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Call for Column Submissions: “Women Creating Change”

The co-editors of the Affilia column “Women Creating Change,” are looking for submissions that exemplify women’s efforts to create change that has an impact on human rights and justice, either based on the authors’ experiences or derived from the examples of others. We are seeking narratives that speak to diverse realities in order to create a wider forum of awareness, dialogue, and increased capacity to be deeply engaged in the world, working towards these same goals. We look to be inspired by and to inspire the broad range of women’s experiences that speak to justice.

Contemporary feminist stances are grounded in a critical, intersectional analysis of societal structures and systems and of lived experience, understanding the complexity of power and privilege that exists in all structural, relational, and individual contexts. Just as local human needs are inextricably connected to broader issues of human rights and justice, the various feminisms work from the basis that the broadest injustices are also linked to the most local experiences.

Giving voice to myriad ways in which feminist practice and praxis manifest has always been a goal of Affilia. The articulation of these voices has been the steadfast substance of the articles, poetry, and columns published in this journal for more than 25 years. Affilia has been, and continues to be, a living record of how feminist social work embodies a commitment to advancing human rights, social and economic justice, and social activism through the empowerment of women in all domains. By moving from a deep understanding that the construction of difference is inextricably linked to the intersectional dynamics of oppression and power, feminist practices/praxis provide critical standpoints from which to understand and progressively act upon the inequities and injustice in women’s lives and the empowerment of women’s experience.

We recognize that many of the most significant contributions made by women to advancing human rights and justice are often not represented in traditional journals and other media. Women Creating Change is a column that exists for unheard voices that describe the lives of women who are creating change at all systemic levels and in every context.

Women Creating Change is a peer-reviewed column showcasing women’s activism and feminist change efforts. Submissions may be up to 10 pages, double-spaced and should be submitted electronically to Dr. Nina Aronoff, Department of Social Work, Wheelock College; email: naronoff@wheelock.edu; and Dr. Cynthia Sanders, School of Social Work, Boise State University; email: cynthiasanders@boisestate.edu.