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Overview of This Issue

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This issue of the Global Journal contains several very interesting articles on issues that are incredibly current. The first article is especially important in light of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in the USA, and community responses to health care access. The second article discusses community resilience in terms of place and adaptive resilience in light of disaster relief efforts and the recovery process that occurs in communities following disasters. A third discusses the implementation of an art therapy program among youth in terms of themes of heroism and honor in a multicultural environment. This innovative approach is discussed in Jungian terms, with great relevance for a community psychology audience due to its liberation psychology and applied approach to early intervention.

The fourth article focuses on the Eco-Community conferences, popular with graduate students throughout the United States. It provides a colorful narrative history, and helps us understand not only the evolution and progression of ideas in community psychology, but the incredibly important influence the leadership of graduate students provide as well. The fifth article in the list is a critical and thoughtful reflection on community based research and graduate training, focusing on lessons learned from two recent graduates of community psychology programs in Canada. The final article in this issue is the summary of a symposium held at the 4th International Community Psychology Conference in Barcelona in 2012. This symposium discusses several international perspectives on intimate partner violence. The authors are from Hawai'i and Puerto Rico, and provide a rich discussion on the nature of the problem in multiple ethnic contexts.

In addition, there are two submissions that feature the work of SCRA mini grantees. One of them focuses on issues of rape and response on college campuses. This is a video presentation that is worth everyone's time to watch (about 18 minutes long). The presentation is powerful and provides a thoughtful reflection on the issues and challenges of survivors. The second mini-grant presentation focuses on a community psychology approach to climate change on the island of Tuvalu in the South Pacific, and its affect on the residents there.

We present three videos from the interviews conducted by Jim Kelly in the mid-1990's. The first is a panel of women interested in feminist perspectives on community psychology and community research. The second is an interview with Ed Wellin, a sociologist and community-oriented anthropologist that spent considerable time studying community life in Peru. The third is a panel discussion from the 1997 SCRA Biennial Conference on the social contexts of community psychology. More of these videos can be seen on our Vimeo.com channel (<http://vimeo.com/gjcpp/videos>).

We hope you enjoy this rich and diverse issue!