

## Student Term Paper Contest 2007

The winners were selected based on the paper's critical analysis of social work ethics and values, thorough review and incorporation of the literature, the overall quality and organization of the paper, and the perceived educational value to the reader. We wish to extend our warmest congratulations to the top three winners:

- *First place:* Amber McGuigan, Catholic University of America. The social worker as shopper: applying a model for ethical decision making to a dilemma in resource management. This paper focuses on an ethical dilemma related to whether nonprofits should shop for goods and services with socially responsible companies even if doing so reduces the budget for direct services.
- *Second place:* Leslie Green, Simmons College. Social work ethics and values considered in the case of a 15-year-old leukemia patient facing peripheral blood stem cell transplantation. This paper focuses on issues common in pediatric medical social work including the constant reconsideration of who to define as the primary client, the collaboration and negotiation needed when working on a medical interdisciplinary team, and the legally defined medical decision-making rights of a minor.
- *Third place:* Andrea B. Bauman, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. The value of the incompetent: Application of social work values. This paper focuses on the social work commitment to the rights and dignity of all people. The paper describes the application of social work ethics and values at the macro-level, in an exploration of policy formulation through the inclusion of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the state of Wisconsin.

As social work educators, we are gratified at the content and quality of the work in these papers. We are sure that they will be of interest to you and to your students in further examining the ways in which social work values and ethics are fundamental to our practice.

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