approaches, including conceptual, historical, qualitative, quantitative will be considered that address, but are not necessarily restricted to, the following:

1) Research exploring individual differences in giving and philanthropic activity among racial/ethnic groups.
2) Philanthropy and Gender.
3) The geo-spatial correlation between nonprofit and voluntary activity, and diversity attributes and variables in communities.
4) Grassroots organizing within communities of color.
5) The role of small faith-based organizations in communities of color.
6) International and diasporic linkages between immigrant homelands and local communities.
7) Critical Theoretic inquiries (Critical Race Theory, Feminist Theory, Queer Theory) on the dynamics and development of the nonprofit sector.
8) Diversity of the labor force of the nonprofit sector, and managerial challenges the sector faces in terms of board diversity, human resource development, etc.
9) Disability and nonprofits.
10) Role of anchor nonprofit institutions (hospitals, universities, large national charities) in communities of color.
11) The role and meaning of diversity as it affects nonprofits in smaller or less wealthy societies.

The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2013. All papers should be submitted through the regular NVSQ submission portal at:

http://www.sagepub.com/journalsProdDesc.nav?prodId=Journal200775#tabview=manuscriptSubmission

When submitting the manuscript, please select Special Issue Manuscript for manuscript type.

Proposed Timeline:

We will send papers out for review as we receive them. We expect the first round of peer reviews to be completed by June, 2013. We will ask for revisions on a rolling basis as we receive peer reviews. October 1 is the date by which authors should plan on returning their revised papers so that we can make final selections for the Diversity Special issue. Final editorial suggestions and revisions will be exchanged during October and November, 2013 and final copy will be sent to our publisher, Sage, around December 1, 2013, allowing for actual publication of the Diversity Issue in Spring, 2014.

All papers will be considered to be part of the normal NVSQ submissions pool and we will be coordinating with the normal journal editors so that we can use the normal acceptance and rejection process of the journal. Actual selections for the Diversity Special Issue of NVSQ will be made once we have received papers that authors have revised. If we receive more strong papers than we can include in the special issue, the extra papers that have gone through the review process but that are not accepted for the special issue will be referred to the NVSQ editors. They will then take responsibility for deciding whether to include those papers in the larger, regular pool of papers that are being considered by NVSQ for publication.