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The 2015 IASWG SPARC Forum on Project Application, Acceptance & Implementation

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SPARC Program Overview

The IASWG SPARC Program

- Purpose
- History
- Endorsement & Funding Opportunities
- Application Process
- Review Process
- Terms of Agreement

Types of SPARC Projects

- Education and Training Projects
- Practice Innovations & Interventions
- Research Studies

Reports From Awardees

**In Search of Me Campaign:
Community Program for
Young Men of Color**
Zaneta Smith

- SPARC Awardee November 2013
- Project Overview and Current Status
- Decision to Apply and SPARC Impact
- Advice to Applicants

Social Group Work Dissertations from 1970-2012

Shirley Simon and Teresa Kilbane

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Factors Contributing to Group Workers' Commitment and Attitudes Toward Group Work Practice

Sari Skolnik

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The Story of Social Group Work and Residential Summer Camping

Susan Scher & Meryl Nadel

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International Casebook for Teaching Social Work with Groups

Ellen Sue Mesbur, Alice Schmidt Hanbidge

- SPARC Awardees June 2013
- Project Overview and Current Status
- Development of an international social group work cases teaching resource
- Applicable for teaching online, teaching on-campus and in-service agency training
- Resources:
 - Six complete case studies
 - Teaching Notes
 - Case Study Template
 - Case Study Consent Form

Decision to Apply and SPARC Impact

- Builds on 2013 Boston IASWG symposium Think Tank
- Explored strategies for developing an international social group work cases online teaching resource
- Impact:
 - Provides valuable template-based teaching resources for schools and community practitioners
 - Casebook teaching resource deepens application of social group work competencies
 - Contribution to group work literature

Advice to Applicants

- Encourage collaboration between academic-based colleagues, community-based practitioners and social work students
- Find partners to work as a team
- Additional funds may be needed
- Budget for time commitment
- Contribute to social group work literature
- Develop your idea and...apply to SPARC!

Questions and Discussion IASWG SPARC Program and You? *Next Deadline: October 31, 2015*

Home Page for the SPARC Program:

<http://www.iaswg.org/sparc>

Proposal Requirements:

[http://www.iaswg.org/docs/projects/ProtocolforSPARC
Projects2014.pdf](http://www.iaswg.org/docs/projects/ProtocolforSPARCProjects2014.pdf)

**Thanks for being part of
this Session**
***Next IASWG SPARC Deadline:
October 31, 2015***

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