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Dear AASWSW Fellows,

As President of the Board of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare I am more than delighted to welcome eleven new and very distinguished Fellows to the Academy. This lifts the number of Fellows to forty, in all.

In this exceptional entering class – the first to have undergone the strict selection procedures created by the Academy Board and Nominations Committee, last year – are scholars with experience leading more than 200 research studies with local, state, or federal funding from scores of government agencies and private foundations. These new Fellows, have consulted all across the country and globe. They bring extraordinary capacity to assist the Academy with the tasks that lie ahead: continuing to nominate and elect new members to the Academy, but more significantly, to shape the Academy's agenda for advancing our role as a contributor to national debate on issues critical to social work and social welfare.

The incoming Fellows are listed below:

John Brekke, University of Southern California
Nabila El-Bassel, Columbia University
Jeffrey L. Edleson, University of Minnesota
Ronald Feldman, Columbia University
Nancy Hooyman, University of Washington
Jeffrey Jenson, University of Denver
James Lubben, Boston College
E. Mullen, Columbia University
Deborah Padgett, New York University
Steven P. Schinke, Columbia University
Robert S. Schilling II, UCLA

We would like each new Fellow to prepare a 250 word bio that will be added to the website, eventually, and also used in the induction program bio. This should include your degrees and any professorial titles that you have and, if there are still some words left in the allowance, something about your most seminal work. Having this in hand by April 18th, would be great.

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We will soon issue a press release announcing these Fellows and the induction event on May 6th (this has now been moved back until 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to improve travel connections home) at an august, to be determined, location in Washington, DC. You are certainly encouraged to issue your own press release. We believe that information on the Academy website, aaswsw.org, will assist you with the background you would need to do so. We are also very pleased to send you a draft of our press release if you wish.

Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences is generously providing administrative support for the Academy and you will see that much correspondence comes from Dean Cleve Gilmore's office at aaswsw@case.edu. Some logistical support will also come from my office at dean@ssw.umaryland.edu.

I know that I speak for the current members and the Board (myself, Paula Allen-Meares, Claudia Coulton, Peter Pecora, Enola Proctor, and Barbara White) in encouraging your involvement in the efforts of the Academy. All ideas about improving the nominations and elections processes, the website, and for the inauguration of the substantive work of the Academy are welcome. Indeed, the Board is very interested in more effectively describing the major areas of research in the profession that we can use to make our case with legislators that studies in these areas would benefit from close ties to the Academy.

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Sincerely,

Richard P. Barth, PhD
President and Chair
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