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Editorial Review

Review

What do students have to say about *Introduction to Social Work*? Students at Leeward Community College wrote the below to author Michelle Martin:

"Your text is truly fantastic. The in depth writing, and research has held my attention. The writing is clear and the topics are organized in a way that I can easily follow. Whole chapters flow beautifully and I have learned a lot about social work in a short period of time thanks to you. You are a fantastic textbook author. Thank you for this fantastic read."

"Reading is not my favorite thing but I enjoy reading this book. Once I started to read it, I couldn't put it down. It is very interesting but more so easy to follow and understand. This book is well organized with very good examples, facts, research, and history which prepares one with knowledge and skills needed to work in the field of SW. I hope others who are thinking of becoming a social worker are introduced to your book – it is awesome!! I am grateful for what I am learning."

"This book is very enlightening, especially for those of us going into the field of SW. I think it helps me to see that the things social workers have to deal with are not black and white. There is a lot more, especially to be empathic with others. Understanding the history is teaching me that I need to go the extra mile no matter what."

"I really enjoy the book and find it informative, well researched and stimulating –especially from a student who hopes to get his masters in SW. The critical thinking sections are helpful and challenging. I am a Kupuna (an Hawaiian elder) who has returned to school. What stands out for me is the feeling I have of something being taken away from me, or of being less than because our traditions, culture, language and integrity have been taken away as a means to make us subservient. These comments are only the beginning."

From the Back Cover

A look at the role and function of the generalist social worker within the context of practice settings, and a focus on contemporary social problems

This new introduction to social work is designed to help beginning students understand the role and function of social workers within the context of a range of social service practice settings—child welfare, adolescents, older adults, mental health, homelessness, health care and hospice, school social work, religion and spirituality, violence and victim advocacy, and international social work.

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history of related federal policy and legislation, and provides many suggestions for online resources to further explore issues and topics.

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About the Author

Michelle Martin has over 25 years experience working in advocacy, policy and social work. She has a PhD in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford in the UK, an MSocSci in global policy studies from the University of Bristol in the UK, and an MSW from University of Illinois, Jane Addams College of Social Work in Chicago. Michelle is the author of three books, *Introduction to Human Services: Through the Eyes of Practice Settings*; *Advocacy for Social Justice: A Global Perspective*, and *Introduction to Social Work: Through the Eyes of Practice Settings*, and several articles focusing primarily on social policy and global issues related to human rights violations and conflict. Her area of research focuses on the internationalization of global conflict, including the history of ethnonationalist conflict, and civil war and genocide in Rwanda, with a focus on the role of social media in conflict and peace processes. She has also extensively studied forced migration and conflict-generated diaspora and their engagement in peace and conflict processes. Michelle is also interested in human rights mechanisms and the role of the United Nations in responding to human rights violations, as well as the relationship between emerging technologies, globalization and global conflict situations. Michelle is particularly committed to advocating for marginalized and at-risk populations on a global level. Michelle teaches at Dominican University in the Chicago area.

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